Brattleboro, Vermont

Sustainable strategies for land use regulations
Regulations that protect and respect

Rural countryside

Vibrant downtown

Physical features
Feature-Based Density

- Context

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Parcel Location</th>
<th>Density Adjustment</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Paved Road</td>
<td>x 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gravel Class 3 road</td>
<td>x 2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Private road</td>
<td>x 3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Class 4 road</td>
<td>x 6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Access to municipal water / sewer</td>
<td>varies</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- Developable Area
  Steep slopes, wetlands, floodplains, buffers, etc.
- Building Envelope
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>GIS ID</th>
<th>ZONE TYPE</th>
<th>STEEP SLOPE</th>
<th>AREA OF PARCEL</th>
<th>AREA OF STEEP SLOPE</th>
<th>BUILDABLE AREA</th>
<th>ADDRESS</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>00100329.200</td>
<td>Rural Res</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>57.16 Acres</td>
<td>7.05 Acres</td>
<td>50.11 Acres</td>
<td>Bonnyvale Rd</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>00100231.100</td>
<td>Rural</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>72.16 Acres</td>
<td>22.51 Acres</td>
<td>49.65 Acres</td>
<td>Bonnyvale Rd</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Graphic illustrations in the regulations

- Applicant is notified within 45 days of the reasons for disapproval.
- Applicant may:
  - Revise and resubmit OR
  - Appeal to the YT
NEW HAMPSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM

• Federal Partnership for Sustainable Communities
  • HUD Community Challenge Planning Grant
• NHHFA as Consortium leader; also includes
  • Public/Non-Profit/Research Partners
  • Steering Committee includes Consortium, et al.
• Competitive grants to municipalities to undertake land use regulatory reform
• 42 grants made for over $1,000,000
SALISBURY, NH

Population: 1,400
“Distinctly Rural”

Single family residences & Small business

PROJECT GOALS:

- More housing choice
  - Accessory Dwelling Units
  - Multi-family zoning

- The “Cross Roads”
  - Expanded Mixed-Use Village District
What Would You Like to See Happening at the Crossroads?

Mark June 1 on Your Calendar.
Attend a Community Forum & Charrette on the Future of Salisbury’s Crossroads!!

Crossroads Village Charrette

The Salisbury Planning Board and Board of Selectmen invite all citizens of Salisbury to an important community forum/charrette on our Crossroads Village area.

Where: Academy Hall
When: Saturday, June 1, 2013
Time: 8:30-10:30 AM — Public Input
3:30 PM Presentation of Crossroad Designs

Come talk to our professional planning and design team about your ideas for the future of the Crossroads. Watch them prepare designs and plans based on your ideas and then listen to what they have to say about the opportunities for this area. This is your chance to have a say!
See you at the Charrette!! Come have Coffee with us at 8:30 AM.

CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT
Community Listening Sessions:
- Develop but with historic character
- More pedestrian friendly
- Expand the Village along Rt. 4/127
- Create a Town Green
Citizens not aware of current zoning restrictions effect on developing “The Crossroads”

- Two acre zoning
- Setbacks of 75 to 100 feet

Design workshop helps citizens visualize their ideas

- Conceptual plans, renderings and project recommendations
Adopt design guidelines that are consistent with existing character
Transportation Corridors to Livable Communities
Improving Transit, Land Use + Access to the Arts

City of Providence Department of Planning & Development
Providence, RI
Improve bus service, bus stops + pedestrian realm

- Identify five corridors (2 Rapid Bus, 3 Key Bus routes)
- Improve bus stop spacing + locations
- Brand Rapid Bus route
- New bus stop shelters + amenities

Encourage development that supports transit

- Create build out scenarios for five corridors
- What uses + level of development is needed to support transit?
- Does zoning match desired development?

Increase access to arts + culture

- Inventory arts + cultural amenities along five corridors
- Develop themes to guide art and create corridor identities
- Integrate art into bus shelters
- Generate strategies to improve access to arts + culture along five project corridors

Rewrite Zoning Ordinance

Implement City’s sustainability and livability goals

Encourage economic development
Bus service improvements / rapid bus route (two corridors) + three key bus routes

• Reduce # of stops along all five corridors
  • Relocate stops: improve passenger safety, reduce conflicts with businesses + residents
  • Implement transit signal priority (TSP), curb extensions, queue jump lanes

Faster, more efficient service
R-Line / State’s first Rapid Bus line will operate along Broad + N. Main (>10,000 riders/day)

- Brand Rapid Bus line
- Install new shelters, trash cans, bike racks, wayfinding information
- Install ticket vending machines
Interpretive Themes / generated by communities along the corridors

North Main Street: Living with History

Broad Street: Experiencing World Cultures

Elmwood Avenue: Gateway to Opportunity

Chalkstone Avenue: Honoring Providence’s Workers

Manton Avenue: Creative Energy + Industrial Heritage
Art in Transit / based on themes, public art will be a focal point of the R-Line
A Few Things We Have Learned On Earth

Presenter: Kevin Geiger, AICP CFM, Senior Planner

For more information contact: Kevin Geiger or Peter Gregory, AICP, Executive Director or Loralee Morrow, LEED AP, Regional Planner at the Two Rivers-Ottauquechee Regional Commission

kgeiger@trorc.org  pgregory@trorc.org  lmorrow@trorc.org
Ph 802-457-3188  www.trorc.org  www.ecvermont.org
WARNING

Remember to be from this planet
not the plan
Make it simple, no simpler, no really simple

- Regional Sustainability Plan for the Two Rivers-Ottauquechee/Southern Windsor County Region
- East Central Vermont Regional Sustainable Development Plan
- East Central Vermont: What We Want
Make your plans short, no shorter

• When you do a study, why is the executive summary not the report?
• Use off line “white papers” to provide the background
• Limit number of goals and actions, and ensure all actions have an actor
• Make the product a magazine, not War and Peace
Use words that humans on Earth use

• Then they will care – housing ➔ our homes
• Then they will think you are talking about them – transit-dependent populations ➔ our elders and youth
• Then they will understand – Multi-modal systems ➔ cars, buses, walking and bikes
All the process should result in action

• It excites people.
• It is why you do plans.

• “A plan that does not get implemented is a waste of money and a fraud on the public.”
  Robert Liberty