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Neighborhood Development Area Designation Program

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Mon, Feb 13, 2023 at 1:43 PM

Hi Kevin,

I'm following up on Bristol's receipt of a Bylaw Modernization Grant (BMG) in 2022 with some tools available to help your community actualize your housing and community growth goals, wherever you are in your code reform process.

One of those tools is the [Neighborhood Development Area](#) (NDA) state designation program.

An NDA can help your community build homes Vermonters can afford in central, walkable places, using traditional neighborhood design principles.

How? By providing special funding, permitting, and tax incentives for communities and developers that commit to best planning and zoning practices for mixed-income homes and neighborhoods within and adjacent to designated [downtowns](#), [village centers](#), [new town centers](#), and [growth centers](#). The full NDA Program Guidelines can be viewed [here](#).

DHCD staff are here to help you determine if an NDA is right for Bristol, explain the benefits and requirements to local elected officials, advice on preparing an application, and provide support throughout the application and approval process.

Please use [this calendar link](#) to set up a meeting to further discuss the NDA program, and how it can complement your BMG to expand opportunities for needed homes in great neighborhoods. I look forward to speaking soon!

Best,

Amy

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Thu, Feb 16, 2023 at 10:09 AM

Adam,

We have touched briefly on this topic at our meetings.

At first I was thinking this might be good. But with recent Legislative activity (whether it becomes reality or not) I am starting to wonder if it would be beneficial if we could in fact get it. Or just another way for State influence that could negatively affect the "character" some are concerned about.

I have not responded and will include it under misc. correspondence (Item IV d) in the upcoming agenda. Not sure if we want to fold it into the By-Law work?

My gut feeling is to set it aside for the time being as we have contracted with ACRPC to work on our grant including this item.

Thanks,
Kevin

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