GROWING COMMUNITY THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS: THE COMMUNITY AS EXPERT

“Allowing communities to decide what they want to be and do rather than allowing developers and experts to determine what they should become.”

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NEWPORT, VERMONT
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BRINGING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER

REGIONAL/URBAN DESIGN ASSISTANCE TEAM

Newport, Vermont R/UDAT 2009

American Institute of Architects
Regional/Urban Design Assistance Team
PROCESS

- Meetings
- Charettes
- Tours

WORKING DOCUMENT

ININVOLVEMENT

- Community Members
- Newport City Renaissance Corporation
- Planning and Zoning
- Real Estate Developers

AIA
THE BEGINNINGS
SLEEPER PLACE
LISTENING TO NEWPORT
FORM BASED CODE
Could it work here?

Create a framework for:
- Multi-Purpose/Multi-Use Destinations
- Better Pedestrian Experience
- Reinforcing Historic Fabric
- Great Placemaking

Benefit to:
- Community
- Municipality
- Businesses

Future with Current Code

Future with Form Based

Single Building as Series of Bays

Not This

This
COMPLETE STREETS

• Great placemaking.
• Increased street variety.
• Better pedestrian experience.
• Spur new businesses.
• Safer streets.
• Shorter pedestrian crossing.
• Decreased vehicular speed.
• Back-in angled parking.
• Increased on street parking.
COMPLETE STREET IN CONTEXT
NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITY-GARDENS

- Grow neighborhoods
- Address food insecurity
- Instill healthy food habits
- Chair & yarn bomb
- Build community!
Newport. Fresh by Nature.
Everything tastes better
When you shorten the distance
between the field and the fork.
When you eat Local
You can taste the Love
AN EMPOWERED COMMUNITY
FORMING PARTNERSHIPS
GROWING A COMMUNITY
ACTIVATING THE PLACE
COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP
COMMUNITY BY DESIGN
COMMUNITY DRIVEN ACTION INITIATIVES

- FOREIGN TRADE ZONE (FTZ)
- LAND VALUE TAXATION (LOCAL & STATE POLICY)
- CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT STATUS
- BIO-MASS DISTRICT HEAT FACILITY
- COMPREHENSIVE (ILLUSTRATIVE) MASTER PLAN DOCUMENTATION
GENUINE BY NATURE
Growing Newport-Economic Outcomes

• Two new biotech firms (200+ direct & 2000 indirect jobs)
• Five new restaurants (One community funded).
• Front Porch Revolution.

• Northeast Kingdom Tasting Center and Eden Ice wine maker.
• One new bank
• Newport City Community Farm.
GENUINE BY NATURE
Growing Newport-On the Books

• New downtown boutique hotel.

• New downtown waterfront convention center.

• New International Airport terminal building.

• New/additional downtown itinerant boat dockage.
FROM “CAN’T HAPPEN HERE”
TO “ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE”