



Dear Collaborative Partner,

Happy Holidays!

The NWCT Planning Collaborative just received a wonderful gift from The Community Foundation for Northwest Connecticut. A grant for our Village Center Vitality Project!

We look forward to working with you in the New Year to keep our village centers vital, implement your town plans, and preserve this beautiful place we call home.

All the best to you & yours,
Jocelyn & Chris

Village Center Vitality Funding Awarded

The Northwestern CT Regional Planning Collaborative was awarded a \$12,000 grant for our Village Center Vitality project. We are grateful to The Community Foundation of Northwest Connecticut for their generosity and look forward to beginning this work.

This grant allows us to begin Phase I of an ambitious, urgent project to reinvigorate the region's village centers. During this first phase we will design a tool box of marketing, regulatory, and infrastructure steps our towns can take, including opportunities for regional themes and collaboration.

Additionally, with the CFNWCT grant we'll be hiring an economic development specialist with small town expertise to work with us on this critical issue and assist us in identifying the local, state, & federal funding resources that will be needed to implement these ambitious but achievable goals.

We know that to succeed we must craft programs that energize the can-do spirit of our local officials, commercial real estate owners, retailers and residents. If you have ideas or experience to share with us we welcome them.