

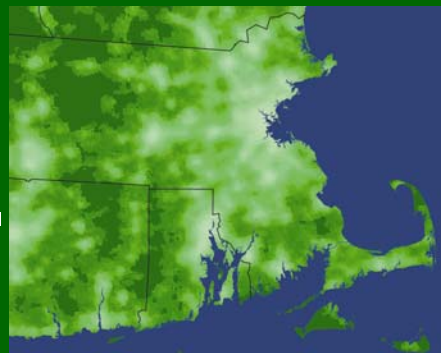
Borderlands Project Village Innovation Pilot



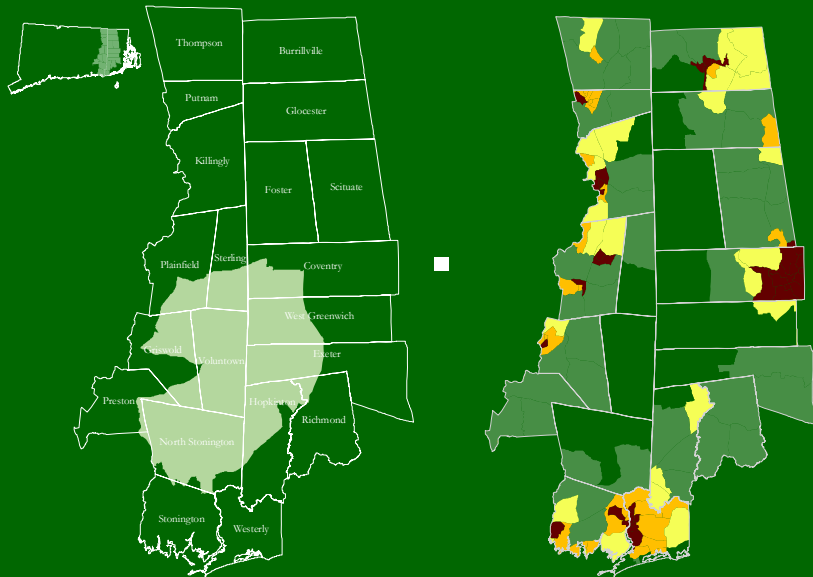
Informational Meetings
November 28, 2007 - Killingly
November 29, 2007 - Exeter

The Borderlands Project

- 2000 TNC launches Pawcatuck Borderlands Project
- 2002 RI & Southeastern CT Collaborative Launched
- 2003 Policy Council & TNC form partnership
- 2004 Research on Borderlands & Regional Collaboration
- 2005 Lincoln Institute Clinic on Regional Collaboration
First Borderlands BBQ
Clinic Follow-up Meeting
- 2006 Website launched
Exploratory workshops
- 2007 Pilot Advisory Group formed
Pilot launched



What is the Borderlands Region?



What is the Village Innovation Pilot?

It is a chance for two towns to...

- Engage residents & local stakeholders in a robust community process about the future of their town
- Explore innovative approaches to land use, economic development and community development
- Find ways to strategically balance growth and conservation
- Learn from town counterpart in other state
- Share with other towns about their experience

What is the Pilot process?

- Three Phases:
 - “Heart and Soul” Visioning
 - Research and Recommendations
 - Implementation
- Time: 18 months (approx.)
- Total Budget: \$280,000 (est. pre-pilot/pilot)

Phase 1 – Heart & Soul Visioning

- Estimated 6-month timeline
- Outside consultant
- Robust community process
- Identify “heart & soul” of town
- Result in recommendations for research/action
- Identify necessary resources to achieve vision
- Regional sharing event

Phase 2 – Research & Recommendations

- Estimated 6-month timeline
- “Team” approach (mix of in-kind/paid services)
- Potential for scenario-based research
- Continued community discussions
- Result in recommendations for action
- Identify necessary resources
- Regional sharing event

Phase 3 – Implementation

- Estimated 6-month timeline
- “Team” approach (mix of in-kind/paid services)
- Early implementation steps
- Continued community discussions
- Result in recommendations for action
- Identify necessary resources
- Regional sharing event

What is the Pilot structure?



The Pilot Process to date

- Bi-state Advisory Group formed – January 2007
- Invitation to towns – June 2007
- RFQ to visioning vendors – June 2007
- Semi-finalist meetings – September 2007
- Pilot towns selected – October 2007
- Vendor semi-finalists selected – October 2007
- Next steps meeting – October 2007
- Orton Conference – October 2007

Borderlands Pilot Towns

Killingly, CT

- Town w/ multiple mill villages
- 17,600 population
- Largely undeveloped eastern portion of town
- Potential for revitalization & linking villages
- Tremendous enthusiasm for Pilot process



Exeter, RI

- Town w/ no “center”
- 6,200 population
- Largely undeveloped western portion of town
- Essential water resources
- Prior planning efforts focused on potential growth centers

Key Next Step – Local Pilot Team

A proposal to Exeter:

- **Town Council create Local Pilot Team**
- **Call for interested individuals**
- **Town Council appoints members & Chair -
January 2008**
- **First Team meeting –January 2008**
- **Meetings open to all & potential for new
members and/or sub-groups**

Key Next Step – Local Pilot Team

A proposal to Killingly:

- Call for interested individuals for the Borderlands Pilot Team
- Membership will include board representatives & interested individuals ■
- Co-chair structure
- First Team meeting –January 2008
- Meetings open to all & potential for new members and/or sub-groups

Other Next Steps

Pilot

- Partnership Agreement –authorized prior to contracting of consultant (February 08)
- Work plan development - underway
- Release of visioning RFP – December 2007
- Pilot launch/visioning – March 2008 ■

Borderlands Project

- Hire Pilot Coordinator – January 08
- Regional Activities – spring 08
- Fundraising – ongoing

Questions?