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[Jay Kullman](#), Selectboard Chair
Town of Plymouth
68 Town Office Road
Plymouth, VT, 05056

RE: **Village Center Designation for Plymouth Union and Tyson Village Centers**

Dear Mr. Kullman:

Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you, at its meeting on November 28, 2022, the Downtown Development Board found that the Plymouth Union and Tyson Village Center applications met the statutory requirements ([24 VSA Chapter 76A](#)) and designated the village centers to receive state [benefits](#). The designated village centers will remain in place for eight years, until November 2030. At that time, the town will need to renew its designations. The Department of Housing and Community Development will send out the renewal reminder six months prior to the renewal date.

Our team will check-in with the municipality annually to offer support, share updated information, tools, and resources related to the designation, and ensure our local contact information is up-to-date.

Please find below a few useful links to support your village revitalization efforts:

- [Downtown and Village Center Funding Directory](#) – A comprehensive list of state, federal and nonprofit funding sources.
- [Strong Communities Newsletter](#) – A monthly newsletter from the Department of Housing and Community Development with news on new programs and grant opportunities. [Subscribe here.](#)
- [Vermont Planning Atlas](#) – An easy-to-use tool that provides access to commonly requested data - the status of local planning and regulations, designation boundaries, and more.
- [Vermont Planning Manual](#) – The Planning Manual offers up-to-date guidance on preparing municipal plans, as well as an overview of the state designation programs, and their benefits.
- [Neighborhood Development Area Designation](#) – An add-on housing designation program that helps reduce the time and cost of state permitting in areas within a ¼ mile walking distance of a designated village center.

Please do not hesitate to call or email me if you have questions or need assistance.

Sincerely,



[Josh Hanford](#), Vermont Downtown Development Board Chair
Commissioner of the Department of Housing and Community Development

cc: [Beth Lombard](#), Town Clerk
[Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission](#)

Enclosures: Summary of the benefits for designated villages
Board-approved designated village center boundary map

