

Designation Benefits Table <i>(Based on DHCD markup of H.687 as passed by House)</i>	Existing Designation					Proposed - Designation 2050			
Type of Designation	Core			Add-on		Center			Neighborhoods
Steps	Village Center	New Town Center	Downtown Center	Growth Center	Neighborhood Development Area	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	
Transfer of existing to proposed									
All existing villages and new town centers pre-12/'25 & benefits	>	>					yes, §5803		
All existing downtowns pre-12/'25 & benefits			>					yes, §5803	
All existing growth centers & neighborhood development areas pre-12/'25 & benefits				>	>				yes, §5804
All existing designation Act 250 benefits (and other benefits not listed below) for existing designations remain through 2034: priority housing projects, special findings/permits, criteria presumptions, fee reductions, etc.	yes, Sec. 46	yes, Sec. 46	yes, Sec. 46	yes, Sec. 46	yes, Sec. 46				
Benefits									
Proposed Act 250 benefits under the 1A/1B status framework						Tier 1 A/B	Tier 1 A/B	Tier 1 A/B	Tier 1 A/B
General state agency granting priority (proposed sec. 5800)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
ACCD Downtown & historic tax credits/site based assistance	yes		yes		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
ACCD Municipal Planning Grant priority/planning assistance	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
ACCD Better Places grants eligibility/placemaking assistance	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
ACCD Better Connections grants priority/coordinated land-use & transportation improvement assistance	yes		yes				yes	yes	yes
General state agency infrastructure funding priority: brownfields, bike&ped, transportation alternatives, drinking & clean water, community development block grants, tax increment finance location, etc.	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	yes
General state agency granting priority for affordable housing funding	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	yes
Character-based housing appeal limitations in 24 V.S.A. Ch. 117			yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	yes
Special assessment improvement district municipal authority	yes	yes	yes				yes	yes	yes
ANR wastewater fee reduction					yes		yes	yes	yes
DT: land gains tax exemption					yes		yes	yes	yes
ACCD/DHCD Historic Preservation Grants priority/HP assistance	yes		yes				yes	yes	yes
Traffic calming/speed reduction municipal authority			yes				yes	yes	yes
ACCD downtown organization funding/assistance			yes					yes	
ACCD/DHCD sales tax reallocation funding eligibility			yes					yes	
Main St. America (downtown) accreditation eligibility			yes					yes	
Off-site/wayfinding signage/billboard law exemptions			yes					yes	
Priority for State office buildings	yes	yes	yes	yes				yes	
ACCD/AOT Downtown Transportation Fund grant eligibility			yes					yes	