

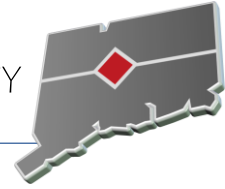
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**Central Connecticut Corridor
Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
2009 SPECIAL UPDATE
Covering the Period ending June 30, 2009
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On April 9, 2009 the Central Connecticut Economic Development Alliance (Alliance) met and approved two projects to amend into the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). The two projects are:

I. Bristol Main Street Streetscape Project

A new portion of Bristol's downtown streetscape is to be installed on Main Street from Center Street to Memorial Boulevard. Utilizing the design vocabulary already established on upper North Main Street, the design includes traffic calming measures and pedestrian amenities such as brick sidewalk banding, ornamental pedestrian lighting, crosswalks and benches. The city has added to its main public library and assisted with several façade improvements on this section of road. The streetscape will benefit the businesses that took advantage of the façade improvement program, and will help attract new businesses to the area. This project will also facilitate marketing of the 17-acre Depot-Square site for redevelopment. The Depot Square property (formerly known as the Bristol Centre Mall) is omitted on the western side of the area, because re-use of this property should be determined before a finished design is put in place.

CEDS goal #2 would be met.

II. Plainville Downtown Revitalization Program, Phase III

The Downtown Revitalization is an ongoing project to improve the streetscape of downtown. Improvements include granite curbs, new concrete sidewalks with pavers, period street lights, street furniture (including planters, benches, waste receptacles, etc.), landscaping and signage. Phase I of the project was completed in June 2008, and Phase II is 45% complete. Phase III will extend improvements to East and West Main Street, between Pierce Street and Neal Court. Areas encompassed by the Downtown Revitalization project may be eligible in the future for participation in a façade improvement program. Phase III of the Revitalization Program, along with the future façade improvement program and possible parking reconfigurations, will serve to benefit existing businesses and attract new businesses to the area.

CEDS goal #2 would be met.