

THE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT ACT

CELEBRATING SUCCESS: An Exhibition

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The forty “Success Stories” presented in this exhibit demonstrate the wide-reaching influence and impact of Connecticut’s **Community Investment Act (CIA)**. These stories illustrate just a fraction of the 600-plus projects, in 148 towns, that have been initiated, supported, extended, or completed with funds from this landmark legislation.

In 2005, Public Act 228, also known as The Community Investment Act (CIA), was signed into law. This legislation was designed to further the goals of protecting and preserving the beauty and unique character of Connecticut for future generations. CIA is accomplishing this by providing increased funding for:

- Open space
- Agriculture viability, farmland preservation and dairy support
- Preservation of historic sites
- Creation of additional affordable housing programs
- Important municipal capital improvement projects.

The Community Investment Act became law as the result of tremendous bipartisan support at the State Capitol for the work of an unprecedented coalition of farmers, environmentalists, historic preservationists, and housing advocates.

Since its inception, over \$56 million in grants have been awarded using CIA dollars, creating approximately \$100 million of leveraged benefits. This money has funded or assisted programs and projects across the state, and in these four sectors: **Affordable Housing, Open Space Acquisition, Historic Preservation, and Agriculture & Dairy.**

