



Implementing Rural Village Development in Exeter

Town of Exeter, Rhode Island

In 2008, the Town of Exeter initiated Phase I of the Village Innovation Project to encourage rural village development within the Town. Phase I provided assistance to conduct an in depth analysis of Exeter and engage the community to develop a shared vision for the Town’s future. Phase 1 of this Project was completed in March 2009, and the Town received funding through the Rhode Island State Challenge Grant Program to implement Phase II of the Project.

The Horsley Witten Group, Inc. (HW), in cooperation with Dodson Associates, Inc., is working with the Town to carry out Phase II and implement mixed use village style development as a primary means to manage growth, protect natural resources, and achieve the vision and key objectives from the Town’s Comprehensive Plan.



To accomplish Phase II, HW will perform the following services for the Town:

- Assess the feasibility of supplying water supply and wastewater disposal for seven potential village sites;
- Assist the Town with identification and presentation of appropriate development styles to the public;
- Assess the feasibility of implementing a Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program to encourage village growth and prevent sprawl;
- Develop new provisions in the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations for village centers and TDR; and
- Engage and educate community members and key stakeholders about the Town’s vision for growth through Technical Advisory Committee and public workshops.

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