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Join the 6/5 Gathering Focused on the Future of Vermont's Small Towns and Villages!





The Preservation Trust of Vermont, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Vermont Council on Rural Development are hosting a daylong gathering focused on the future of Vermont's small towns and villages. This event brings together local leaders and community partners from across the state.

When and where is the event?

The 2025 Village Meet-Up is on **Thursday, June 5 in Reading**, Vermont.

What are this year's sessions?

This year's sessions include:

Village-Scale Housing & Infrastructure

What does smart growth look like in Vermont's villages? This session highlights how towns are approaching housing within the limits of local zoning, water/wastewater



systems, and aging infrastructure.

Economic Development for Rural Communities

How do small towns support businesses and bring underused spaces back to life? This session highlights efforts to revitalize general stores, arts venues, and trail systems.

Resilience and Rural Capacity

Rural communities are being asked to do more with less. This session explores how planning, partnerships, and creative thinking are helping towns prepare for flooding and invest in long-term leadership.

Sessions will take place at multiple locations in downtown Reading, with walking required between sites. Comfortable footwear and weather-appropriate clothing is recommended. If you require transportation between locations, please indicate this on your registration form so they can arrange appropriate accommodations.

How do I register?

Register here: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/3fwmmkm>.

Registration is \$25, which includes a light breakfast, lunch, and all sessions. The day will wrap up with a dessert and music reception at the Hall Art Foundation nearby.

Where can I learn more?

More info and event details can be found by visiting <https://ptvermont.org/village-meet-up-in-reading/>.

