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## ADDISON/RUTLAND

*Vermont Creative Network Strategic Plan  
CDAE 278: Applied Community Planning  
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# INTRODUCTION

The Vermont Creative Network is a broad collective of organizations, businesses, and individuals working to advance Vermont's creative sector. The network is organized into six zones, each with a local coordinator and committee. In the spring semester of 2020, a University of Vermont Community Development and Applied Economics class (CDAE 278) prepared a profile for each zone. Volunteer students from Champlain College provided graphic design support.

These profiles offer a snapshot of the creative economy including assets, challenges, and action ideas. They pull data from past plans and studies as well as a 2019 study by Mt. Auburn Associates. The information from these various sources is compiled and organized by the Vermont Creative Network's four strategic priorities, which are:

- 1. Marketing Creativity;*
- 2. Investing in creative enterprises and individuals;*
- 3. Educating, training, & supporting emerging entrepreneurs; and,*
- 4. Leveraging cross-sector intersections/ partnerships.*

The COVID-19 pandemic introduced a major disruption during the student's research and forced everyone to work remotely. The students shifted gears by interviewing creatives across the state about their experiences during the pandemic. Just over a dozen interviews were completed and will be published in the next draft of these profiles.

The UVM and Champlain College students hope that these profiles will help the Vermont Creative Network make progress towards a stronger, more resilient creative economy in Vermont.

— David Hohenschau

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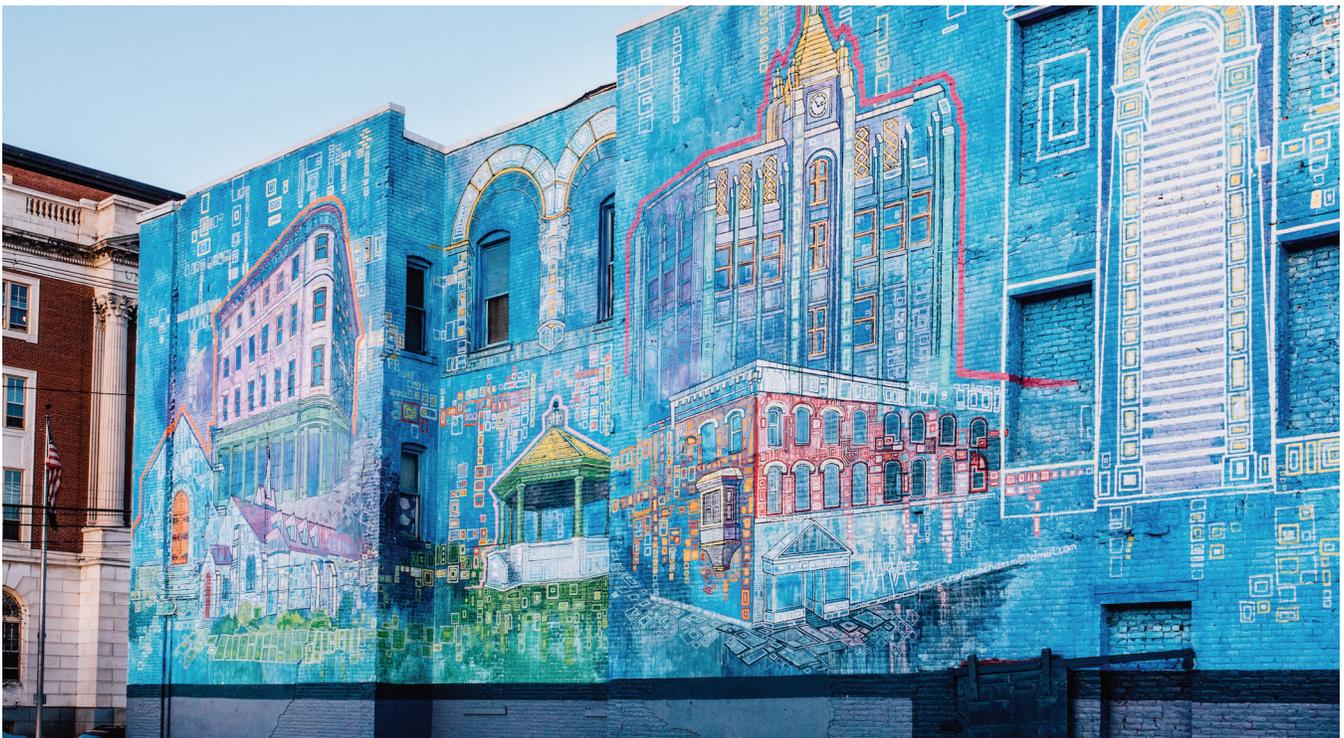
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Mural in Downtown Rutland. Photo: Elisabeth Waller

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## *Addison/Rutland by the numbers*

The growth of the creative sector in the Addison/Rutland zone has been rampant. With total creative employment of over 5,000 jobs, the ever-growing nature of this sector is apparent. Artisanal foods and performing arts have grown exponentially, most likely in regards to the growth of the creative economy since 2012 in this zone.

## *Past Plans Review*

The two reports had very different needs for the community and different assets. Both of the plans called for Rutland and Middlebury to create more community outreach projects that included fairs and creative centers to open the public up to the creative community within the zone. Issues addressed included accessibility and affordability for the Addison/Rutland Zone.

## *Consolidated feedback from 2019 outreach*

A major need in the communities was to make more cross-sector partnerships in the zone. Exposure impacts the success of entrepreneurs and creatives, and the feedback indicated that there should be even more for the sustainability of the creative culture and marketplace.

In conjunction with the past plan review, feedback from 2019 indicated a need for affordable housing and living conditions for creatives. The need for even more jobs, and well paying jobs, in the zones was a concern.

## *Network Analysis*

There are many creative partners in the Addison/Rutland zone that contribute to the culture of these cities. The list consists of galleries, theatres, art studios, creative entrepreneurial assistance and more.

# ADDISON/RUTLAND BY THE NUMBERS

Most significant segment is Design with

# 30%

of jobs compared to 26% in state

Jobs in the creative economy are

# 8.4%

of regional jobs in this zone

Jobs in the creative economy grew by

# 30%

between 2010 and 2018, greater than regional job growth of 2% in this zone

Most growth in Artisan Foods

# 47%

and Performing Arts

# 24%

## ADDISON/RUTLAND BY THE NUMBERS

### *Entrepreneurial Creative Businesses Growing in the Region*

Examples noted: Bee's Wrap, Aqua ViTea, many "adult beverages" such as spirits, hard cider, breweries.

### *Connections Between Arts and Trades*

The Makery, Bundle, Stafford Technical Center

### *Sculpture Services*

Carving Studio & Sculpture Center, scrap metal, foundries

### *Larger Artisan Manufacturers*

Hubbardton Forge, Danforth Pewter, Treeworks

### *Small, Vital Museums*

Rokeby, Middlebury College Museum of Art, Sheldon Museum, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, Vermont Folklife Center, Wonderfeet, Vermont Marble Museum

### *Higher Education Assets*

Middlebury and Castleton University - venues, students, faculty

### *Locally Owned Main Street Stores*

A critical market for local produced products

### *Focus on Downtowns*

Public arts/creative place making big part of strategies.

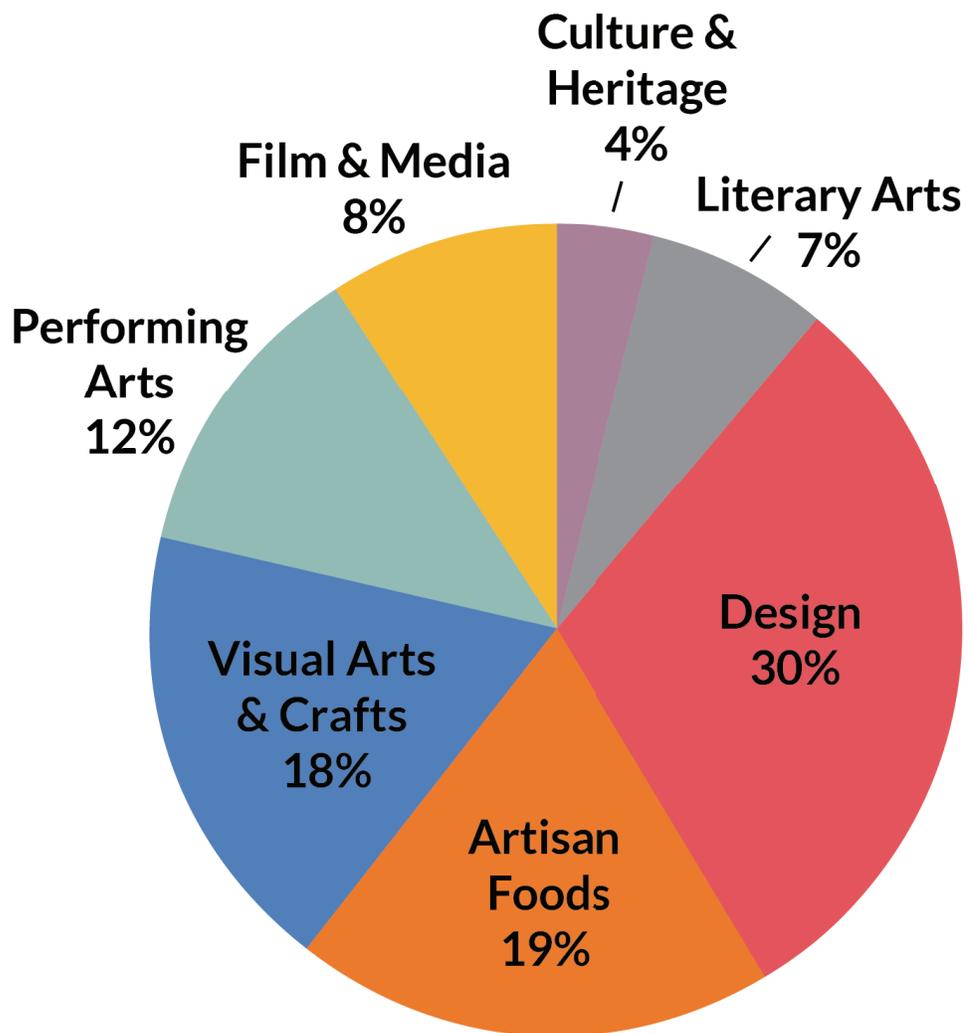
### *Small, New Venues*

Music, opera, performances; new gallery/arts activity in Rutland

### *Collaborative Places/Spaces*

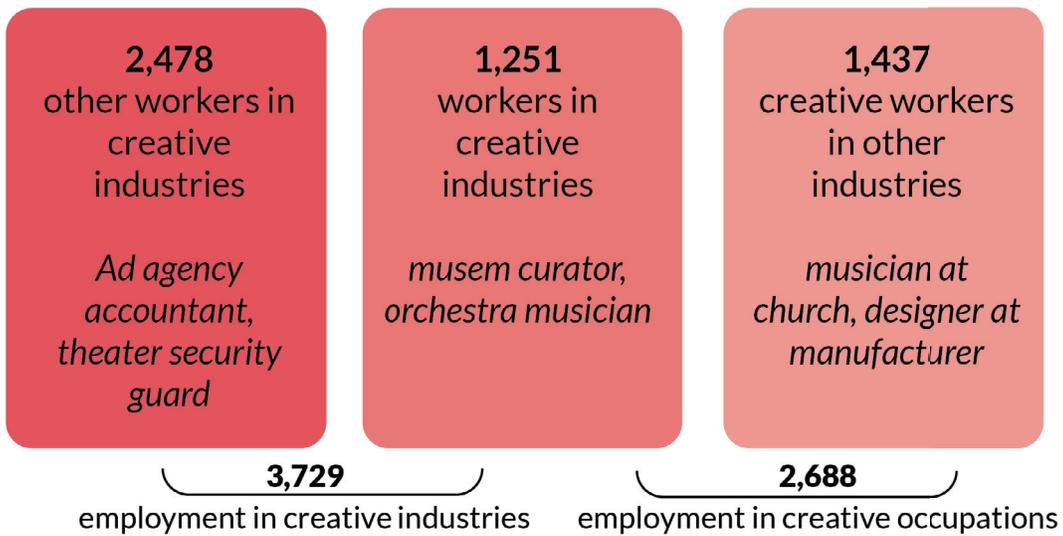
The Mint, the Makery, 77 Art Residency, Planned Reclaimed in Poultney, VECT@Midd

## Segment Distribution: Addison/Rutland



Economic Importance of Creative Economy:  
Addison/Rutland

5,166 jobs total (2018)



# PAST PLANS REVIEW

*In this section we have reviewed and summarized relevant plans from this zone.*

*The plans include:*

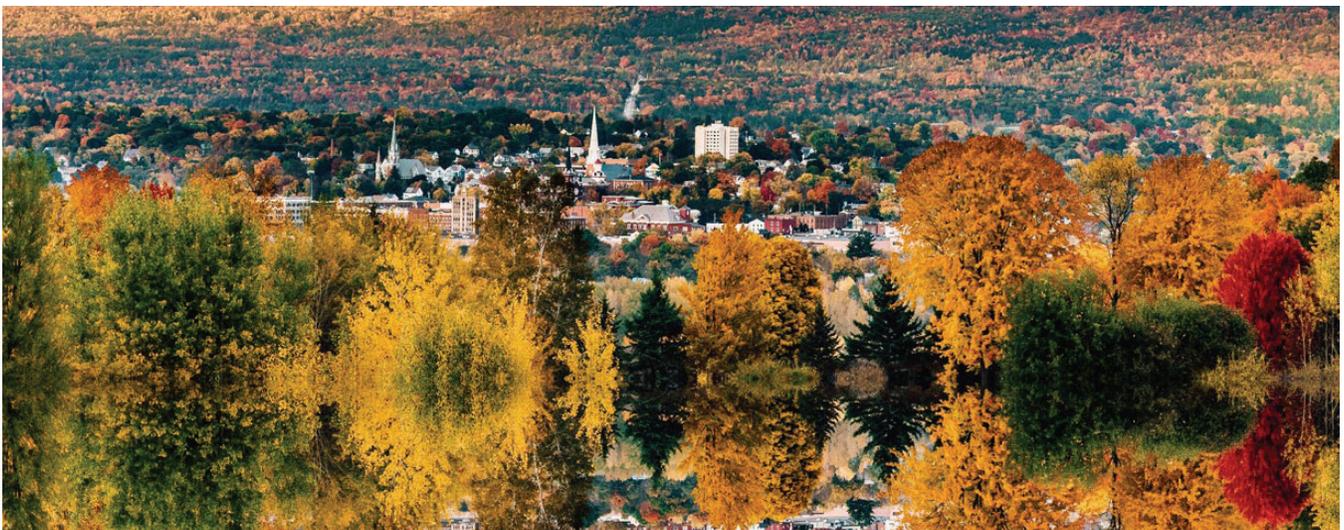
## ***Rutland City Creative Communities Program Final Report and Action Plan***

Lead Agency: Vermont Council on Rural Development  
Year: 2006

## ***Middlebury Creative Communities Program Final Report and Action Plan***

Lead Agency: Vermont Council on Rural Development  
Year: 2007

We have organized these summaries as much as possible using the four priorities of the Vermont Creative Network. These four priorities were identified in from VCN's outreach in 2019 and provide a helpful starting point for this year's conversations.



Rutland Aerial Photo: Housing Trust of Rutland County

# Rutland Plan Recommendations, 2006

## Tactics

- Promote Arts through an Education Center
- Create a Gateway to Rutland at the Train Station
- Launch a Buy Local Campaign
- Open Upper Floors for Affordable Housing
- Build a Small Business Cooperative for Insurance Purchasing
- Market Weekend Travel Packages to Rutland
- Highlight the Green Landscape of the City
- Coordinate & Promote Rutland Activities through the Web
- Space for Retailing and Preparing Local Foods
- Build a Central Open Air Mall on Center Street
- A Community Festival to Celebrate Rutland
- Office of Community Development
- Basic Infrastructure
- Sustainable Rutland – A Model City

## Strategies

- Promote Arts through an Education Center
- Establish a Business Incubator
- Build a Small Business Cooperative for Insurance Purchasing
- Sustainable Rutland – A Model City

## Objectives

- Attract a Conference Center to Rutland
- Bring More Music and Performing Arts Downtown
- Beautifying City Gateways

# Middlebury Plan Recommendations, 2007

## Tactics

- Create a Year-Round Venue for Selling Local Foods and Crafts
- Establish a Business Incubator
- Host an Annual Event that Establishes Middlebury as a Creative Center
- Establish a Learning Center for Art and Design
- Create a Middlebury Community Center
- Launch a Buy Local Campaign
- Found a Community Creative Economy Umbrella Association
- Form an Affordable Housing Coalition
- Design a Virtual Community Space
- Create a Task Force to Address Tax Policy

## Strategies

- Establish a Business Incubator
- Host an Annual Event that Establishes Middlebury as a Creative Center
- Improve Traffic and Pedestrian Flow

## Objectives

- Make Better Use of the River
- Establish Middlebury as a Pioneer in Alternative Energy Production and Management
- Provide Affordable Fitness Activities Year-Round
- Preserve Special Places
- Convene a Conversation About Land Use

## Missions

- Communicate Middlebury's Assets & Activities to Visitors

# 1.1 Priority: Marketing Creativity

Objectives for this priority include:

*Build Vermont's reputation for creativity and innovation*

*Retain and attract creative entrepreneurs and young people to our state.*

## Assets of the Rutland Community

- Killington Music Fest
- Art in the park
- Theatre program
- Coffee exchange
- Recreation center
- Studio bliss
- Non profit TV stations
- Art in the park
- Theatre programs
- Killington music fest
- Ethnic fest
- Paramount
- Chaffee art center
- Film studio
- Gymnasium

## Assets of the Middlebury Community

- The Festival on the Green
- Frog Hollow Crafts Center
- The Farmers' Market
- The Sheldon Museum and the Vermont Folklife Center
- Skilled individual craftspeople, writers, artists and performers live in the area
- Middlebury College 's dedication to the arts
- The Marble Works
- Good local restaurants and locally-owned businesses
- After Dark music series & the Vermont Symphony Orchestra
- Annual Pops Concert, sponsored by the Sheldon Museum
- Small businesses or individual professional practices have creative and proactive owners

## Limitations of the Rutland Community

- Some businesses close too early
- Expand the farmer's market
- More walking and biking trails
- Conflicting identity for Rutland in how it markets itself
- Rutland needs to make the connection between a healthy outside-of-work environment, with leisure time & recreation activities, and being an attractive place for a strong, creative workforce
- There's a lack of things coming in from outside of Rutland (events, artists, authors, musicians)

## Limitations of the Middlebury Community

- Many households can't access the community television channel (especially in adjacent towns)
- Housing is more expensive
- It is difficult to reach the Marble Works
- Businesses close too early
- Need more creative opportunities

## 1.1 Priority: Marketing Creativity

### 2019 feedback:

“Rutland has a renaissance in the development of galleries and public spaces.. Gallery 77... Alley Gallery...they really believe and they draw a pretty good participation. I live in Poltney... it's a depressed town. But the artists rally and that has a ripple effect. Events draw 40-50 people... that says something.”

“In Brandon... 15-20 years ago they started an artists' guild. Maybe they're all working alone but came together as a cooperative with a gallery that holds public arts events almost annually. They're a draw. It's not just that single town... it's a wider region”

“There's a residency program here. 3 sessions per year that hold 14 artists... They come from all over the world. At 17 Cottage Street. They are given studios in this building and this exhibition space.”

“The main thing is that a lot of us participate in different communities... It's 25-30 miles to Brandon for me... We have these individual arts centers. There's one here, one in Poultney. There's not much interaction between them.”

“The economy in general... This is an area that is seeing...I've lived here for 10 years... a lot of challenges. Poultney and Pollit were thriving... It has gotten more and more difficult for young people to stay in the area. There are no jobs... So you're relying on an economic base of people that is so narrow... Most of us who are directing or producing are putting in so much just to keep our operations going and it's all volunteer.”

“Working with Bundle... the creatives are rising up and saying that we've been asking for space and we want some of the empty space. We do have relationships in our town, so we have this resilience to help save ourselves. We also have the technical school and adult learning and the makery. Other zones don't have that.”

“I was just at a downtown retreat... they were presenting all these grant options.. Like 30. It would be great if we had time to do them. There is not that structure. I leave the county for my artist support -- the Burlington City Arts Market provides market space, networking, they pass me grants. There's not a person that's here doing that. They network you into other networks”

***“I've had one session at the statehouse... There's talk about marketing VT to young people. The voice for recreation, mountain biking, breweries... it's loud. But the arts community is an equal economic driver but there's not voice.. I don't see any advocacy. They're not at the table. It's not a visible enough role. I don't see presentations, I don't see art in the hallways. It needs to be way more active”***

# 1.1 Priority: Marketing Creativity

*Goals and action ideas that have been suggested in past plans*

## **Rutland Plan:**

- Promote Arts through an Education Center
- Launch a Buy Local Campaign
- Open Upper Floors for Affordable Housing
- Bring More Music and Performing Arts Downtown
- Market Weekend Travel Packages to Rutland
- Highlight the Green Landscape of the City
- Coordinate & Promote Rutland Activities through the Web
- Space for Retailing and Preparing Local Foods
- A Community Festival to Celebrate Rutland

## **Middlebury Plan:**

- Create a Year-Round Venue for Selling Local Foods and Crafts
- Host an Annual Event that Establishes Middlebury as a Creative Center
- Establish a Learning Center for Art and Design
- Create a Middlebury Community Center
- Launch a Buy Local Campaign
- Found a Community Creative Economy Umbrella Association
- Form an Affordable Housing Coalition
- Design a Virtual Community Space
- Communicate Middlebury's Assets & Activities to Visitors
- Create a Task Force to Address Tax Policy

## 1.2 Priority: Investing in creative enterprises and individuals

Objectives for this priority include:

*Encourage & sustain creative enterprises*

### *Assets of the Rutland Community*

- Rutland Herald
- Coffee exchange
- Recreation center
- Studio bliss
- Non profit TV stations
- Art in the park
- Theatre programs
- Killington music fest
- Ethnic fest
- Paramount
- Chaffee art center
- Film studio
- Gymnasium

### *Limitations of the Rutland Community*

- Some businesses close too early
- Expand the farmer's market
- More walking and biking trails
- More attention to the history of the town
- Include more museums for the public
- Rutland needs to make the connection between a healthy outside-of-work environment, with leisure time & recreation activities, and being an attractive place for a strong, creative workforce
- There's a lack of things coming in from outside of Rutland (events, artists, authors, musicians)

### *Assets of the Middlebury Community*

- The Festival on the Green
- Frog Hollow Crafts Center
- The Farmers' Market
- The Sheldon Museum and the Vermont Folklife Center
- Skilled individual craftspeople, writers, artists and performers live in the Middlebury area
- Middlebury College dedication to the arts
- The Ilsley library
- The Marble Works
- Elected officials are visible and accessible
- Project Independence
- Good local restaurants and locally-owned businesses
- After Dark music series and the Vermont Symphony Orchestra
- annual Pops Concert, sponsored by the Sheldon Museum

### *Limitations of the Middlebury Community*

- Housing is more expensive
- It is difficult to reach the Marble Works
- Businesses close too early
- Need more creative opportunities

## 1.2 Priority: Investing in creative enterprises and individuals

### 2019 feedback:

“The Paramount brings in national acts but it supports community theatre as well”

“Internet capabilities is huge for artists right now... free or subsidized wifi would be helpful. In Oklahoma... 1% of development has to be public arts. In Bushwick... housing policy that helps people stay in and get to own their homes”

“The amount of volunteer energy is a small section of the pop and those people get really exhausted. The paid jobs are few and far between...”

***“There is a division between entrepreneurs and artists... less grant opportunities. Freelancers don't have the same support.”***



Mural in Downtown Rutland. Photo: Elisabeth Waller

## 1.2 Priority: *Investing in creative enterprises and individuals*

*Goals and action ideas that have been suggested in past plans*

### ***Rutland Plan:***

- Advance Rutland as a Recreation Center
- Launch a Buy Local Campaign
- Open Upper Floors for Affordable Housing
- Build a Small Business Cooperative for Insurance Purchasing
- Bring More Music and Performing Arts Downtown
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- Form an Affordable Housing Coalition
- Design a Virtual Community Space

## 1.3 Priority: Educating, training, & supporting emerging entrepreneurs

Objectives for this priority include:

*Provide creative sector-related skills matched to the workforce needs of Vermont's businesses.*

### *Assets of the Rutland Community*

- Rutland Herald
- Coffee exchange
- Recreation center
- Studio bliss
- Non profit TV stations
- Art in the park
- Theatre programs
- Paramount
- Chaffee art center
- Film studio
- CCV
- Technical Center

### *Limitations of the Rutland Community*

- Some businesses close too early
- Expand the farmer's market
- More walking and biking trails
- More museums to document history of Rutland
- Rutland can do more when it comes to marketing their creative and entrepreneurial activities
- Closing the skate park lost a major asset

### *Assets of the Middlebury Community*

- Frog Hollow Crafts Center
- There is a strong educational system
- Hannaford Career Center and Workforce Investment Board
- The Farmers' Market
- The Sheldon Museum and the Vermont Folklife Center
- Middlebury College dedication to the arts
- Project Independence
- After Dark music series and the Vermont Symphony Orchestra
- annual Pops Concert, sponsored by the Sheldon Museum

### *Limitations of the Middlebury Community*

- Businesses close too early
- Need more creative opportunities
- Not prepared to take advantage of future job opportunities using telecommunications

## 1.3 Priority: Educating, training, & supporting emerging entrepreneurs

### 2019 feedback:

“The MINT is new... we have a grant to support entrepreneurs. There is growth potential. About half are creatives.. the approach is always creative.”

“At our end of the county, Haverton Ford is a small operation. They keep innovating and designing.”

“The community and business orgs have identified the need to support entrepreneurs. With the downtown partnership and the chamber... a significant amount of financial resources were provided for the makerspace. It's difficult in a market of this size. There aren't enough people to pick up the ball rolling... there is business support and training... those resources are here.. It's about getting people aware of them. If you're not ready ... If you aren't ready to expand, it's really difficult. You need a solid plan to get financing. We have affordable housing.”

“The Herald is doing a lot with the arts. Jim Lowe has a recap and has a section for Rutland. A lot of people are looking at that.”

“There's business planning courses... a lot of times artists don't know how to do the business piece. The center for women and enterprise is leading that. They're filled every time. We've offered 4 or 5 classes of 15 people.”

“I was just at a downtown retreat... they were presenting all these grant options.. Like 30. It would be great if we had time to do them. There is not that structure. I leave the county for my artist support -- the Burlington City Arts Market provides market space, networking, they pass me grants. There's not a person that's here doing that. They network you into other networks”

“I look at examples of commercial stories in VT... once you're a successful entity, other communities think that's what they need... but they look to like proven case studies. That's like craft beer... like that's success for a lot of people. One commercial entity would not have the same impact of an arts organization... getting a board that can make that click.... The only other success I can see is the South End Arts District... Knowing the growth of Pine St... that event is stable through September.”

*“I think something for smaller organizations.. Whether or not they're young... professional development opportunities in human resources. There are those of us who need to make sure we are compliant and are growing our staff... ways to offer extra curricular educational opportunities along with building capacity... I think having those networks where we can get together... it's great when it's across different art forms”*

## 1.3 Priority: Educating, training, & supporting emerging entrepreneurs

*Goals and action ideas that have been suggested in past plans*

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- Communicate Middlebury's Assets & Activities to Visitors

## 1.4 Priority: *Leveraging cross-sector intersections/ partnerships*

*Objectives for this priority include:*

*Forge profitable connections between creative businesses and other sectors  
of Vermont's economy*

*Amplify economic and community development*



Nina Keck: Vermont Public Radio

# 1.4 Priority: Leveraging cross-sector intersections/ partnerships

## Assets of the Rutland Community

- Boys and girls club
- Rutland Herald
- Recreation center
- Studio bliss
- CCV
- Pine hill park
- Non profit TV stations
- Library
- The scenery
- Art in the park
- Theatre program
- Churches
- Killington music fest
- Ethnic fest
- Paramount
- Chaffee art center
- Film studio
- Gymnasium
- Parent child center
- Pregnancy center
- School systems
- Technical center

## Limitations of the Rutland Community

- Some businesses close too early
- Expand the farmer's market
- More walking and biking trails
- Sprawl has contributed to a less-populated downtown
- Closing the skate park lost a major asset
- Need more partnerships between creative and non-creative

## Assets of the Middlebury Community

- The Festival on the Green
- Strong local system of healthcare and health center (Porter Hospital)
- Frog Hollow Crafts Center
- There is a strong educational system
- Hannaford Career Center and Workforce Investment Board
- The Farmers' Market
- The Sheldon Museum and the Vermont Folklife Center
- A locally owned (Middlebury National) bank serves the community
- Middlebury has a strong Natural Food Co-op
- Trail Around Middlebury, good parks and bike trails
- Middlebury students get involved with local non-profit organizations
- The Ilsley library
- VT Community Foundation
- Elected officials are visible and accessible
- Good local restaurants and locally-owned businesses
- Social service network through United Way
- New housing developments
- After Dark music series and the Vermont Symphony Orchestra
- annual Pops Concert, sponsored by the Sheldon Museum
- Small businesses or individual professional practices have creative and proactive owners

## Limitations of the Middlebury Community

- Historic buildings need to be restored
- The road system is a major impediment with traffic and a lack of downtown parking
- Housing is more expensive
- Businesses close too early
- Need more creative opportunities
- Middlebury needs a bowling alley.
- There is a shortage of affordable child care.
- Internet, cell phone, and radio coverage are spotty.
- The Community Access television could do more for the community if more homes could receive the channel.

## 1.4 Priority: Leveraging cross-sector intersections/ partnerships

2019 feedback:

“Artist residencies are a form of tourism.”

“Sometimes economic development in the arts is creating a place where people want to live”

“The train is being developed to go to NY. Some businesses are closed... It has had a major impact and will for at least two more years”

*“Ways to network with developing business to set them up with local creative professionals to help with branding, marketing, and social media presence so that we can keep more money centered in the local economy.”*



Corey Hendrickson, Yankee Magazine

## 1.4 Priority: *Leveraging cross-sector intersections/ partnerships*

*Goals and action ideas that have been suggested in past plans*

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- Establish a Business Incubator
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- Establish Middlebury as a Pioneer in Alternative Energy Production and Management
- Provide Affordable Fitness Activities Year-Round
- Form an Affordable Housing Coalition
- Design a Virtual Community Space
- Convene a Conversation About Land Use

# 2019 FEEDBACK ANALYSIS

*Contrary to the feedback from the 2006 and 2007 feedback in the past plans, there seems to be positivity surrounding a lot of the comments when asked about growth or strengths of their community.*

Rutland: Many of the respondents recall a lack of communication or partnership and unity between the different towns. There are many art centers in different towns that could collaborate and create a stronger sense of community for Vermonters, especially in more rural towns, but lack the drive or effectiveness impedes the building of a relationship.

Rutland: There is a common theme of not being able to find jobs for creative enterprises that pay enough to live sustainably. Many jobs that candidates qualify for are volunteer or completely underpaid. Or creatives move to different fields to find good paying jobs, and there are gaps in the markets.

Rutland: Business and the entrepreneurial side of the arts is a hard gap to bridge based off of the responses. There are many creatives who are unfamiliar with the process and making business decisions for themselves.

Middlebury: There is a better relationship with volunteers and talked about the need is usually filled based off of many opportunities that open up at museums.

Middlebury: Responders were even more so optimistic in the resources they had. They had a sense of community that Rutland seemed to be lacking, based off of the focus group results.

Middlebury: There is a common barrier to the creative field and to the communication of communities with access to broadband. Being on the internet was an issue in the 2006 and 2007 plans and seems to have continued into 2019.

With rising costs of living, the environment and wage does not sustain the artistic and creative lifestyles that many in the zone strive to reach. Housing and living costs are rising while some creatives are having a hard time finding viable work.

Many of the respondents wanted to branch out and create a relationship with those in the creative sector and those who are not. There was a call to leverage cross-sector partnerships.

Some of the feedback provided was the lack of diversity in Vermont and their own communities. So many decisions are made by majority representation and that is either making minority groups less inclined to make a greater impact in the arts or stopping them from participating completely.

# NETWORK ANALYSIS: STAKEHOLDERS

## *Businesses*

### Mint Makers Space

- The MINT is a community of people sharing their knowledge, experience, and ideas in addition to tools, equipment, and workshop space.
- 112 Quality Lane, Rutland, VT

## *Art Galleries*

### Artbeat Gallery

- Gallery in downtown Rutland connected to Chaffee Art Center.
- 53 Merchants Row, Rutland, VT

### Art on Main

- A non-profit, community cooperative art gallery that aids artists in the Bristol area with the exhibition and sale of local art and craft. They hold community events, outreach and help the professional development of local artists.
- 25 Main Street, Bristol, VT

### Edgewater Gallery at Middlebury Falls

- Art gallery that holds many events, workshops and expeditions throughout the year for community viewing.
- 1 Mill Street, Middlebury, VT

## *Theatres*

### Paramount Theatre

- Theatre in downtown Rutland that hosts many events and performances and it also a property contributing to the Rutland Downtown Historic District.
- 30 Center Street, Rutland, VT

### Middlebury Acting Workshop

- Theatre that produces local plays and gives a chance for Vermont local actors, directors, designers a chance to work and provide an experience to their audience.
- 5605 Snake Mountain Road, Weybridge, VT

### Town Hall Theater

- Local theater that hosts local acts, screens films, theatre and opera.
- 68 S Pleasant Street, Middlebury, VT

### *Art Studios and Centers*

#### Chaffee Art Center

- Art center servicing the Rutland Community, making the arts accessible to a larger audience.
- 16 South Main Street, Rutland, VT

#### Carving Studio and Sculpture Center

- A studio that can be rented, provide options for artist residencies, community members can take classes, join workshops and go to exhibitions held there.
- 636 Marble Street, Rutland, VT

#### Mahaney Arts Center, Middlebury College

- An environment to provide the local community with a space that aids in the creation of art and the experience to work and engage with local and international arts.
- 72 Portfield Road, Middlebury, VT

#### Middlebury Studio School

- A non-profit crafting community center and education resource that provides the options for learning new techniques and classes for low tuition prices.
- 2377 US-7, Middlebury, VT

### *Festivals*

- Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival
- Local festival that is dedicated to showing the works of first and second time filmmakers.
- Middlebury, VT

#### Milkhaus Art Festival

- Annual arts festival featuring open art competition, workshops, performances and more.
- 888 Botsford Road, Ferrisburg, VT



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