



# Northwest Regional Planning Commission Act 181 State Designation Program

## Changes to the State Designation Programs

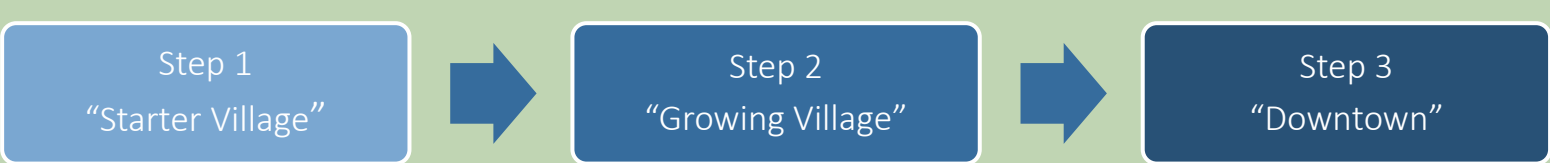
The state is updating its designation programs to better support downtowns, villages and neighborhoods across the state. First developed 25 years ago, the program provides benefits such as tax credits, priority for grants and technical assistance. Act 181 simplifies the program, moving from 5 designations to just 2: centers and neighborhoods. The Community Investment Board will manage the new program.

The Regional Future Land Use map will identify areas eligible for center and neighborhood benefits. Areas mapped as downtowns & village centers will receive center designation benefits. Planned growth areas & and village areas will receive neighborhood designation benefits.



## Center Designations

New designations start at Step 1 and then can apply to step 2 & 3 for more benefits. Tax credit programs and technical assistance will be available for all centers, with added benefits for step 2 and step 3 centers. The Community Investment Board will develop a full list of benefits by 2026.



## Transition from Current Designation Program

If your community has a current designation, it will be automatically transferred to the new program when the Regional Plan is approved. All current designations will remain in effect until 2026, including those which were previously set to expire prior to 2026.

Current Designation	Village Center, New Town Center	Downtown	Neighborhood Designation Area, Growth Center
New Designation	Center, Step 2	Center, Step 3	Neighborhood

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