

Make it Meadville!

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The Task

- Should we create a Community Revitalization Corporation for Downtown?
- If so:
 - What is the strategic community vision for downtown?
 - What are the key catalytic projects / organizational actions that implement the Vision?
 - How is the organization staffed and funded?





What is a Community Revitalization Corporations (CRC)?



- 501c(3) not profit corporation
- Bring together different players—like private developers/investors, business, government and charitable organizations—for a focused strategy to improve the vibrancy of a community.
 - facilitate public-private partnerships
 - leverage grants and tax credits
 - create other development financing tools for difficult-to-develop real estate
 - spearhead public improvement projects (curbs/sidewalks, lighting, traffic signals, public art etc)



Meadville Central Business District

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America's First Road Trip

Horatio Nelson Jackson, Sewall K. Crocker & Bud

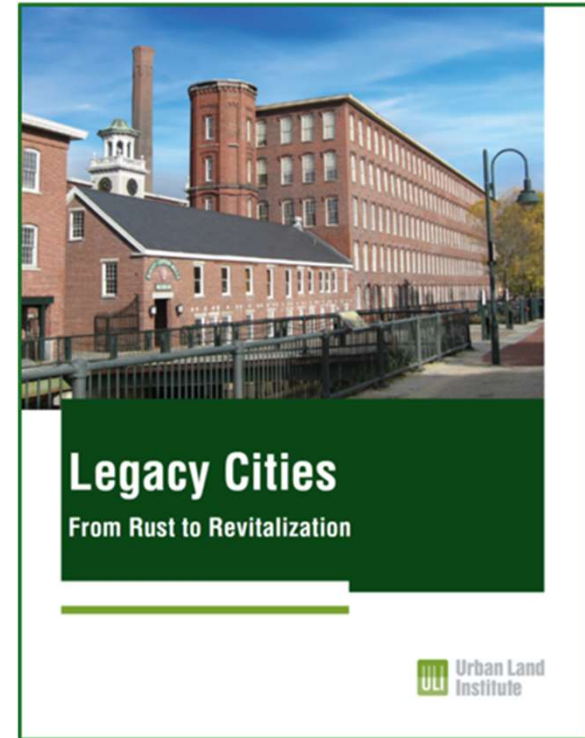


HORATIO NELSON JACKSON (driving), SEWALL K. CROCKER, AND BUD IN THE "VERMONT"
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Legacy Cities Report

20 cities that have reinvented themselves



<https://knowledge.uli.org/en/reports/research-reports/2022/legacy-cities>

10 Lessons Learned from Legacy Cities



1. Planning never ends
2. Existing assets have capital value
3. Proximity has power
4. Intentional leadership has impact
5. An entrepreneurial sensibility is important
6. Funding comes from many sources
7. Community engagement is essential
8. Effective planning and design excellence go hand in hand
9. Manufacturing remains vital
10. Aspirations must be translated into action



All of these Lessons Learned apply to Meadville

Charleston, SC population 150,000



Historic Preservation

Frederick MD Population 80,000



Greenville SC population 70,720



Greenville SC



Lancaster, PA population 58,000



Waterville ME population 15,800



Jim Thorpe, PA population 4,560



North Conway NH

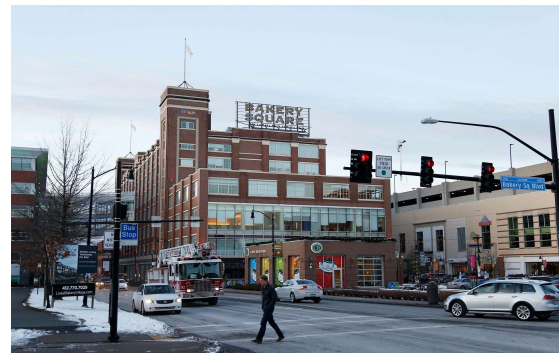
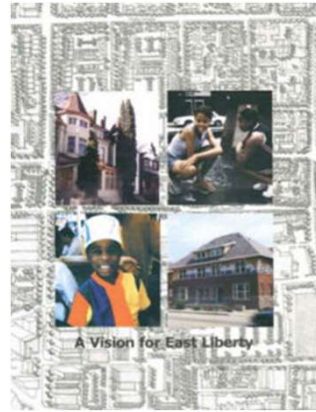
population 2,200



East Liberty, Pittsburgh population 5,900



They had a Plan
They had an Organization



Cities that will succeed

- Think Strategically
- Dynamic Leadership
- Strong Partnerships
- Entrepreneurial spirit for funding
- Smart Staff
- Design Excellence



The most powerful person in a community...



...is the translator

<https://makeitmeadville.org/>



Want to Help?

Improving Downtown Meadville is a community effort. If you'd like to join us, here are some things you can do to get involved.



Participate in Surveys

Signup today to take part in upcoming surveys

Sign Up



Spread the Word

Share about our mission on social media!
#MakeItMeadville



Stay Informed

As the project progresses, we will send email updates.

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