



Town of Windsor Awards and Accreditations - Updated January 2021

WINDSOR RECEIVES ACCREDITATION FOR 'BEST PRACTICES IN LAND USE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT'

The Town of Windsor was among twenty-four cities and towns to receive accreditation from the Connecticut Economic Development Association (CEDAS) as exemplifying best practices in land use and economic development. These twenty-four communities subjected themselves to a rigorous application review process that required documentation of their procedures for development projects and consideration of their economic development strategy.

This is CEDAS's first year accrediting communities. The program, presented by sponsors Eversource and UI, was conceived as a way to recognize communities that are committed to doing economic development and at the same time, to raise the bar for excellence in the entire state. Applications were submitted from across Connecticut, with towns and cities showcasing the policies that create efficient economic development processes, target strategic business growth, and implement planning and zoning practices that thoughtfully plan for future population and community-specific needs. The 2019 application cycle opened in June and concluded on September 15th. The expectation is that other communities will follow their lead and take part in next year's accreditation process.

The Best Practices program was created as a partnership with Eversource, UI, Pullman & Comley, and STV/DPM to present this accreditation as a catalyst for economic development in Connecticut. Collaborating partners include UConn Extension, the Connecticut Chapter of the American Planning Association, and the Connecticut Economic Resource Center. More information about the program is available at www.cedas.org.

WINDSOR RANKED AMONG BEST CITIES TO START A SMALL BUSINESS

A recently released report has ranked Windsor in the top 500 Best Cities to Start a Small Business. The findings of LendEdu, a student focused financial services firm, are based on analysis of cities and towns over 5,000 in population. The rankings weigh the Community's population, income and costs. They looked at daytime population and growth projections for next five years, disposable income and forecasted income growth, and expenses including taxes, utilities, and property crime rates.

Windsor was ranked at 247 of 500. The full report can be found at <https://lendedu.com/blog/best-cities-small-business/>

WINDSOR TO RECEIVE 2018 MAIN STREET AWARD

The Connecticut Main Street Center has announced that the Town of Windsor is one of seven recipients of the 2018 Main Street Awards of Excellence. The award recognizes the town's multi-year effort to set the stage for transit oriented development in Windsor Center. The Main Street Center acknowledges the town's success in facilitating redevelopment of the Mechanic Street area in partnership with CIL Development, developer of First Town Square condominiums at 33 Mechanic Street, and Lexington Partners, developer of Windsor Station Apartments.