



## POULTNEY DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

Established in 2002, the **Poultney Downtown Revitalization Committee, Inc.** (PDRC) is a 501(3)(c) non-profit charged with overseeing activities that bolster Poultney's Designated Downtown.

As a result of our designation, businesses, non-profits, and income-producing properties (e.g. rentals) in buildings over 30 years old that operate within the Designated Downtown are eligible for state and federal tax credits for façade work and various code improvements. In addition, the Town, Village, non-profits, and others can receive priority consideration for many State grant opportunities, and our municipalities have access to Vermont's Downtown Transportation Fund for transportation-related capital improvements within or serving the designated area. Learn more about these resources by visiting [poultneydowntown.com](https://poultneydowntown.com).

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### 2025 Year in Review

**Sustaining Momentum & Organizational Strength.** In 2025, the PDRC continued to build on the strong foundation established in recent years, focusing on organizational stability, strategic planning, and effective project management. The Board remained committed to strengthening partnerships, supporting local stakeholders, and ensuring the committee is well positioned to advance downtown revitalization efforts.

**Community Partnerships & Programming.** Collaboration remained central to the PDRC's work in 2025. The Committee served as fiscal sponsor for the *Poultney Journal*, supporting local journalism and community storytelling. In addition, the PDRC hosted Community Investment Trust discussions in partnership with the Preservation Trust of Vermont, helping explore tools that empower residents to invest directly in downtown properties and projects.

**Downtown Appearance & Public Spaces.** In 2025, the PDRC advanced several initiatives focused on improving the look, feel, and functionality of downtown Poultney. We co-hosted an AARP Walk Audit to assess walkability and accessibility within the Designated Downtown. The Committee expanded holiday lighting throughout downtown and continued to build its decorative inventory for future seasons. We also reimbursed local businesses that invested in professional signage or updated weathered signs, strengthening the visual appeal of Main Street. Additionally, the PDRC conducted a postcard outreach campaign to notify owners of income-producing downtown properties of their eligibility for the 2025 Vermont Downtown & Village Tax Credits.

**Looking Ahead.** As we move forward, the PDRC remains focused on leveraging Poultney's Designated Downtown status, supporting reinvestment in historic buildings, and pursuing opportunities that enhance economic resilience and quality of life. We look forward to continued collaboration with the Town, Village, local organizations, and the broader community.

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The PDRC is deeply grateful for the ongoing support of individual donors and for annual appropriations from the Town and Village. These resources are essential to our work, and we remain committed to using them responsibly and effectively in service of Poultney's downtown.

Sincerely,  
Jaime Lee, PDRC President