

### Workforce Housing Design Charrette

# Centrix Block – Dover October 12, 2012



### **Presentation Outline**

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# The Workforce Housing Coalition of the Greater Seacoast (WHC)

- A nonprofit, education and outreach initiative founded in 2001.
- -Members include businesses, municipalities and housing industry professionals.
- -We recognize the integral relationship between regional housing diversity and overall economic vitality.
- -We offer educational events/trainings and promote policies that will increase the supply of affordable homes for our region's workforce.



### What is Workforce Housing?

•Workforce housing is modestly-priced housing that includes single-family homes, townhouses, condominiums and apartments.

#### •By Definition:

- •For-sale housing which is affordable to a four-person household earning no more than 100 percent of the median area income.
- •Rental housing which is affordable to a three-person household earning no more than 60 percent of the median area income.
- •In 2012, this translates to an apartment renting for no more than \$1,140 per month (including utilities) or a maximum purchase price of \$277,000.



## **Examples of Workforce Housing**



**Bellamy Mill – Dover** 

## Downtowns & Gateways

**Squamscott Block - Exeter** 



## **Examples of Workforce Housing**

Mad River Meadows, Farmington



# Small Towns & Rural Settings



#### What is a charrette?

An intensive planning session where citizens, designers and others collaborate on a vision for development.

### A unique opportunity to...

- -Envision workforce housing developments possible under current regulations.
- Suggest modifications to current regulations to better suit workforce housing.
- -Test the financial feasibility of design concepts.
- Exercise some influence over what might ultimately be proposed for the subject sites.

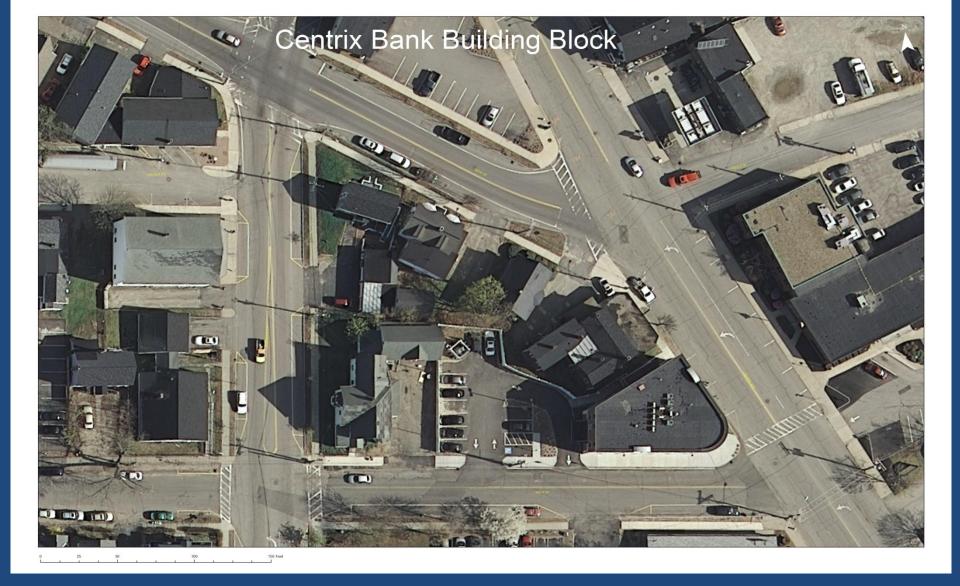
Opening Doors to Vibrant Communities

### **Dover Team Members**



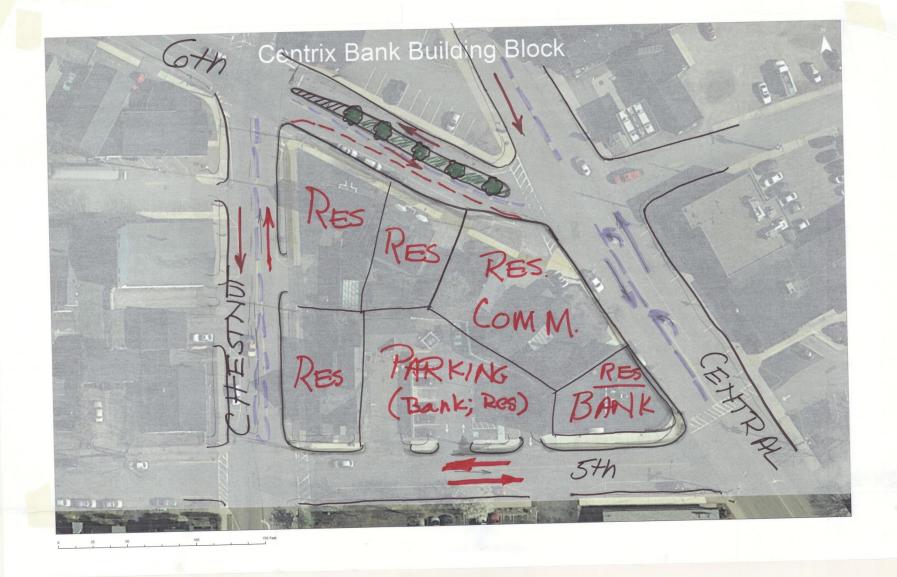


## Study Area Context



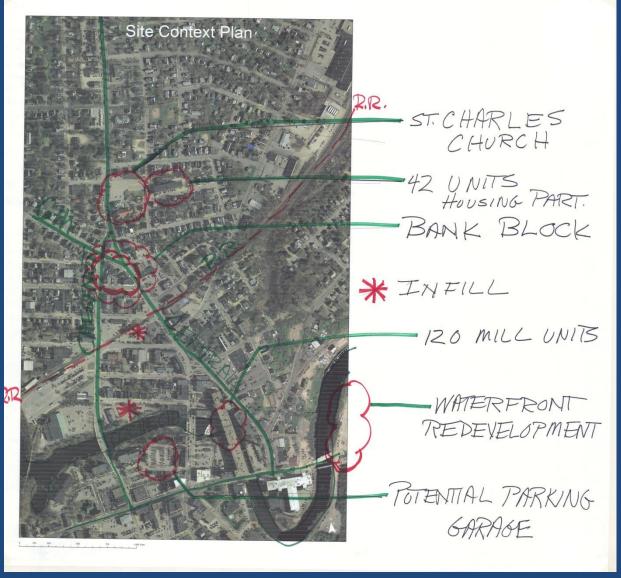
Study Area





Study Area - Uses



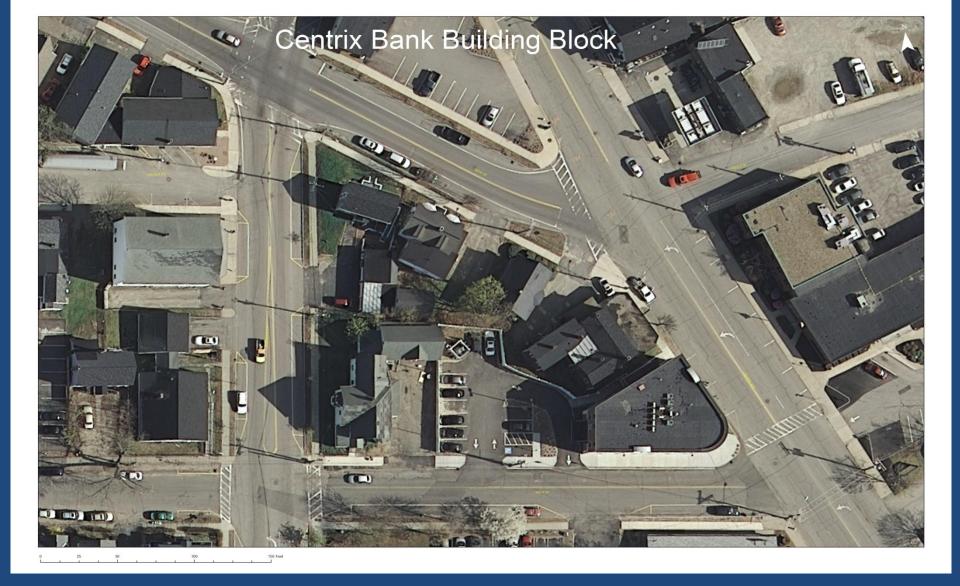


City Context





# Design Concept



Study Area





























Design Concept





# Next Steps

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