

INNOVATION

STAMFORD DOWNTOWN
SPECIAL SERVICES DISTRICT
2018-2019 ANNUAL REPORT

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VISION

The Vision for Stamford Downtown is to always be the vibrant regional city-center for living, working, shopping, dining, education, culture and entertainment.

MISSION

The Stamford Downtown Special Services District manages, enhances and promotes the Downtown experience.

GOALS

To attain the vision the following goals have been set:

- To ensure appropriate economic development as it impacts Stamford Downtown through comprehensive strategic urban planning and advocacy
- To continue the trend of residential population growth within the District
- To recruit and retain appropriate retailers
- To improve the quality of the Downtown experience
- To attract people to the Downtown



Spring in Stamford Downtown

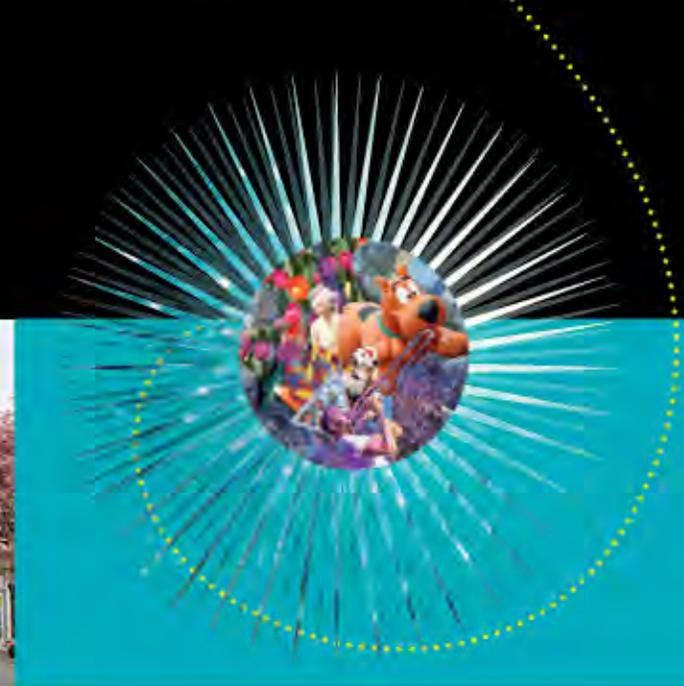
INNOVATION has been the key to Stamford Downtown's success since its inception. Over the course of our 26 years of operation, innovation meant creating an attractive environment that people wanted to visit, work, live in and patronize. Many innovative initiatives took place over the course of these years: the changing of zoning regulations to ensure that the Downtown was the center of retail, office, hotel development and cultural activities; creating events which branded the Downtown as a "hip" place; providing the rules for outdoor cafés and ensuring that parking requirements for housing reflected an urban environment close to transportation and offices. The latter innovations were just the tip of an iceberg full of programs that were part of the DSSD's creative placemaking. We are a diverse and dynamic Downtown and one of our strengths is taking a yearly look back at what was accomplished and looking forward to the following year.

FIRST, it is necessary to highlight our robust Grand List, which sets us apart from the rest of the city. While the Downtown's land mass is less than one percent of the city's total acreage, it accounts for 9.22% of the citywide Grand List. Since 1992, the Downtown Grand List has grown from \$328 million to \$ 1,794,654,895, a magnificent 547% increase. The Grand List's strength is the foundation upon which we build for the future,

ensuring delivery of the strong programs for the many thousands of people who live, work, shop, are educated in and enjoy the arts in Stamford Downtown. These programs allow Stamford Downtown to be very "bullish" about its future and proud of the innovations that propel the coming years.

Residential Sector

The residential sector has transformed the ambiance and the economy of the Downtown, creating an invaluable daytime and nighttime community. Today, 7,730 residential units (more than 12,000 residents) grace the Downtown: representing an 83% increase over the course of the last decade. The Downtown moved forward with the opening of several major residential complexes this past year: Vela on the Park with 209 units and Atlantic Station with 325 units; URBV Stamford will open its first phase of 672 total units this summer; and demolition of the northern St. John's Tower was completed in preparation for the construction of The Smyth with 414 units. Also, about to start construction is True North at 245 Atlantic St with 212 units and Atlantic Station Phase 2 with 325 units. The DSSD's 2017 demographic survey indicates that 84% of Downtown apartment residents are between the ages of 18-34 with a median income of \$114,000. Thus, adding significant buying power to the Downtown economy. It is worth noting that 94% of household have college or advanced degrees.





Outdoor Dining on Bedford Street



Stamford Downtown Parade Spectacular

Retail and Restaurant Sectors

More than 95 restaurants and nightclubs call the Downtown home. Outdoor cafés line the downtown streets inviting patrons to dine and enjoy both inside and outdoor experiences. We welcome six new restaurants, which have opened this past year: Blackstones Steakhouse, Bedford Hall, Piezanos, La Perle, Kouzina Greek Taverna & Bar and Adyar Ananda Bhavan. The restaurants Mecha Noodle Bar and Clark and Main will open this summer. We trust they will attract the thousands of visitors who believe Downtown is the center of the culinary world. Innovative Pop Up Retail on Bedford St will be part of our spring tableau. Read more about it later in the Report.

Outdoor Maintenance

The DSSD manages a comprehensive outdoor maintenance program. We continue to provide regular ambassador patrols, daily street cleaning, a robust landscaping program with four seasonal plantings of 168 lush flower-filled hanging baskets and a beautiful palette of plants in 17 garden areas, 6 downtown parks and 39 street planters. DSSD workers plow the sidewalks after snowstorms providing safe access in stormy weather. This past year the Downtown was brightened with more than 292,800 dramatic LED lights turning the streets into a winter wonderland. Later in this report you will read about the innovative programs to enliven Latham Park and create “pizzazz” on the tree grates along Atlantic Street.

Culture and Entertainment

Arts and the theatre attract hundreds of thousands of people Downtown each year. The 3,000-strong member-supported Avon theatre is an economic engine for the Downtown, filling countless Downtown restaurants before and after cinema screenings. The Palace brings live quality entertainment to the city including concerts, symphony, comedy and rentals. It is important to note that for every dollar spent on

theatre or movie tickets, \$32 is spent on food and other retail; yearly bringing \$8,000,000+/- into the economy. NBCUniversal is a Downtown economic engine as it produces the Maury and Steve Wilkos shows at the Rich Forum. Coming soon will be Judge Jerry –replacing the Jerry Springer Show. Their presence leverages \$1,387,875 into the economy through their taxes, the food they provide for the hundreds of show participants, hotels and ancillary services.

Events

Stamford Downtown produces 20 events (concerts, dinners, fairs etc.) each year, attracting hundreds of thousands of visitors and generating \$3,000,000 in revenue. These events include but are not limited to: Alive@Five, Wednesday Night Live, the Holiday Parade Spectacular, and an iconic outdoor sculpture exhibit. The Holiday Parade Spectacular is the largest parade in Connecticut and the second largest helium balloon parade in the country, attended by 200,000+/- people who come to the Downtown to herald in the holiday season. Look for the innovative City Challenge and Shared Studios events which will grace our streets in 2019 and which are discussed later in this Report.

Education

No city is really great without the presence of a University in its Downtown. The number of students living in Downtown dormitories rose to almost 400, a 73% increase. These students have activated the neighborhood and increased the volume of business at area retailers and eateries. Additionally, there has been a 45% increase in students attending UCONN Stamford.

Many Thanks

There are so many generous and committed sponsors who have helped support our numerous events and programs. A grateful shout out to all of them. Without them there would be no outdoor sculpture event, no Alive@Five or Wednesday Nite Live concert series and

no Parade Spectacular. Thanks as well to our dedicated Parade volunteers and to the Friends of the Downtown who spearhead A Grand Summer Night, which raises money to bring art and sculpture Downtown. Special kudos to the city personnel who are an essential part of all our events. And, a very special note of appreciation to Mayor David Martin who continues to be a great and enthusiastic proponent and supporter of Stamford Downtown.

In Closing

It's been a very productive busy year, but we at the DSSD proudly continue to move forward with innovative programs. As you read this Annual Report, you will learn each department's plans for the remainder of the year. Only with thorough planning and a clear vision for the future can we ensure that the Downtown remains the heart of the city—the center of office, retail, dining, entertainment, higher education and residential development.



Greg Caggainello

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Business Development & Residential Outreach

**GOAL: To recruit
and retain
appropriate retailers**



ArtWalk 2018

2017/18 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Meet the Developers Event

Over 134 real estate brokers, lenders, developers and property owners gathered at Blackstones Steakhouse in September to receive an update on Stamford Downtown's latest construction projects. Stamford Downtown's Retail Committee organized the event to engage commercial brokers from Fairfield and Westchester Counties. The presenters included Bruce Berg of The Cappelli Organization (Atlantic Street Post Office redevelopment), Greg Belew of LMC (The Smyth at 885 Washington Boulevard), Steve Wise of True North, LLC (True North at 245 Atlantic Street), Todd Lindvall (The Residence Inn by Marriott on Atlantic Street) and Russ Hollander of R. Hollander: Master Goldsmith (retailer).

2019 Statistics Stamford Downtown Brochure

A new 2019 Statistics tri-fold brochure was created to be used to recruit new retailers and businesses to Stamford Downtown. The brochure was distributed by the retail department at the International Council of Shopping Centers deal making event in New York City and Hartford, CT, and to Downtown stakeholders.

Demographic & Development Profiles

- Quarterly updates to Stamford Downtown's 2018-2019 Demographic Profile.
- New developments listed in "Development on the Move" publication.
- Ongoing postings of new retail vacancies with photos on Stamford Downtown's website.

Social Media Merchant Workshop

In February, 23 merchants gathered to learn from two marketing industry experts about strategic marketing practices and the use of Social Media to enhance business branding.

Residential Managers Cocktail Event

Stamford Downtown hosted a Residential Manager social hour at the new Residence Inn by Marriott to continue to encourage a strong working relationship with managers of Stamford Downtown & Harbor Point residential complexes. It was announced that a new residential survey is being prepared for distribution to their residents in the spring.

Resident Welcome Bag Program

- The New Resident Welcome Bag program continued with 18 district businesses participating.
- 975 Welcome Bags were distributed to 35 residential buildings, located in Stamford Downtown and Harbor Point.

ARTWALK 2018

The sixth annual ARTWALK in Stamford Downtown returned on June 22, 2018. This popular event showcased seven Stamford Downtown galleries including a Pop Up Loft Artists gallery at UConn and a Greenwich Artists Pop Up gallery on Bedford Street. The evening drew over 400 visitors from Stamford and surrounding towns. Participating galleries hosted artist receptions, complemented with live music, dance lessons and kids' activities along the ARTWALK route.

Fashion Night Out

The fourth annual "Fashion Night Out" was held at 75 Tresser Boulevard, showcasing the spring collections of Stamford Downtown merchants including a charity component to benefit "Dress for Success Mid-Fairfield County." This popular event attracts 200 business professionals from the community. Stamford Downtown restaurants complemented the event with plentiful offerings from their latest menus.

Holiday Window Salute in Stamford Downtown

The ninth annual "Holiday Window Salute in Stamford Downtown" attracted 26 Stamford Downtown businesses. Their decorated storefronts create a festive atmosphere in Downtown.

Stamford Tables

- Now in its 17th year. Membership is at 42 members and growing.
- Successful Winter & Summer Restaurant Weeks.
- Stamford Tables' Concierge Book updated and distributed to 40 neighboring hotels and residential complexes and available on our website.

Stamford Downtown Profile:

46,549
PEOPLE LIVE
WITHIN A ONE MILE RADIUS
OF DOWNTOWN

ESTIMATE
HOUSEHOLDS
66,447
(5 MILE)



AVERAGE
36 **AGE**
1 MILE
RADIUS

2018/19 GOALS:

Retail Pop Up Program

A new Retail Pop Up Program is designed to attract experiential and innovative retailers, independent brands and e-commerce entrepreneurs to Stamford Downtown's retail streets. The goal of the Retail Pop Up Program is to create "cool" retail experiences, geared to a wide range of Stamford's demographic population. 5-10 storefronts will be activated with exciting retail concepts and hopefully those pop-ups will become permanent new "hip" Downtown retailers.

DSSD District Map

Modernize Stamford Downtown's district map by creating an interactive version on our website.

Hotel Guest Pass Program

A VIP guest card program valid at Stamford Downtown stores and restaurants.

Downtowner Events

Downtowners are planned at URBX Stamford and the Atlantic Street Post Office (Work Well Win co-working space).



MEDIAN INCOME
OF STAMFORD DOWNTOWN RESIDENTS

\$114,000

FAIRFIELD COUNTY AVERAGE \$84,233 / CT State Average \$70,331

95 **RESTAURANTS**
& **CLUBS**



HOTEL
ROOMS **2,475**

61,899
DAYTIME
EMPLOYEES
IN STAMFORD DOWNTOWN



NUMBER OF
BUSINESSES
5,351
(1 MILE)

7,730

RESIDENTIAL UNITS
APARTMENTS
& **CONDOS**



997

RESIDENTIAL UNITS
UNDER
CONSTRUCTION
612 PROPOSED UNITS

94%

OF HOUSEHOLDS HAVE
COLLEGE
OR ADVANCED DEGREES

Economic Development

GOAL: To ensure the appropriate economic development of Stamford Downtown through comprehensive planning and advocacy

Stamford Downtown is the watchdog for appropriate Downtown development, balancing the challenge of intense development with environmental and quality of life objectives. Using Stamford's Master Plan as a guide, the District has helped foster the development of a Downtown with a full array of retail, office, cultural, educational, recreation and residential uses.

2018/19 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Veterans Park

This past year witnessed the kick-off of construction activities at Veterans Park. Stamford Downtown has been instrumental in raising funds, both grants and sponsorships, for the project, providing input into design features and advocating for the Park before public boards. At its completion on Veterans Day 2019, the reinvigorated Veterans Park will serve as a solemn location to remember those who sacrificed for our country, while also serving to beautify the Downtown and provide an attractive event setting for residents and visitors.

Innovate Stamford

Stamford Downtown continued its active participation in the Stamford Innovation District, sitting on its Board. A significant state grant coupled with major corporate matching funds provided the monies to enhance Downtown place-making programs at Alive@Five, the Palace Theatre and Veterans Park.



Veterans Memorial Park

Boards, Commissions & Committees

Stamford Downtown staff sits on the boards of numerous public agencies, community groups and corporations including: The Palace, Mill River Collaborative, Ferguson Library, Avon Theatre, Stamford Police Foundation, Access for All, Stamford Chamber of Commerce, Old Town Hall Redevelopment Agency, the Veterans Park Partnership, the Arts and Culture Commission and Stamford Museum and Nature Center.



The Smyth, 885 Washington Boulevard (Rendering)



Demolition of St. John's Tower (photo courtesy heystamford.com)



2019/20 GOALS:

New Development Oversight

- Continue to monitor emerging development proposals both in the Downtown and in the adjacent neighborhoods through a comprehensive review and analysis process. There are many new projects slated to come before Stamford Downtown's Economic Development Committee this coming year.
- Monitor and participate in Zoning Regulation changes proposed by the Land Use Bureau.
- Monitor plans for new Transportation Center garage.



Residence Inn by Marriott Stamford Downtown, 25 Atlantic Street



True North, 245 Atlantic Street (Rendering)



URBY Stamford, Greyrock Place & Trecker Boulevard (Renderings)

Events & Marketing

GOAL: To attract people to the Downtown through a broad range of creative programming

Stamford Downtown has a strong and focused calendar of events featuring a summer-long outdoor sculpture exhibit, ten outdoor summer concerts, a brewfest, a farmers market, an arts & crafts show, Bark in the Park, a playday for dogs and their humans, a pre-Thanksgiving Parade Spectacular as well as a star-studded Santa rappel down Landmark Square, followed by a Holiday tree lighting.

The events draw renowned artists, musicians and sponsors, while successfully attracting hundreds of thousands of people to the Downtown annually.

2018/19 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Timeless - The Works of Seward Johnson

Stamford Downtown hosted a summer long exhibit with 36 unique and realistic life-sized character sculptures by Seward Johnson, including an iconic, monumental, 26-foot-tall sculpture of Marilyn Monroe which brought international press to Stamford Downtown and was seen by 319,328 visitors.



Brews on Bedford with the iconic Marilyn Monroe

Wednesday Nite Live

In its third year of rebranding to Wednesday Nite Live, this concert series continues to grow in popularity and featured national acts including The O'Jays, Joe Jackson, The Rascals, Dennis DeYoung and Trombone Shorty. Average attendance is 1,500, bringing 7,500 people Downtown on a Wednesday Nite.

Bark in the Park

This fun-filled day for dog owners/lovers in Latham Park on Bedford Street was very well received by over 200 of our furry friends and their handlers. The day featured an agility course, demonstrations, pet supply vendors and pet photography.



Arts & Crafts

The Arts and Crafts Show on Bedford Street featured 85 juried artisans from throughout the region and artist workshops. The vendors included jewelry, wood works, fine art, photography, glass and ceramics.

Stamford Downtown Parade Spectacular

The 2018 parade featured 13 giant helium balloons, bands, dance troops, floats and the Perfection on Wheels Bicycle Stunt Team. Large crowds enjoyed the fun-filled parade. We welcomed a new title sponsor with the New Residence Inn & Courtyard by Marriott.

Heights & Lights

Celebrity rappellers, Brian Cashman, GM of the NY Yankees and Tina Cervasio, FOX 5 Sports Anchor rappelled from the top of the Landmark Building on Friday, November 30 with a live broadcast on FOX News Channel, which promoted the Sunday, December 2 rappel. The 2018 rappel featured a zip-line across Broad Street to the library which thrilled the audience. Kudos to Brian Van Orsdel who completed his 20th year rappelling down Landmark.



Alive@Five

Successfully produced five concerts starring national headliners including Gavin DeGraw, Sean Kingston/Sammy Adams, Gin Blossoms/Tonic/Vertical Horizon, Lifehouse and Neon Trees. The evening of Sean Kingston/Sammy Adams was a millennial favorite, bringing a crowd of over 7,000.



Sean Kingston at Alive@Five



Make Music Day with HARMAN

2019/20 GOALS:

UC FUNDS PRESENTS SPACE INVASION! IN STAMFORD DOWNTOWN SUMMER 2019

Space Invasion in Stamford Downtown, Art in Public Places

During Summer 2019, Stamford Downtown will display 30 fiberglass space ships (rockets, ufo beams, flying saucers) painted and enhanced by local/regional artists.



Farmers Market

Alive@Five

A five-week concert series targeting millennials and starring national headliners including Shaggy, T-Pain, 98 Degrees, Pop 2000 (starring Lance Bass of NSYNC), Travie McCoy (Gym Class Heroes) is planned for Summer 2019.

Wednesday Nite Live

A favorite event for baby boomers, this year WNL will star legend Chubby Checker, Andy Grammer, War, Southside Johnny & the Ashbury Jukes and Jon Secada.



Bark in the Park

Shared Studios

Stamford Downtown will host an exciting event called Shared Studios. This unique and innovative portal/studio will connect Stamford to the rest of the world with partner portals in cities including Berlin, Germany, Stockholm Sweden, Kigali, Rwanda, Lagos, Nigeria, Kanpur, India and many others. Upon entering a Portal, you'll come face-to-face with someone in a distant Portal as though you were in the same room. Portals host dialogues, performances, classes, collaborations, and more, and are freely accessible to the public.

City Challenge Obstacle Race

On July 28, Stamford Downtown will host City Challenge, the perfect platform to energize all participants in an event that marries physicality with fun. City Challenge engages the physically fit to compete in a 3.5 mile long obstacle race using obstacles found in urban environments such as police and taxi cars, cement blocks and tires to challenge the athlete.



Trombone Shorty at Wednesday Nite Live

Clean, Safe & Green

GOAL: To plan, initiate and manage enhanced operational services, which improve Downtown's physical environment

Stamford Downtown is committed to fostering an attractive, well-managed environment that welcomes residents, visitors, workers and students. To achieve this Vision, Stamford Downtown deploys a multi-pronged strategy that includes Stamford Downtown's Ambassador and Environmental Maintenance Teams, landscape beautification, holiday lighting and snow removal.

2018/19 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Combined Ambassador and Environmental Maintenance Program

Over the past year, Stamford Downtown restructured its Ambassador and Environmental Maintenance Program under one contract resulting in financial savings for the organization.

Stamford Downtown's Ambassadors offer daily pedestrian and bike patrols, maintain close communication with the Stamford Police Department and local social service providers, serve as a source of Downtown-based information for pedestrians, while also facilitating consistent communication with tenants.

Stamford Downtown's Environmental Maintenance Team provides daily sidewalk, open-space and curbside litter removal as well as graffiti removal and regular power washing. The Environmental Maintenance Team deploys hand-held devices to document street-level physical conditions which are sent to the City's Operations Department.



Stamford Downtown Ambassadors FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Maggie Rivera, Bob Cornell, Rich Gill, Lester Milian, Joe Bowron, Alex Nelson
BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Carlos Almodovar, Wes Bernadel, Damian Maxwell

Landscape Beautification Program

Stamford Downtown continued its design and implementation of a formal Landscape Beautification Program, which encompasses garden beds in multiple Downtown parks as well as street planters and 185 hanging baskets.

Snow Removal

The Downtown Sidewalk Snow Removal Program ensures a pedestrian-friendly path in front of each building, and clear curb cuts, during snow events of 2" or more.



Flowers in bloom in Stamford Downtown



Holiday Lights at Ferguson Library

Holiday Lighting

Stamford Downtown again oversaw installation of tree lighting at Columbus Park, street trees along the northern portion of Atlantic Street, Bedford Street and Latham Park. Additionally, Stamford Downtown lights the large oak tree in front of the Ferguson Library. The lighting of the Columbus Park oak has emerged as an icon of winter nights in Stamford Downtown. The Columbus Park tree alone requires over 53,000 multi-colored lights.

Following the success of its Holiday Lighting Program in 2017-2018, Stamford Downtown chose to expand this program to include lighting along Summer Street.



Seward Johnson Sculpture at Old Town Hall



Bedford Street Streetscape and Landscape Guidelines

Stamford Downtown convened a working group comprised of Board Members and municipal staff to document and prioritize physical condition needs along Bedford Street. The District then identified steps to improve the pedestrian-scale experience including improved waste management, addressing maintenance of tree beds and proper monitoring of the City's sidewalk café ordinance.

Social Service Outreach Services

Stamford Downtown has partnered with local social service providers, such as Laurel House, Inspirica, Pacific House and Stamford Hospital to conduct outreach to Downtown's homeless population and those diagnosed with mental health challenges in order to connect homeless individuals with housing options and supportive services. These services are supplemented with printed materials, such as the Who-To-Call Card, to educate the homeless about the location of food pantries and shelters.

2019/2020 GOALS:

Tresser Boulevard Streetscape and Landscape Guidelines

The Operations Department will convene a working group to evaluate the physical and pedestrian-scale conditions along State Route 1 between Atlantic and Grove Streets. Demand for this effort emerged from concerns regarding pedestrian safety and the lack of greenery and landscape beautification in this area. Stamford Downtown will then create a guideline with steps to address these concerns.

Placemaking at Latham Park

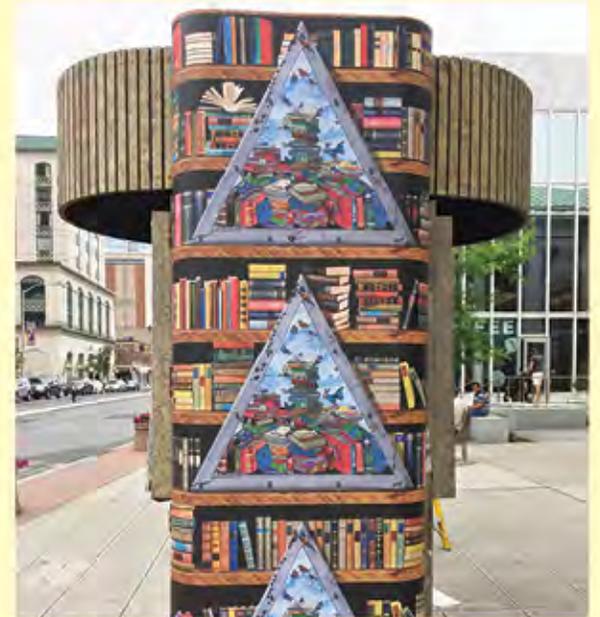
In order to further leverage the value of Latham Park, Stamford Downtown will design and implement a variety of Placemaking activities including an expanded Chess Program, live music on Sundays in May, and exercise programs such as Yoga, Bollywood, Strollercize and Zumba. Stamford Downtown will implement Monday Night Movies at the Park. This array of activities will not only activate the Park but also attract a wide variety of users, including students and Downtown city dwellers.



Yoga in Latham Park



Chess in Latham Park



Signal Box Art by Charles Fazzino

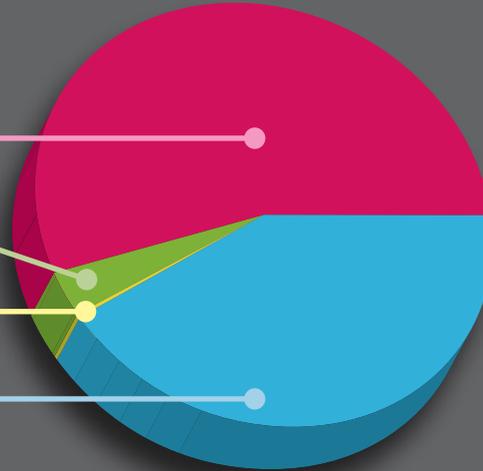
Atlantic Street Tree Grill Placemaking Pilot

Stamford Downtown wishes to improve the pedestrian environment along the automobile-centric Atlantic Street corridor by expanding public art options. Stamford Downtown has commissioned an artist to design and implement an eye-catching and unique arts-based, geometric and colorful intervention. Such projects help enliven the streetscape and assist with branding Stamford Downtown as a unique setting. Stamford Downtown will convert those tree grates located along Atlantic Street (between Main and Broad Streets) into colorful palettes.

Funding the District for 2019/2020

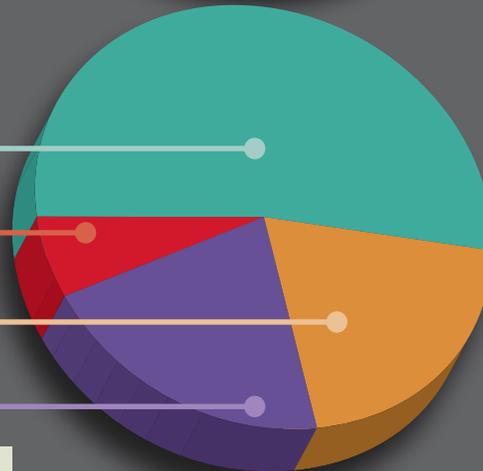
Where The Money Comes From:

Assessments	54.3%
Grants	3.3%
Interest	.31%
Sponsorships/Revenue Generation	42.09%



Where The Money Goes:

Marketing & Event Promotion	52.63%
Retail & Economic Development	5.92%
General Administration	20.92%
Operations, Clean, Safe & Green	20.53%



The DSSD is funded primarily by 198 commercial and 318 residential property owners who pay an annual fee to the District based on their property assessments. The formula was adopted in 1992 when the District was incorporated and subsequently amended in 1998 to reflect the impact of re-evaluation. In addition to assessments, a significant portion of the DSSD's program income is derived through sponsorships.

Who Pays What:

Top 5 property owners pay 25% of total assessment income averaging \$129,662 each

Top 10 property owners pay 40% of total assessment income averaging \$105,176 each

Smallest Annual Assessment \$41

Largest Annual Assessment \$153,940

Typical Office Complex \$83,117

Typical High-Rise Office Building \$38,755

Typical Bedford Street \$1,599

Typical Main Street Building \$1,919

Typical High-Rise Residential \$40,864

Typical High-Rise Condo \$850

Typical Department Store \$13,623

In Fiscal Year 2019/2020, the DSSD's strong sponsorship and revenue-generating programs provided the following ratio: for every \$1 of assessment paid by a property owner, \$1.83 was returned in services and programs.

Funding and Support for 2018-19

Many District property owners voluntarily supported our 2018- 2019 initiatives through donations and in-kind sponsorships, which are in addition to their tax assessment:

Atlantic Station	One Stamford Realty
Avon Theatre Film Center	Reckson, A Division of
Bildner Capital Corp.	SL Green Realty Corp.
Emmett & Glander, Attorneys at Law	RFR Realty
First County Bank	RMS Companies
Forstone Capital	RTA International, Inc.
Gibraltar Management Company	Silver Golub & Teitell LLP
Hoffman Investment Partners	Stamford Town Center
MarLo Associates, Inc.	Steven Wise Associates, LLC
	UC Funds
	United Realty, Inc.

The following non-profit organizations support District initiatives through monetary or in-kind partnerships:

Coordinated Access Network	Stamford Art Association
Curtain Call	Stamford Emergency Medical Services
The Ferguson Library	Stamford Greenwich Housing First Collaborative
First Congregational Church	Stamford Volunteer Fire Departments
Franklin Street Works	Stamford Youth Foundation
Inspirica, Inc. Stamford	Stamford YMCA
Laurel House	Unitarian Universalist Congregation
The Loft Artists	
The Palace	

Many thanks to the generosity of our Downtown restaurant and nightclub owners, whose donations, participation & gift certificates make numerous patrons very happy:

Acuario Restaurant	Gaucho Argentinian Steakhouse
Atlantic Pizza House	16 Handles
b Stamford	Hudson Social
Barcelona Restaurant & Wine Bar	InThai Restaurant
Bar Rosso	Kashi Stamford
Bar Zepoli	Kotobuki Japanese Restaurant
Bedford Hall Craft Kitchen	Lorca
Blackstones Steakhouse	Lucky's Classic Burger & Malt Shop
Brother Jimmy's BBQ	Northern Lights Lounge at Stamford Marriott
BV's Restaurant & Sports Bar	Original Pappa's Pizza Downtown
California Tortilla	Quattro Pazzi
Cantina Mexicana	Peter Chang Stamford
The Capital Grille	Pieology
Capriccio Café	Remo's Brick Oven Pizza Company
Cask Republic	Riviera Mays Mexican Restaurant
The Cheesecake Factory	Sam's American Bistro at Stamford Marriott
Chez Vous Bistro	Tengda Asian Bistro
Chutni Biryani & Noodle Bar	Tiernan's Bar & Restaurant
Cilantro Restaurant	Tigin Irish Pub
Columbus Park Trattoria	Tomatillo Taco Joint
Curley's Diner	Verde Galerie
EOS Greek Cuisine	ZAZA Italian Gastrobar
Fairfield Pizza	
Fiesta on Main	
Fin II Japanese Restaurant	
FISH Restaurant & Bar	
Flinders Lane	
Fuji	
Garden Catering	

The District thanks a dedicated group of volunteers, the Friends of Downtown, who annually raise money for art in public spaces:

Linda Hampton, Chairperson	Whitney Libby
Barbara Zichichi, Vice Chairperson	Gail Malloy
Bernadette Brecht	Sandie Malloy
Laurie Cingari	Lori Mercede
Darlene Constantini	Kathy O'Neill
Karen Denker	Maddy Shapiro
Lynne Fife	Karen Sheftell
Ginny Fox	Jami Sherwood
Eileen Heckerling	Phyllis Shustak
Elayne Jassey	Claudia Silver
Harriette Ketover	Judy Stewart
	Lynne Villency Cohen

SPECIAL THANKS: Special thanks to Mayor David Martin whose vision of a strong and vital Downtown is essential to the Downtown's success. Much appreciation is also extended to the Mayor's team of outstanding city employees who contribute their time, energy and ideas toward making the Downtown the city's neighborhood.

A heartfelt thank you to our many event volunteers for Alive@Five, Wednesday Nite Live, Stamford Downtown Parade Spectacular and Heights & Lights.

Funding and Support for 2018-19 *(continued)*

Numerous corporations and individuals, both inside and outside the District, support our work through generous annual donations to programs and events. Included as well, is the generosity of City and State Boards, Commissions and Agencies which, through their funding, recognize the importance of a revitalized downtown:

AAA Dental Care
William Ackley
Anheuser-Busch
The Ashforth Company
Mike Berkoff
Best Friends
BevMax
Blue Buffalo
Bob Callahan Design
Garrett Bolella
Bon & Viv Spiked Seltzer
Budweiser
Bulls Head Pet Hospital
Cacace, Tusch & Santagata
The Campus and
1937 West Main Street
Canine Company
The Cappelli Organization
Carmody Torrance Sandak
& Hennessey LLP
Brian Cashman
CBRE
Tina Cervasio,
FOX News Channel
Orazio Cirelli
Tom Chukas
City Carting & Recycling
Dan Colleluori
Frank Compo & Sons
Conair/Cuisinart
Connecticut Distributors Inc.
Bob Cornell
Cornell University Veterinary
Specialists
County TV & Appliance of
Stamford

Courtyard by Marriott
Cross Insurance
Crowne Plaza Stamford
Crystal Rock
CT Next
CT Transit
Cummings & Lockwood LLCt
Sgt. Ryan Devanney
Dichello Distributors
DiMare Pastry Shop
Empire State Realty Trust
Alex Eydelman, NEAC
Event Management Inc.
Charles Fazzino
Frank Fedele
Fernando Luis Alvarez Gallery
Chief Jon Fontneau
Patricia Fortier
95.9 THE FOX and STAR 99.9
Steve Frycz
Mark & Nancy Funt
Greg Gagner
Jon Gallup
GB Parking
Grade A ShopRite
& The Cingari Family
Hampton Inn & Suites
Happyhaha Photography
Harbor Point Trolley
Hearst Connecticut Media
Group/The Stamford Advocate
Hey Stamford!
Highgrove Apartments
High Ridge Animal Hospital
Captain Diedrich Hohn
R Hollander, Master Goldsmith

Hotel Zero Degrees
Doug Hoyt
HSBC National Bank USA
Eden Huang
Director Ted Jankowski
Alan Kalter
Sgt. Kevin Keenan
Keno Graphics
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Kunjan Collective
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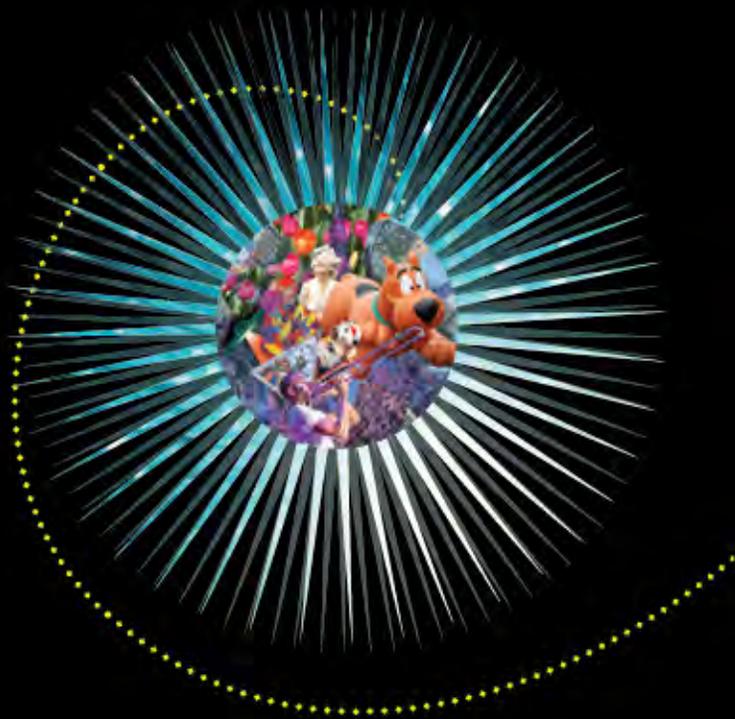


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