

### **2025 BDCC/SeVEDS Select Board Visit Overview**

- Our staff attends at least one Selectboard meeting a year in your town. We are always happy to come back or visit other committees to talk about specific programs, projects or services.
- The Annual Report is a succinct way to learn about what we've worked on the past year. View current and past reports at: <https://brattleborodevelopment.com/bdcc-seveds-annual-reports/>
- Our newly updated website is a great way to learn about our work: <https://brattleborodevelopment.com/>
- The [Windham Region Economic Data Dashboard](#) is an interactive tool developed by BDCC that provides real-time, localized economic data for the Windham Region of Vermont. <https://tinyurl.com/52syevwp>
- SeVEDS and BDCC partner with Bennington County on a regional public process to develop a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs) that defines the region's longer term (5 year) strategy. More information at: <https://www.vermontzone.com/ceds>.
- This year, we are asking Select Board members to fill out a short survey to help BDCC understand the opportunities and priorities of your town, communicate our work effectively, and align our efforts with shared regional priorities. This can be filled out digitally here: <https://tinyurl.com/yc7jxnt4>, or you received a copy via email you can print out and fill out as a hard copy.

### **Planning, Programs and Services – Recent Updates**

- **Southern Vermont Economy Project** - SVEP helps build regional capacity to support important local economic and community development projects. This includes gatherings for municipal leaders as well as board development training and network gatherings to support local nonprofits and community projects. SVEP also programs the annual Southern Vermont Economy Summit: <https://www.vermontzone.com/25-summit-recap>
- **Business Technical Assistance & Lending** - BDCC supports businesses at all stages, from potential startup to succession planning and transitions. BDCC has multiple flexible lending products to meet small business needs, and are running new LaunchPad Cohorts and BizConnect meetups around the region. Find out more via this link to their programming: <https://brattleborodevelopment.com/what-we-do/business-assistance/>
- **Business Recovery and Resilience** - BDCC is on frontlines, working with municipalities and business owners significantly impacted by adverse events (like the 2011 and 2024 floods or the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic), starting with administering donated funds and technical assistance to businesses to support recovery.
- **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs) update** - The 2024-2020 SoVT Zone CEDs was completed in 2024 and approved in June of 2025 by the EDA. Read the report at: [www.vermontzone.com/ceds](http://www.vermontzone.com/ceds)
- **CEDs Projects and Priority Projects** - BDCC collects information annually about key local projects, both public and private sector efforts. These annual CEDs updates are ranked to find "vital projects", and used by regional partners including the regional commission to identify projects that fit state program priorities.
- The **Pipelines and Pathways Program (P3)** - We want Windham County students to graduate with a solid plan for success, whether college or workforce-bound. From Annual 'Reality Fairs' and 'Fearless Futures' events to Senior Survival and Wings classes, P3 helps 700 students each year chart a course for the future.
- **Southern Vermont Young Professionals** helps young adults in their 20's-40's advance their careers and deepen their connections in the region. Combining socializing and recreation, professional development, networking, and community engagement. Find events at <https://brattleborodevelopment.com/sovtyps/>
- **Welcoming Communities** is working to create a thriving and welcoming region. We help employers welcome newcomers from across the country and across the globe. Read more about this program and partnerships here: <https://www.welcomingcommunitiesvt.com/>
- **Workforce Center of Excellence** - Thanks to funding from the Northern Borders Regional Commission, BDCC has been offering programming to meet the needs of working adults ready for new career opportunities. Contact [jspanierman@brattleborodevelopment.com](mailto:jspanierman@brattleborodevelopment.com) to learn more about upcoming classes.