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Griesheimer Congratulates Washington for Being Chosen as DREAM Community

JEFFERSON CITY — Sen. John Griesheimer, R-Washington, applauds the Washington community for being selected as one of 10 Missouri cities to receive assistance from the state to redevelop the downtown area under the governor's Downtown Revitalization Economic Assistance for Missouri (DREAM) Initiative.

As part of DREAM, for the next three years Washington will have access to several state-incentive programs to improve the downtown infrastructure, preserve historic architecture, provide affordable housing, enhance community services, develop businesses and create jobs.

"I am thrilled that community will be able to efficiently and effectively complete its downtown-renewal projects," Griesheimer said. "With direct access to professional services, tax credits and other programs under the DREAM initiative, Washington will experience more local revenue, more jobs and more available services for residents. I congratulate the community on its dedication that resulted in such a great opportunity."

There were 98 applicants for the program, and 10 cities were chosen. The other DREAM cities are: St. Joseph, Excelsior Springs, Sedalia, Cape Girardeau, West Plains, Hannibal, Hermann, Neosho and Kennett.

Gov. Blunt announced the DREAM-city designees at the Governor's Conference on Economic Development. Visit the DREAM Initiative Internet site, www.dream.mo.gov, for more details.

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