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## Webb City Selected as DREAM Initiative City

*Designation Will Help Community Grow Jobs, Improve Quality of Life*

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JEFFERSON CITY — Senator Gary Nodler, R-Joplin, today announced that Governor Matt Blunt has named Webb City in Jasper County one of this year's "DREAM" cities. The Downtown Revitalization and Economic Assistance for Missouri (DREAM) Initiative is designed to help communities receive state assistance to better their downtown areas and, ultimately, improve the local economy.

"I am pleased to see that Webb City has been selected as a DREAM city," said Sen. Nodler. "This designation will help the city receive a substantial amount of assistance, which can take the area to a new level of economic success."

The DREAM Initiative is a comprehensive approach to downtown revitalization that includes aid navigating through various state assistance programs to help with job creation and community betterment projects. Support for DREAM cities includes technical assistance and planning, historic preservation, public infrastructure, facade renovation, housing development, and additional trainings. The communities receive the designation and related assistance for a three-year period.

"The opportunities available through the DREAM Initiative will be an asset to Webb City," said Sen. Nodler. "I applaud the initiative Webb City has shown by applying for this program, and I look forward to seeing how that enthusiasm helps better the area over the next three years."

Cities are selected based on their potential to invest time and effort into the process. In order to apply, a city must present a comprehensive, multi-dimensional revitalization approach to the state's Department of Economic Development.

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