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## Senator Frank Barnitz Congratulates Waynesville for Being Chosen as DREAM Community

JEFFERSON CITY — Senator Frank Barnitz, D-Lake Spring, today applauded the Waynesville community for being selected as one of the Missouri cites to receive assistance from the state to redevelop the downtown area under the Downtown Revitalization Economic Assistance for Missouri (DREAM) Initiative. The Missouri Department of Economic Development announced the designation yesterday (9-27).

As part of DREAM, for the next three years Waynesville 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 congratulate the Waynesville community on their efforts, and I am very pleased that the city will be able to have assistance in completing downtown-renewal projects," Sen. Barnitz said. "With direct access to programs under the DREAM Initiative, Waynesville will experience more local revenue, more jobs and more available services for residents. I am looking forward to seeing the program in action, and I'm excited about the difference it will make in the community."

Cities are selected based on their potential to invest time and effort into the process. In order to apply, the city must present a comprehensive, multi-dimensional approach to revitalization to the Department of Economic Development. For more information, visit <a href="www.modream.org">www.modream.org</a>.