Charging the Course: Development Tools for Main Streets

New London Main Street
Rose City Renaissance, Norwich
Rate-Beating Gut-Salvage Renovation in Downtown Norwich

Simsbury Main Street Partnership

Public-Private Partnership for Simsbury's Retail District

Main Street Waterbury

Waterfront Development Corporation

Funds and Improvements

Main Street Partnership

Improve a community, foster strong public-private partnerships, and bringing back to life historic buildings.

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• New London Main Street
• Simsbury Main Street Partnership
• Simsbury First Selectwoman
• Upper Albany Main Street

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