

Governor's Weekly Message: Growing the Economy by Strengthening Our Downtowns

Wilmington, – In his [weekly message](#), filmed at [Delaware College of Art and Design](#), Governor Markell discusses efforts to revitalize downtowns and surrounding neighborhoods in Delaware's neediest areas through the [Downtown Development District](#) program. The first three designated districts were [announced earlier this week](#).

"More Americans are seeking dynamic and exciting urban environments and our ability to continue to create opportunities for Delawareans will depend, in large part, on whether we meet these demands," said Governor Markell. "We remain focused on ways to give our cities the best chance to thrive and see Downtown Development Districts as a key part of the solution. With the support of leadership in each of these districts, along the residents, businesses, and non-profit communities who live and work there, we can generate a surge of cultural, real estate, and business activity to jumpstart progress in areas that have long been overlooked, and that will keep Delaware moving forward."

Every week, the Governor's office releases a new Weekly Message in video, audio, and transcript form. The message is available on:

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