

# Governor's Weekly Message: Expanding Successful Downtown Development Program

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Wilmington, DE – In his weekly message, Governor Markell addresses expansion of and continued progress being made through the state's Downtown Development District program. The program has spurred more than \$200 million in private investment across all three counties to help sustain Delaware's economic growth that has recently earned the state recognition as one of the top three economies in the country.

"Vibrant downtowns are crucial drivers of economic growth and they are central to our efforts to strengthen the quality of life," said Markell. "Residential, commercial and industrial projects in our downtown districts may qualify for local and state development incentives, and I encourage you to visit [stateplanning.delaware.gov/ddd](http://stateplanning.delaware.gov/ddd) for more information. Through this innovative program we will continue to drive investment in our downtown areas, create jobs, and build sustainable urban communities. And that will keep Delaware moving forward."

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