

Central Connecticut Innovation Places Consortium

Vision: The CCIPC will become a magnet for talent, innovation and entrepreneurial growth. The success of our plan would represent a community that has developed a dynamic methodology for leveraging talent supporting the industries in our community. From elementary through middle school, high school and higher education, our institutions will reflect the fabric of our community and invite new entrepreneurs to thrive and grow.

Team/Partners: Greater New Britain Chamber of Commerce, CCSU's Institute for Technology and Business Development, City of New Britain, Town of Farmington, Town of Berlin, New Britain YWCA and CT Center for Innovative Entrepreneurs.

Major Catalytic Projects:

- **Core Technology and Incubation Center.** Develop a Stage 2 incubator in the former Stanley Black and Decker factory. Extend the CT Education Network to provide low-cost gig broadband.
- **Development of "Innovation Places" Zoning Designation.** Develop zones specifically for innovation and expand tax credits that specifically support innovation.
- **Housing Pilot for the CCIPC Impact Area.** Establish a student loan forgiveness program that ties to residency and a commitment to work in an innovation zone.
- **Transportation Connection of the CCIPC Impact Area.** Extend Fastrak service to Berlin.
- **Cradle-to-Career Pipeline.** Help the schools develop specific career pathways and build a "smart classroom" to deliver appropriate skilled talent to the changing workforce.

Impact Areas: Downtown New Britain, the Route 4 Corridor and UConn Health Center in Farmington and Kensington Commons, and the Berlin Train Station in Berlin.