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## Sources for Case Studies of Other Cities

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- City of Danville - Gerald Fisher, Community Development Director
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