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## Waking up out west

Rural town is hoping to rejuvenate with a growing arts scene

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GREENFIELD — Located in the state's most rural county, Greenfield is starting to wipe the sleep from its eyes. In the last year, an espresso bar, wood-fired pizzeria, and music hall have opened along the once-dormant Main Street and Bank Row. Long overshadowed by neighboring cultural heavyweights in the Knowledge Corridor (busy Amherst and Northampton), this former industrial town at the confluence of the Deerfield, Green, and Connecticut rivers is beginning to come into its own.

### STAY

Each room at the **Poetry Ridge Bed and Breakfast** (55 Stone Ridge Lane, 413-773-5143, [www.rkotours.com](http://www.rkotours.com), \$125-\$195) is named after a New England poet. Book the Frederick Goddard Tuckerman with a giant working fireplace and curl up with a sonnet. If breakfast is your favorite part of the B&B experience **the House on the Hill** (330 Leyden Road, 413-774-2070, [www.thehouseonthehillbnb.com](http://www.thehouseonthehillbnb.com), \$105-\$145) is for you. A pair of Brooklyn transplants, Donna and Alain Mollard, who specialize in farm-fresh breakfasts made with local ingredients, make your stay in this quiet retreat peaceful and tasty. The stately **Brandt House** (29 Highland Ave., 413-774-3329, [www.brandthouse.com](http://www.brandthouse.com), \$95-\$295) is a few blocks from town in Greenfield's hidden historic district. A wraparound porch, complimentary coffee, tea, wine (upon request), and a comforting library await your undernourished soul. For a posh yet classic New England experience, look no farther than the **Deerfield Inn** (81 Main St., 413-774-5587, [www.deerfieldinn.com](http://www.deerfieldinn.com), \$175-\$300) nestled in this early-American town three miles south of Greenfield Center.