

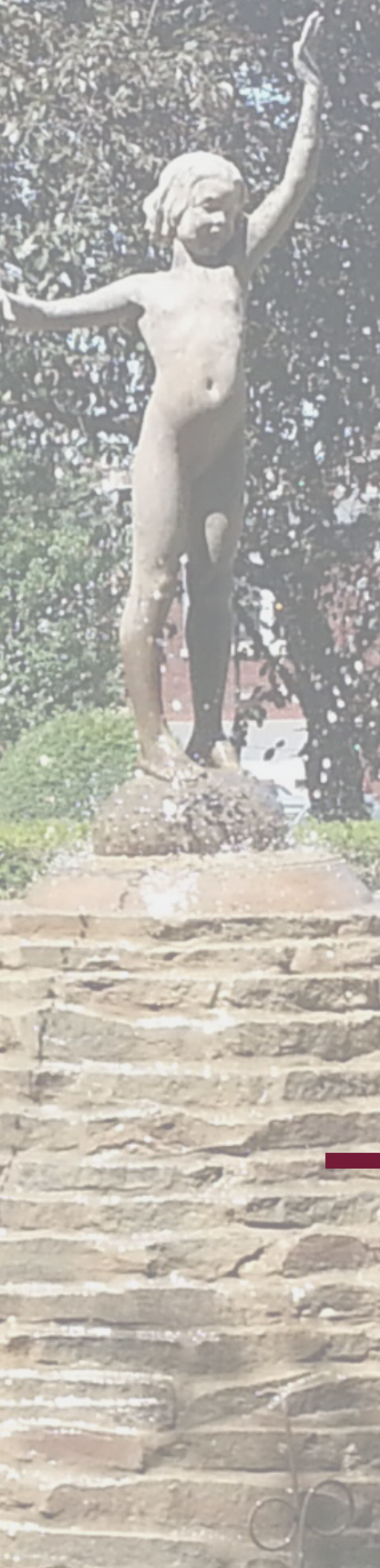
TOWN OF KIRKLAND & VILLAGE OF CLINTON

A Community of Everyone, for Every One



2019 Downtown Revitalization Initiative Application

Mohawk Valley REDC
Town of Kirkland & Village of Clinton



WELCOME TO HISTORIC CLINTON, NY

REDC Region: Mohawk Valley

Municipality: Town of Kirkland and
Village of Clinton

County: Oneida

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ANTHONY PICENTE ONEIDA COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Oneida County stands as a dedicated partner with Clinton and Kirkland and I believe their proposal will provide economic benefits by adding to the tax base, creating jobs and bringing outside dollars into the area and will spur further development from private investors looking to commit to a vibrant and healthy community.

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ABOUT OUR PARTNERSHIP



WHO WE ARE

The Village of Clinton lies within the Town of Kirkland and the two municipalities share many historic characteristics and attributes.

Our DRI boundary encompasses areas that lie within the Village and the Town. This unprecedented partnership between the Village and Town has sparked renewed community engagement and a belief that our assets are best when they can be accessed and enjoyed by all populations.

COLIN IDZI ONEIDA COUNTY LEGISLATOR

The town and village are acting in a wise and prudent manner as they proactively work together to address community needs and ensure future redevelopment that will not only enhance the community but provide added benefits to Oneida County and the surrounding region... Such an infusion of monetary resources, both from the state's award and the private sector investments that are sure to follow, would be the catalyst for unprecedented economic growth.

Mike Reese, Regional Director
Empire State Development Corp.
207 Genesee St., 16th Floor
Utica, NY 13501

Dear Mr. Reese,

Please accept this 2019 Round Four Downtown Revitalization Initiative application submitted in partnership by the Village of Clinton and Town of Kirkland in Oneida County. The past four months of seeing an idea develop into this application has generated great excitement and enthusiasm in our community and we hope that is reflected in the pages that follow.

In 2018 our small community won a national contest coordinated by Kraft Heinz and the NHL and was chosen the 2018 Kraft Hockeyville community, beating out 5,000 other communities with ice skating arenas. Becoming Hockeyville earned the community a \$150,000 grant from Kraft to upgrade the historic Clinton Arena, thousands of dollars more in improvements to the Arena provided by the NHL and a four-day Winning Weekend celebration in September that included the Buffalo Sabres and Columbus Blue Jackets playing a pre-season game in the Arena.

Those four days encompassed hundreds of community volunteer hours, and honestly, we never expected to take on another project so soon after. When we learned about the DRI and the possibilities not just for the Arena, but for the greater downtown Clinton area, the energy and commitment from the community to apply this year was an immediate yes, let's do it.

Since March about 100 people have participated in weekly meetings, surveys, one-on-one discussions and a walk-about to help develop this plan. One of the highlights of this was a historic first-time joint meeting of the Kirkland Town Board and Clinton Village Board where the two groups adopted resolutions to file what is believed to be the first joint DRI application by two municipalities.

In preparing this application we have studied extensively the impact Gov. Andrew Cuomo's creation of this program has had on the 30 communities that have been awarded a DRI grant. This \$100 million a year investment in New York state will serve to benefit all communities, businesses and residents. We believe that this DRI application fits in with that vision to support the growth of New York communities and New York state.

Submitted with great pride on behalf of our community,

Robert Meelan

Robert Meelan, Town of Kirkland Supervisor

Steven Bellona

Steven Bellona, Village of Clinton Mayor

And the Clinton/Kirkland Local Planning Committee

OUR VISION

TO BUILD ON THE HISTORIC CHARACTER OF THE VILLAGE OF CLINTON AND TOWN OF KIRKLAND TO CREATE A SUSTAINABLE, ACCESSIBLE, WELCOMING COMMUNITY FOR ALL TO LIVE, WORK, AND THRIVE.

Clinton possesses a vibrant downtown with a mixture of locally owned restaurants, clothing stores, service businesses and artisan shops, many of them in the Historic District. On Thursdays from June to October the downtown area swells with 80 more businesses in the Village Green during the Farmers Market.

Downtown Clinton also contains the community's hallmarks - the Kirkland Art Center, the Clinton Arena, Clinton Historical Society, Kirkland Town Library and Clinton Performing Arts Complex. These blend in with single-family housing and apartments.

Although Downtown Clinton is viewed as a successful district by those who live, work and visit here, the vision is to create a more all-encompassing area by addressing the needs and enhancing what is there, adding to the overall quality of life and expanding the tax base.

This will be accomplished by our strategies:

1. Fuel new job creation and adaptive reuse of underutilized building stock
2. Continue to create a sustainable, walkable, diverse community that meets the needs of current and future residents
3. Retain historic charm while modernizing for the future
4. Promote the community's reputation for excellent quality of life, educational offerings and opportunities for artistic expression
5. Build on existing community partnerships to enhance quality of life assets that are accessible to all populations



JUSTIFICATION

DOWNTOWN CLINTON REFLECTS MUCH OF WHAT MAKES ONEIDA COUNTY AND THE MOHAWK VALLEY A WONDERFUL PLACE TO CALL HOME.



GEORGE JOSEPH ONEIDA COUNTY LEGISLATOR

This proposal serves families, jobs and businesses, all in keeping with the goals and objectives of the program. In addition, it would allow Clinton and Kirkland to achieve the next level of regional development while complementing and supporting other private development.

The 1.6 mile long Zone contains small businesses that market nationally and internationally, a Blue Ribbon school district, restaurants that draw in customers from up to 50 miles and a number of cultural attractions. Yet, Clinton retains a small-village charm, where business owners know customers by name and neighbors stop to catch up when out walking.

Clinton's reputation as a friendly, welcoming community to all has led to a change over the last 10 years in its ethnic demographics. **Today 22 languages are recognized as the first language among the 1,300 students in the Clinton Central School District.** That comes with a relatively small population of 2,000 in the Village and 10,000 in the Town.

Clinton's economic success comes from outside its downtown as well. Less than a mile away up on The Hill, **Hamilton College's prestigious reputation brings in 10,000 people annually to tour the campus and area;** the college also serves as one of the area's largest employers. Internationally known Indium Corp. has increased its employment force while also increasing the diversity of the area. Hale Transportation recently broke ground on a \$2 million expansion of its Clinton facility that will add 20 new jobs and open up a regional site for DOT school bus inspections.

Clinton's proposed Zone - defined after numerous community meetings - **takes advantage of the little developable land available while also strengthening what already works.** Those projects proposed on the open sites address the critical needs for Clinton's growth: a hotel, market-rate apartments, more retail space and job creation.

While the dozen community meetings created the list of projects submitted, many of these ideas are not new

ones. In 2009, the Town of Kirkland, Village of Clinton, Clinton Central Schools and Hamilton College formed a Community Economic Development Team that followed up on ideas generated in the Town's 2008 Master Plan. In 2015 a group of volunteers tried again, creating a Streetscape plan. This addressed the downtown area along Park Row with physical enhancements such as trees, decorative lighting, benches, bike racks and addition of artwork displays.

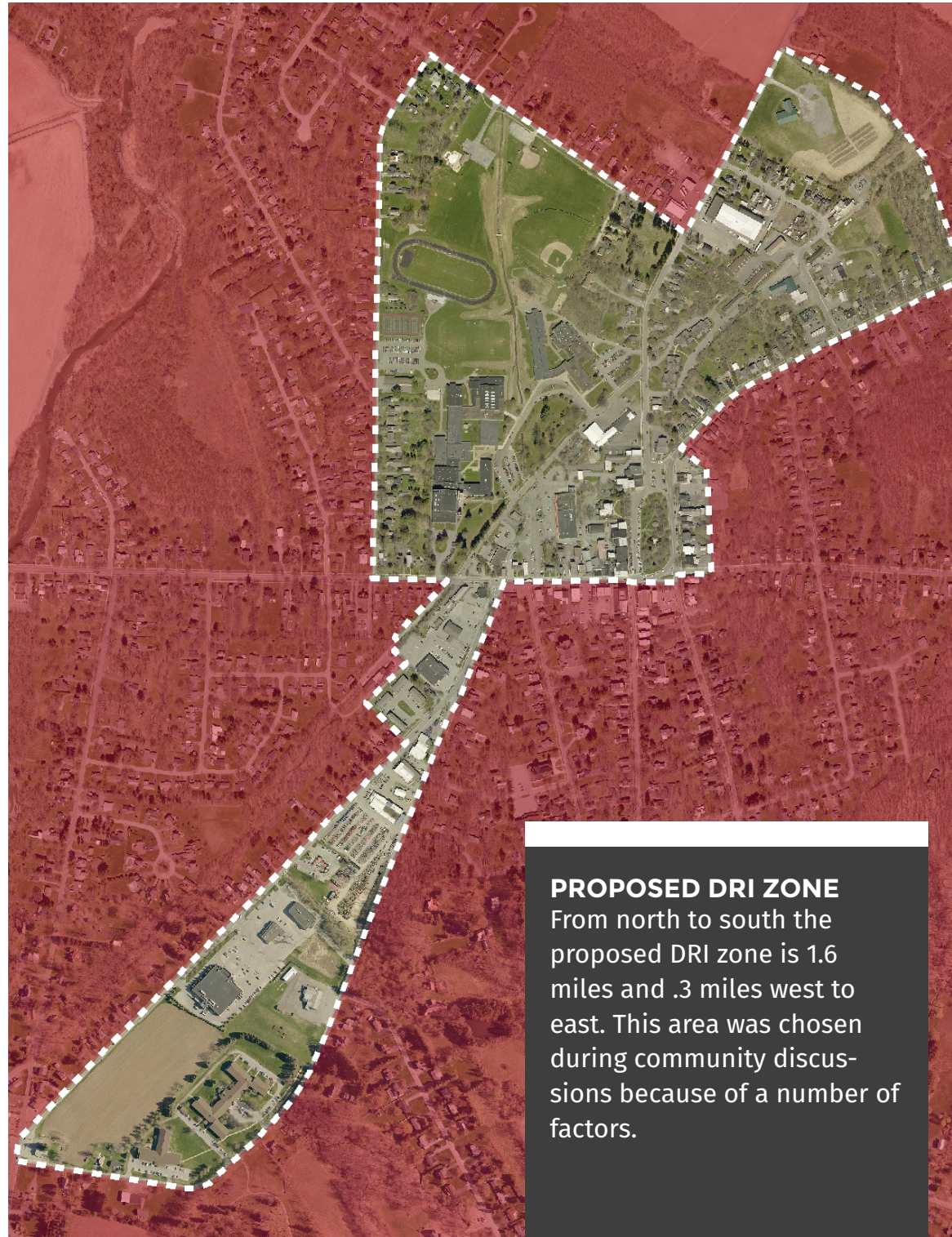
With sensitivity to burdening the tax base more, most of these ideas failed to find fruition due to the inability for agencies to devote volunteer hours or paid staffers to search for outside funding. The Clinton community does not have the financial capability to fund more than one of these projects through public and private donations.

For developers quick to overlook a small community's potential, the DRI funding would provide an attractive incentive to build in Clinton. **For small business owners dreaming about growing their businesses, the DRI funding would turn those visions into reality.** This \$10 million investment by New York state would launch a much greater investment in this community. **Initially the 13 projects would be part of an investment of \$30.4 million.**

As the DRI plan was developed by the community, other projects were proposed to go along with the first phase. Phase 2 projects which are three to five years away from development that did not qualify for this DRI application total \$3.5 million.

The addition of the for-profit development projects to the Town, Village and County tax base would provide sufficient additional revenue growth for upgrades to infrastructure and expansion of services.

DOWNTOWN IDENTIFICATION



ABOUT 75 DOWNTOWN STAKEHOLDERS MET REGULARLY AND AN ADDITIONAL 200 COMMUNITY RESIDENTS AND VISITORS TOOK AN ONLINE SURVEY ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE DOWNTOWN AREA.

THEY WERE OVERWHELMING IN AGREEMENT THAT TO FURTHER GROW THE DOWNTOWN THE PROPOSED AREA HAD TO ADDRESS:

**RECREATION
POTENTIAL.**

**EXISTING BUSINESS
OPPORTUNITIES.**

**ARTS AND CULTURE
SUPPORT.**

DEVELOPABLE LAND.

UNDERUTILIZED SPACE.

BOUNDARIES OF THE PROPOSED DRI AREA

01

RECREATION POTENTIAL

The historic Clinton Arena and the Clinton Pool, both of which need upgrades, are included. The Kirkland Trails system with its eventual goal to connect to the Erie Canal Trailway would create a trail system through the Zone to provide safe and healthy options for walking and biking in the village. This trail development would be a spur trail linking to the Canal Trail that under the Governor's proposal will go across New York state on the off-road path.

A Phase 2 project in discussion would add another recreational element to the area of the northern start of the trail out of Kirkland. Resurrection Church at the northern end has plans to add soccer fields and a basketball court along with building an indoor after-school facility and rec center. They have offered free use of their parking lot for trailhead parking.

02

EXISTING BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

The Clinton Cider Mill, one of the oldest existing businesses in Oneida County that draws in 5,000 visitors a month, has proposed an expansion project to allow for bus tours to increase its customer and employment base. Streetscape improvements in the downtown area will include decorative lighting, benches, bike racks and recycling/trash receptacles. An 1844 building along the historic Chenango Canal site has already been renovated for business space; additional funding would provide for commercial space. An electric-powered 14-passenger trolley would be both a tourist draw and address the need for parking for events downtown by shuttling people to/from available spaces farther away.

The DRI plan also includes setting up a Business Grant Fund to allow for physical renovations by the 50-plus businesses in the Zone, which employ approximately 120 people. Many buildings in the Zone are 80-100 years old and in need of facade improvements and energy saving updates.

03

ARTS AND CULTURE SUPPORT

The Kirkland Art Center, which brings in national musical acts and offers dozens of classes in painting, dancing, pottery and fitness for adults and children, hopes to expand its offerings with an Artist In Residency program and Sculpture Garden. The 55-year-old KAC plans to add a full kitchen for use in their own events and to rent out for other events. This additional revenue will help them renovate a barn on the property for an Artists in Residency program and to build a Sculpture Garden. The Kirkland Town Library plans to apply to the DRI's Business Improvement Fund for help renovating a vacant building to use for book storage and an Internet cafe.

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DEVELOPABLE LAND

As a whole, Clinton has little available land for new growth. However, community discussions about the DRI application have brought forth four proposals for using vacant space. A landowner will lease 9 acres for building a 70-room Holiday Inn Express. A Clinton company would purchase property to build 30 upscale style apartments. A landowner in the Zone would build a mixed-use building for retail and residency. A vacant lot downtown would be donated to develop as a connector to spur trails in the village and the site of a kiosk providing information on the community and its businesses.

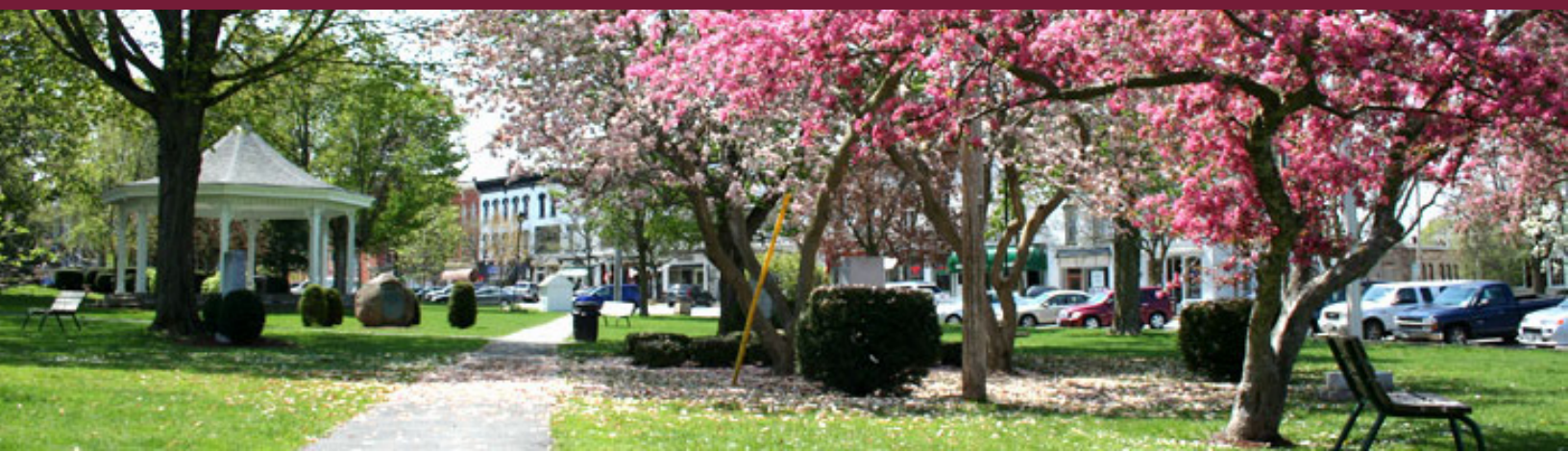
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UNDERUTILIZED SPACES

The Zone includes a vacant building, an unused parking lot, unused space in Lumbard Hall, Stone Church, Alexander Hamilton Institute, the Clinton Fire Department and the second and third floors of downtown businesses. While not all of these spaces have plans included in Phase 1 of downtown redevelopment, the ones chosen will help push forward the others.

CHAD DAVIS ONEIDA COUNTY LEGISLATOR

I believe that the State's Downtown Revitalization Initiative is a perfect fit for a community like Clinton. That is, while the vitality of Clinton's downtown core always seems to be good, it certainly is foreseeable and understandable that the prosperity and sustainability of any such community-over time -will inevitably require a substantial, simulative monetary boost to reinvigorate its infrastructure and existing improvements. The net effect of this kind of smart and well planned investment serves to trigger, and further enhance, a good economic spirit and cultural dynamic that truly makes a place like Clinton extra special.



PAST INVESTMENT & FUTURE INVESTMENT POTENTIAL

Since 2013 approximately \$100 million in public and private funds has been invested in the Clinton community. This has brought about job growth (40 jobs at Indium Corp.); improvements to the infrastructure (\$12 million in village and town improvements in water, sewer and roads); educational growth (\$65 million spent in construction by Hamilton College and Clinton Central School District); and enhancements to small businesses and non-profit organizations (\$6 to \$10 million).

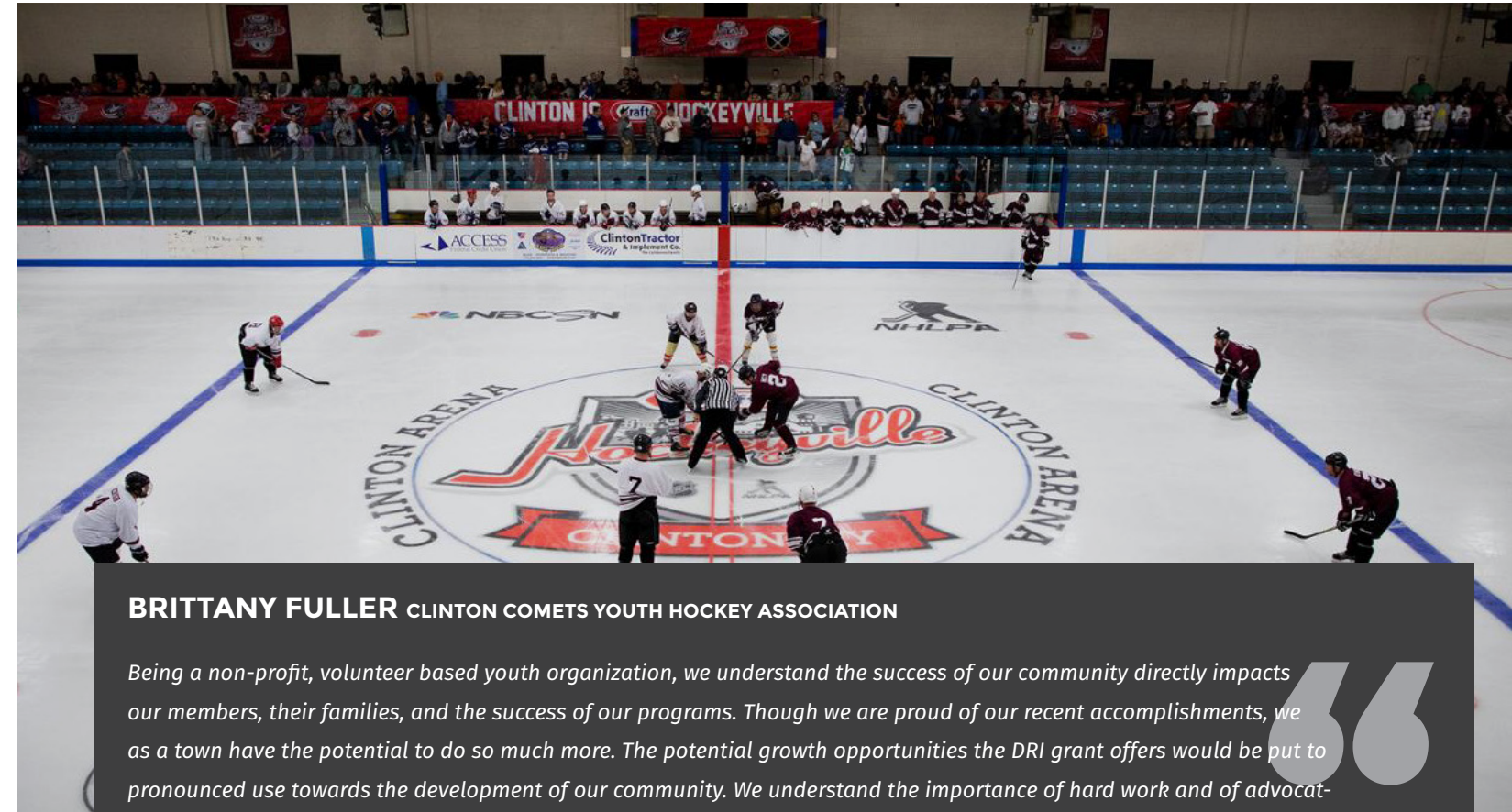
One of the characteristics of the Clinton community is the many partnerships that form for the greater good. For example, Hamilton College has established the Town-Gown Fund. Each year the College donates approximately \$65,000 a year to 15-20 organizations, charities and the two municipalities. These grants are given without requirement of matching funds. However, thanks to the DRI application discussions, Hamilton College is willing to restructure how grants are given to use their gift as a match for organizations using other funding for projects. With the availability of ready matching funds, this increases the likelihood of obtaining private and public funds.

In addition, Hamilton College has donated \$3.5 million to the Village of Clinton, Town of Kirkland and Clinton Central School District to use for operating expenses to keep the tax base down while allowing for adequate funding of municipal ser-

vices. Lastly, in the last several years the College has grown by about 500 in numbers of students, staff and administration. A 2017 Economic Impact Study of the college showed a total economic impact of \$322,000,000 with \$6.8 million contributed to state personal income tax revenue and \$1.9 million to the state and local sales tax revenue.

Another example of past funding that relied on the community partnerships that will translate into future investment is the 2018 Kraft USA Hockeyville title won by the Clinton community. Although no vote totals were provided, it was learned Clinton received more votes than had any U.S. community in any year of voting to determine the national winner. The Clinton Arena received approximately \$100,000 in equipment and services from the NHL, while the Town of Kirkland was given a grant of \$150,000 from Kraft for improvements to the Arena.

In addition, Kraft donated thousands of pounds of food to Clinton Youth Hockey, Clinton Fire Department, The Country Pantry and the Hockeyville Events committee for their events. This allowed these community organizations to raise money for future projects and to raise more money towards Arena improvements. Kraft donated food towards the Hockeyville Gala, with Hamilton College picking up the remaining costs, and \$10,000 was raised for the Arena that evening.



BRITTANY FULLER CLINTON COMETS YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Being a non-profit, volunteer based youth organization, we understand the success of our community directly impacts our members, their families, and the success of our programs. Though we are proud of our recent accomplishments, we as a town have the potential to do so much more. The potential growth opportunities the DRI grant offers would be put to pronounced use towards the development of our community. We understand the importance of hard work and of advocating for each other and we can assure you, no town in the nation is more dedicated to helping improve its community than Clinton, NY.

The NHL contracted with area businesses for its needs for the pre-season game and was so impressed by the generosity and willingness to help that the NHL would like to play in Clinton again. While no direct correlation can be given, that three-month period of sales tax revenue that included the quarter with the Hockeyville events provided the largest sales tax check ever received by the Town of Kirkland, going over \$500,000 for the first time. Bringing the NHL back would provide numerous regional financial benefits as would the development of the New York State Hockey Museum at the Clinton Arena. Using the Canastota Boxing Hall of Fame and Cooperstown Baseball Hall of Fame as models, the new museum would coordinate inductions and special events with the NHL. Plans are also in place for an annual Hockeyville tournament to bring in youth teams and their families from other communities that have won the Hockeyville title.

Development of a 70-room hotel would greatly expand the economic growth of the Clinton community, Oneida County and Mohawk Valley. While there are many reasons to come to Clinton - college visits and events, youth hockey tournaments, Arts and Music festival - the community, aside from a few B&B's, and Air B&B's not registered to provide sales tax information, has no motels. The closest places to stay are 10-15 miles away; some of those choices are outside of Oneida County. In addition, construction of a hotel and its operation would add numerous jobs to the local economy.

RECENT OR IMPENDING JOB GROWTH

In a small community, the impact of 10 new jobs has much more significance than 10 jobs in a city. Because those payroll dollars tend to be spent in the community, the return investment on such jobs bolsters the economy indirectly as well.

INDIUM CORPORATION

Indium Corp. in 2013 employed 220 people; last year's employment had increased to 260. The company, which has invested at least \$10 million in expansion, is exploring an upgrade of its sewer capabilities which likely can allow for more job growth.



HALES TRANSPORTATION

The U.S. Small Business Administration has invested to help fund the \$2 million expansion at Hale Transportation Center with a loan. The facility will add 15,000-square feet and add 20 jobs to its existing staff of 55.



SMALL BUSINESS ECOSYSTEM

The popularity of the Clinton Farmers Market and Art and Music fest has led to three businesses expanding to brick and mortar presence in Clinton's downtown. Soul Bowl, The Cremeria and Almost Local all have opened in Clinton in the past year. Moreover, all three of these are owned by women under 30 who were looking for an affordable place in a vibrant community to launch their business. This falls in line with the Governor's goal to increase the presence of women and minority business owners in New York state. These new businesses also reflect the inclusive atmosphere of the Clinton community. With 150 businesses as dues-paying members of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce, 52 percent of them are owned, co-owned or managed by women.



CLINTON CIDER MILL

On any weekend day the Clinton Cider Mill is open, the line for purchases doughnuts, cider and other products, along with watching the 100-year-old press in operation, stretches out the door. By expanding with a kitchen and ADA compliant bathrooms, the business can bring in bus tours during the week and add up to 20 jobs to help with that new demand. In addition, the owners of the Cider Mill purchase all their apples and pears in New York state, mainly in Oneida County. They also purchase and sell maple syrup, coffee, produce, local pottery, honey, mushrooms, pierogis, savory pot pies, Croghan bologna and cheese, all New York State products. The producers of these products would also benefit if the Cider Mill can bring in more customers.

NEW GROWTH

The hotel would provide 54 construction jobs and 20 to 25 part and full-time jobs, with the need for 24-hour service that opens up the chance for college students and parents of young children to work around their daytime schedule needs.

A Clinton-based family-owned construction company plans to build 30 townhouses on property that has not attracted much interest for growth. The 30 new places of residence will be suitable for young professionals, small families and those looking to downsize from larger homes. Clinton's existing apartment complexes frequently have a waiting list, so this project will handle some of that demand.

The mixed use building project on Kellogg Street would bring in new retail and service jobs to the community. This project would take underutilized space for an expansion with three to five retail shops and

ATTRACTIVENESS OF THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

A Historic Burying Ground lies within the Zone, down the street from the historic Clinton Arena. Both sites bring in visitors to the community interested in history, as do several attractions outside of the Zone: Hamilton College's campus, the homes where Grover Cleveland, Elihu Root and Clara Barton lived, and the many Victorian-style homes beautifully decorated at Christmas time. Another historic note is that Clinton is the birthplace of the Bristol-Myers Squibb Company; its original headquarters is marked with a historic plaque on Park Row.

During the many meetings and surveys conducted for the DRI application, people mentioned again and again the availability of so many resources combined with the friendliness found in a small town as the number one reason they love living in Clinton. The many community celebrations and cultural opportunities in an affordable community lured many people to choose Clinton as their home when locating to this area.

In exit interviews of their seniors, Hamilton College has learned the No. 1 priority for graduates is to find a job with a salary that can cover living expenses and student loans. Their close second priority is to find a community with robust social options.

However, in surveys done when those students return for Alumni events, it is found their priorities have shifted to finding communities

with good schools, a variety of and ample supply of housing and access to arts and cultural events. A number of Hamilton College alumni have returned to the area to raise their families; with a choice of settling elsewhere, they have chosen Clinton because of its strong school system, safe environment and social and cultural offerings. For many of the residents, Clinton is a choice. The ability to add more places to live and greatly enhance several of the community's strong assets will lead to others making the same choice.

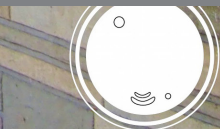
A survey taken of Clinton High School students showed they take pride in their community, especially the support shown for the growth of young adults by endorsing the standards required for Clinton's three schools to be given Blue Ribbon School status.

Clinton remains a small town where people greet each other with a hello and stop to talk while out walking. It is a safe place for teenagers to walk to the library or the Arena after school; during school most of the students in High School take advantage of the district's support of local businesses to allow for students to leave campus during lunch.

Like people everywhere who like a good cup of coffee or ice cream, the downtown area offers those opportunities for people to take a 5 to 10-minute walk to enjoy these. A natural food store also serves the population, as well as people from up to 30 miles away. The selection of restaurants and pubs keeps the downtown area busy well into the evenings.

In its 232nd year, Clinton has managed to keep a small-town quaintness while adapting to the 21st Century. A Historic Preservation Committee of volunteers works with the Village of Clinton government to assist property owners within the Historic District on facade improvements and other exterior changes to be sure they fit into the overall look of downtown. The addition of decorative street lamps in the style that once graced the streets will add to the charm of the village.

Clinton's Village Green sits in the middle of the downtown area and the designated Zone. Much of the Village's community gatherings take place there, including the weekly Farmers Market, the Clinton Rocks auction, the Arts and Music Festival, the KAC 5K, holiday traditions like the Shoppers' Stroll, and the July 4th parade, the Kirkland Town Library's book sale and the Memorial Day tributes to Clintonians who died in service to our country. Informally, the Green and its gazebo become a popular gathering place for Clinton students during their lunch hour and for families to bring children to throw coins in the fountain.



CLINTON CENTRAL SCHOOL COMMUNITY SURVEY

SARA GROH KIRKLAND TOWN LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SCOTT LEONARD CLINTON AREA MINISTERIUM

What makes Clinton special?

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The Village of Clinton, Town of Kirkland and Clinton Central School District have adopted the required policies to ensure no member of the community - either resident or visitor - faces discrimination. That no tolerance of failing to follow these edicts is also molded into the fabric of the community's character.

PUBLIC SUPPORT

February - Local Planning Committee met to identify goals and engagement strategy.

March 25 - Introductory meeting with stakeholders. 45 people in attendance.

April 15 & 22- Stakeholders set up meeting schedule and begin to identify strengths and weaknesses, and potential projects.

April 24 - Public meeting with downtown business owners on potential projects.

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When the idea of winning Hockeyville came up in February 2018 at the centennial celebration of the start of hockey in Clinton, everyone threw full support behind the effort. Clintonians near and far rallied to gather votes to win the national contest. When NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman announced on national television that Clinton, New York had won the belief came, and still remains, that this community can accomplish any goal no matter how big.

That feeling was evident in March when the idea of applying for the DRI came up. We realize we are in a competitive region with many great communities in the Mohawk Valley which could put the \$10 million to good use. We also realized that the joint application by Kirkland and Clinton would be one of the few done entirely by volunteers. Yet, from the start the community support was strong.

For the five Mondays in April between 25 to 45 volunteers met for two hours each time to brainstorm aspects of the DRI application. A separate meeting one night drew 12 business owners. Hamilton College and Clinton High School students shared their insights about the community through surveys. Another survey solicited feedback from adults in the community.

A Clinton, NY DRI gmail was set up to keep everyone informed on developments of the plan. Summaries of meetings were sent to everyone to include people who could not attend. The contact directory reached 70 people, who in turn shared the information with their groups.



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April 27 - Public meeting at Collection Day to garner community support.

April 29 - Downtown Zone stakeholder walk.

April 29 - First ever joint meeting with Town and Village boards. Discussion of DRI application and joint projects.

May 15 - Open house at Kirkland Town Library

April 29 - Project surveys distributed to stakeholders.

April - May - Community Surveys distributed.

An Open House at the Kirkland Town Library allowed people to share their ideas face-to-face. Local Planning Committee members met one-on-one with community groups to explain the DRI and the benefits to the community should Clinton be chosen. A PowerPoint presentation was assembled to show at these gatherings. The excitement of the possibilities of being selected had people discussing the DRI in the grocery store, coffee shop and at school events.

In addition, people attending the meetings were asked to attend the May 17 CFA workshop at SUNY Poly. Ten people did so and their topic choices were coordinated so all 19 workshops could be covered. In June those who attended will meet to share their notes so all information learned can be shared.

And working on the DRI as a community brought about the first-ever joint meeting with the boards of the Village of Clinton and Town of Kirkland. That kind of partnership and willingness to work together without set agendas for the greater good demonstrate that should the Mohawk Valley region select Clinton as its 2019 representative, with the first joint municipality application, there stands a commitment to work together as one entity.

Three months ago none of these ideas existed beyond a hope that maybe someday a way could be found to bring them to life. When people came together and pooled those ideas, and saw how they all connect to make Clinton a stronger place for residents, businesses and visitors, those individual visions melded to become this DRI application. This application truly represents the community's dream.

TRANSFORMATIVE OPPORTUNITIES

As projects were proposed, one of the first questions asked by the Local Planning Committee was how soon could it be ready to go. The ones chosen reflect an ability to start as soon as the DRI grant becomes official.

These projects represent an initial investment of \$34 million. It needs to be noted that those projects that did not make this list are in consideration for completion with the investment raised in this initial phase. For example, the Clinton Fire Department would like to move its main firehouse out of downtown Clinton to a location more centrally located in the town. The department will apply for CFA funding towards a new station with the plan to have the current station be renovated for a micro brewery and retail space.

All projects approved had to meet the following criteria and show benefits that extend into the community at large.

The criteria:

1. Fuel new job creation and adaptive reuse of underutilized building stock
2. Continue to create a sustainable, walkable, diverse community that meets the needs of current and future residents
3. Retain historic charm while modernizing for the future
4. Promote the community's reputation for excellent quality of life, educational offerings and opportunities for artistic expression
5. Build on existing community partnerships to enhance quality of life assets that are accessible to all populations

Tax base increases on the below projects are based on the 2019 overall tax rate of \$67 per assessed \$1,000, with the bulk of that (\$40) for the Clinton Central School District; the remainder is for village, town and county taxes. Property taxes listed are only for the assessment increases through DRI projects and are not reflective of the overall taxes paid on a property.

01

43 COLLEGE STREET

Proposal: Renovations for more living and business space

The owners of this historic building along the Chenango Canal in the village, John and Mimi Fehlner, have done extensive renovations and brought back a business to the community. The remaining space can be renovated for use as commercial space for small businesses. During the many community engagement meetings, a space for home-based businesses to use for meetings and gatherings was seen as a need.

The owners are willing to take on the additional financing to meet the budget gap from DRI funds. In their 45 years of ownership, flooding has been a problem twice. The renovations include landscaping with a berm to address that issue.

Benefits: Repurposes a building along the Chenango Canal for 21st Century use. Opens up business space in Oneida County. Adds to the county tax base

Timeline: Eight months

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$258,900

DRI REQUEST: \$129,450

TAX REVENUE: \$17,346

02

CLINTON CIDER MILL

Proposal: Expand facility to include ADA bathroom and entrance, full kitchen, exterior work and additional parking

The Clinton Cider Mill is one of the community's longest running businesses and a main tourist attraction. With these renovations, the Mill can invite bus tours and increase its business and sales of New York apples, pears and other locally and state-produced foods. With this expansion, 10 to 15 jobs will be created. This would allow the Clinton Cider Mill to become a tourist attraction on scale with Fly Creek Cider Mill in Cooperstown.

Benefits: Bringing in more tourists falls in line with the state's goal of creating and enhancing its tourist destinations. New York's apple suppliers would have an additional market for their goods, as will the numerous local producers who sell their product at the Mill. Oneida County will benefit from additional sales tax revenue.

Timeline: 12 months

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$348,500

DRI REQUEST: \$174,250

TAX REVENUE: \$23,350

03

2 EAST PARK ROW

Proposal: Expansion of existing building to create five apartments and retail space for three or four businesses

The developer has already begun looking for funding applications for owner-support of this project. This project addresses the need for more apartments in the community. The developer already has three businesses interested in the retail space to be created. The developer owns the land and there is adequate parking for the apartments and retail use. The developer estimates job growth of 12-15 through this project.

Benefits: The Mohawk Valley and New York state are working to combat the myth that New York state is not friendly to businesses. By offering space, at a reasonable market rate, specifically to owner-operated small businesses, a counter argument is made.

Timeline: 12 months

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$3.121 M
DRI REQUEST: \$1,560,500
TAX REVENUE: \$209,107

04

CLINTON/KIRKLAND/ HAMILTON COLLEGE SEWER SERVICE AREA

Proposal: Addresses the need for improvements to the system to handle both existing infrastructure and new development as proposed by this DRI application

Parts of the system are over 100 years old and require increased lines to handle capacity. Without this project, any new development proposed cannot be take in on the existing lines. This project also reflects the cooperation and partnerships found in the community, with the three entities working together for the benefit of the entire community.

Benefits: Provides a stronger infrastructure that will greatly reduce the need for maintenance budgeting each year. This will allow the Town and Village to improve other services under the annual tax cap formula.

Timeline: 12 - 24 months

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$4 M
DRI REQUEST: \$656,000
TAX REVENUE: N/A

05

KIRKLAND TRAILS

Proposal: Link with the southern Chenango Canal Trail System and the northern Erie Canal Trail with trails, spurs and a pedestrian bridge through town and village

In the community meetings, surveys and the walkabout, the lack of safe passage through the town and village on foot or bicycle was noted. These trails address that need, as well as act as an economic spark to bring people to the area.

Benefits: As has been seen with the successful communities along the Erie Canal Trail system's waterways and trail, a recreational outlet brings people into a community who in turn spend money in a variety of ways. While the property taxes will not see a direct benefit, those who own properties along this project will see an increase in market-value of their homes through the additional of walkways and sidewalks.

Timeline: 12 months for trails, 24 months for pedestrian bridge

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$828,779
DRI REQUEST: \$500,000
TAX REVENUE: N/A

06

KIRKLAND ART CENTER

Proposal: Add a full kitchen and exterior improvements

This addresses needed work on the building and a way to bring in more revenue for this non-profit. Once these projects are in place and bringing in revenue, the KAC Board of Directors has established a Phase 2 project to renovate the barn for two apartments to create an Artist in Residency program. The KAC sees 5,500 people participate at its classes and events each year; this addition will add to that audience.

Benefits: The Kirkland Art Center draws in artists and audience from throughout the Mohawk Valley. With the Munson-Williams-Proctor Art Institute and Pratt College of Art and Design 20 minutes away, the KAC works as another element to grow the local artist community.

Timeline: 18-24 months

**TOTAL PROJECT COST:
\$500,000**
DRI REQUEST: \$275,000
TAX REVENUE: \$33,500

07

TOWNHOUSE APARTMENTS

Proposal: Build 30-unit apartment building

This project would be done by local developers on property at the north end of the Zone. The developers have a proven track record of running well-kept apartments in the area. The land had been looked at previously by a developer who chose not to build. This project would make use of underutilized 5 acres.

Benefits: The developer estimates 100 construction jobs will be required for this project. The developer also plans to utilize solar and geo-thermal energy for this project.

Timeline: 18 months

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$7.5 M
DRI REQUEST: \$2 M
TAX REVENUE: \$502,500

08

CLINTON POOL

Proposal: Renovate pool and clubhouse for longer seasonal use, make both ADA compliant and open facility up to use by Clinton Central School sports teams

These renovations would greatly enhance the use of this facility. It would also open it for use by people unable to access both the clubhouse and pool due to physical limitations. This also serves as an example of community partnerships by having the Clubhouse available for bathroom facilities and a concession stand for those attending games at the adjacent Clinton Central School sports fields. Last year the pool had 7,000 visitors. Revenue generated from additional use will go towards a Phase 2 project to add a splash-pad.

Benefits: Clinton is one of the few communities in Oneida County with a public outdoor pool. Last year several neighboring communities sent their Summer Rec children to the pool for Learn to Swim lessons.

Timeline: 18 months

TOTAL PROJECT COST:
\$700,000
DRI REQUEST: \$350,000
TAX REVENUE: N/A

09

CLINTON ARENA

Proposal: Repair the roof, open the inner ceiling to expose the rafters (as done in the past), expand to add a girls locker room, community use room and a New York State Hockey Museum

This work is all necessary to keep this historic building maintained and in compliance with 21st Century requirements and use. The Museum would be an additional draw for tourists who come to the Arena because of the Hockeyville title and would be another reason to come to Clinton. This year a number of visitors from outside the Mohawk Valley stopped at the Arena to visit the only Hockeyville in the Northeast. The addition of a Museum dedicated to New York state's rich hockey history would enhance the visitor experience and fall under the goals of increasing tourism in New York state. The Local Hockeyville Committee has already started raising the remaining \$2 million for work required.

Benefits: This will significantly increase the reason for tourists to visit the Clinton Arena and the Mohawk Valley. When the Stanley Cup came during the Hockeyville Winning Weekend celebration, about 5,000 people viewed this iconic trophy. Many of those people drove two to four hours for the experience. New York state does not have a museum dedicated to hockey and given the popularity of others, we believe this will be a successful tourism endeavor.

Timeline: 24 months

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$4 M
DRI REQUEST: \$2 M
TAX REVENUE: N/A



10

70-ROOM HOTEL

Proposal: Build a 70-room hotel connected with a reputable chain

One of the needs identified in the community engagement process was having places to stay in Clinton. Hamilton College alone brings in about 10,000 prospective students and families to tour the campus and area each year. These people now stay outside of the community and often outside of Oneida County. The nearest hotel is 10 miles from the college.

This project would answer that need and provide 54 construction jobs and 20 to 25 permanent jobs in the community. In addition, it would add about \$500,000 to the tax base at 2019 rates as well as significant increases in sales and bed tax revenue. The developer estimates a proposed annual customer reach of 12,775 room nights at 50% occupancy.

Timeline: 10 months from groundbreaking to completion

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$8.4 M
DRI REQUEST: \$4.2 M
TAX REVENUE: \$478,000

11

STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS

Proposal: Add bike racks, decorative street lamps, benches and planters to downtown

These will enhance the overall enjoyment and use of downtown Clinton. Funds from the Hamilton Town-Gown Fund could be used as match. Per the Town's Master Plan, work should continue to expand streetscape improvements that are in character with the historic village center, including sidewalks, street trees, and pedestrian scale lighting.

Timeline: 6 months

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$150,000
DRI REQUEST: \$75,000
TAX REVENUE: N/A

12

BUSINESS FUND

Proposal: Create a grant program for local businesses to make facade and infrastructure improvements

A number of business owners who participated in the community engagement meetings said their needs were in the \$20,000 to \$50,000 range. This fund would assist those owners with making the improvements necessary to keep their structures in use

Property tax revenue: Based on property value appraisals after improvements

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$500,000
DRI REQUEST: \$500,000
TAX REVENUE: N/A

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HOCKEYVILLE TROLLEY

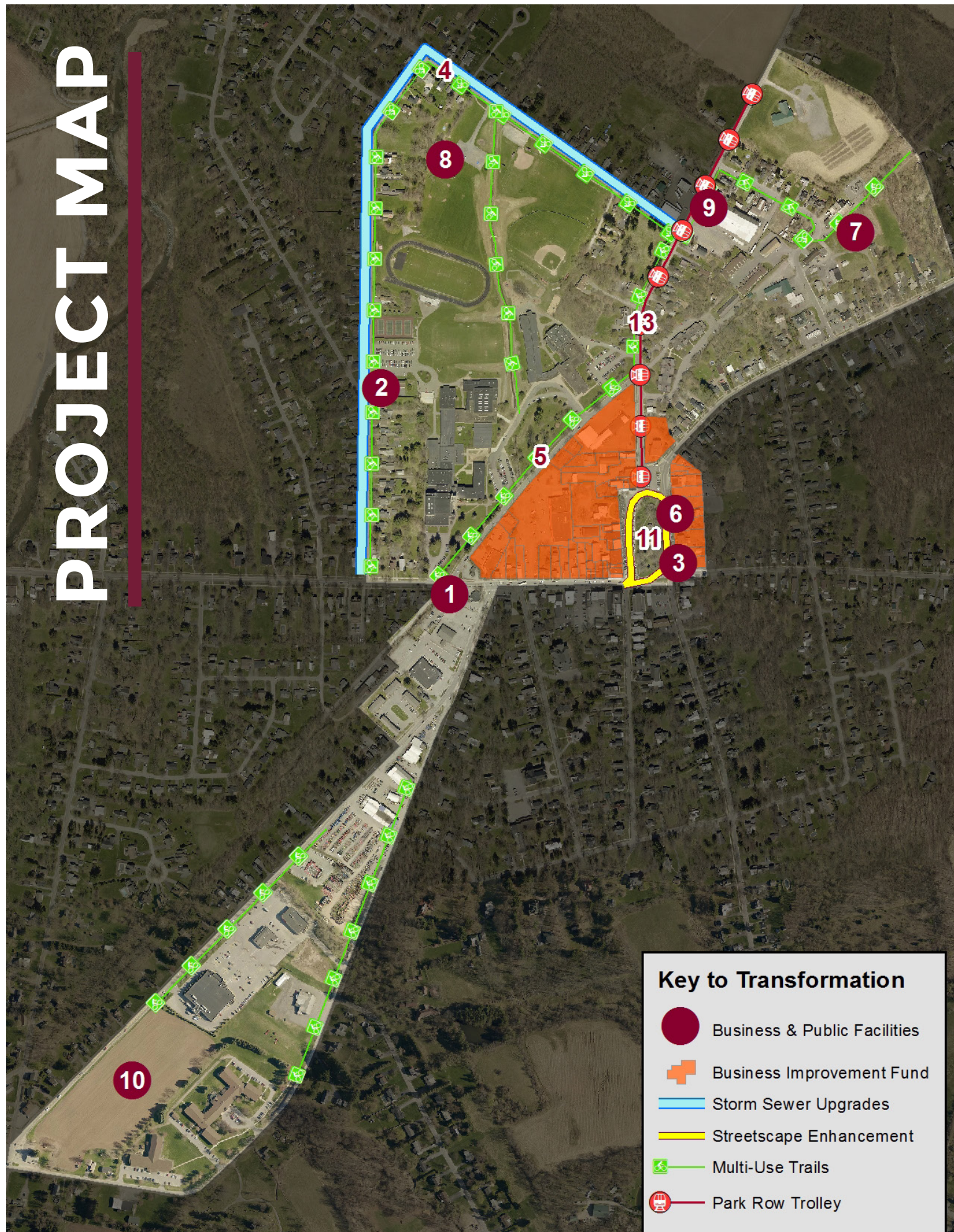
Proposal: Purchase a 14-passenger electric-powered, handicapped accessible trolley for use during special events

Parking during special events was identified as something to be addressed. Given that there are parking lots available outside of the downtown walkable area, which has limited parking, the trolley was proposed to shuttle people from the available lots. The cost reflects a new vehicle with the option of a lift for wheelchairs. Hamilton College, the Kirkland Art Center, Clinton Historical Society, Kirkland Town Library and Kirkland Seniors would have use of the trolley as needed for their events.

Timeline: 4 months

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$120,000
DRI REQUEST: \$60,000
TAX REVENUE: N/A

PROJECT MAP



DRI FUNDING REQUESTED

Project		Total Cost	DRI Request
1.	43 College Street	\$258,900	\$129,450
2.	Cider Mill - 28 Elm Street	\$348,500	\$174,250
3.	2 East Park Row	\$3,121,000	\$1,560,500
4.	Clinton Sewer Service Area	\$4,000,000	\$656,000
5.	Trails and Sidewalks	\$828,779	500,000
6.	Kirkland Art Center	\$500,000	\$275,000
7.	Townhouses	\$7,500,000	\$2,000,000
8.	Clinton Pool	\$700,000	\$350,000
9.	Clinton Arena	\$4,000,000	\$2,000,000
10.	Hotel	\$8,400,000	\$4,200,000
11.	Streetscape Improvements	\$150,000	\$75,000.00
12.	Business Fund	\$500,000	\$500,000
13.	Trolley	\$120,000	\$60,000
		\$30,427,179	\$12,480,200

KELLY BLAZOSKY ONEIDA COUNTY TOURISM

Our support for this initiative stems from what we see as opportunity to further build on recent investments in the Clinton Arena, new bed & breakfast facilities, a new winery, as well as Clinton's national recognition and official designation as a Kraft Hockeyville USA town in 2018. DRI investment in Clinton/Kirkland would create transformative and positive change. Clinton/Kirkland has tremendous potential to capitalize on its small-town charm, walkable downtown, anchor institutions and cultural heritage.

ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITY

Pooling the resources of the Town of Kirkland and Village of Clinton will ensure that the state will have full access to all aspects of working with those involved with the grant. In addition to the municipal representatives, members of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce, Clinton Arena, Clinton Historic Preservation Committee and downtown business owners will continue to serve on an advisory committee. That committee will include members of the LPC as well. The municipalities will request that Mohawk Valley EDGE continue to be involved as consultants.

In addition, given the importance of establishing a single-point of contact for the state and developers, the Village and Town will provide through various funding sources money to hire someone whose primary role is to be the DRI liaison with all involved. The Town and Village believe efficient and timely coordination with partners must be a priority to eliminate delays on all aspects moving forward.

While made up entirely of volunteers, the LPC reflects a range of community organizations and interests. That comes from their professional contributions to the community and as community residents. They worked closely with the Mayor, Town Supervisor and members of their respective boards in garnering community and municipal input.



LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

David Burns: President, The Burns Agency, celebrating its 100th year in business

Garry Colarusso: Town of Kirkland councilman

Chad Davis: Oneida County legislator

Ben Fehlner: Village of Clinton trustee

Corrine Gates: Owner, Krizia Martin, downtown store

Dr. Stephen Grimm: Superintendent, Clinton Central School District

Gillian King: Chief of Staff and Secretary to the Board of Trustees, Hamilton College

George Kuckel: Retired Sales and Marketing Executive

John Lauchert: Chief Financial Officer, Horizon

Patty Louise: Publisher, The Waterville Times

Patti Maxam: Assistant to the Town Supervisor, Town of Kirkland

Jennifer Waters: Vice President, Business Development and Communications,
Mohawk Valley EDGE

Jackie Walters: Executive Director, Clinton Chamber of Commerce

Donna Yando: Town of Kirkland councilwoman

DRI COMMUNITY 2019

Clinton is recognized as one of the best communities in the Mohawk Valley. Its proximity to Utica, several colleges and affordable living make it a desirable place to live. The average time a house remains for sale is 30 days. Its Blue Ribbon school system, choices for recreation and array of restaurants and cultural activities draw in a number of people who want to call Clinton their home to raise their families.

But when the community was asked to look at the Clinton community with a critical eye to see what can be done to become even better, people responded with a positive approach. These carefully culled potential DRI projects reflect the community's idea of what can propel Clinton to be a stronger community that benefits its residents, businesses and visitors for decades to come.

In particular, these projects add to the community's accessibility through additional ADA compliant facilities, through the safety created by trails for people to walk and ride their bikes, giving girls at the Arena a locker room and solving the issues of lack of parking and living quarters through expansion and a trolley. Funding through this DRI would remove barriers for everyone to live, work and visit this community.

As a small community whose business strength is locally owned and operated, and mindful of keeping property taxes within reason for all

residents, Clinton simply does not have the funds to start this sort of transformation. If the community supported one of these projects, the three to five years required to raise the funds would prohibit any of the other projects from starting. After learning more about the DRI and its goals, we believe Clinton is exactly the type of community the governor had in mind when creating this economic development support.

The state's belief that this is a community with the ability to contribute more would be an investment in Oneida County, the Mohawk Valley and the State of New York with far-reaching benefits.

In September 1953 the original Clinton Arena burned in a fire that destroyed the rink, but not the community's spirit. Four months to the day later, the doors opened on a new Clinton Arena after the community came together and raised money to replace their community treasure. That spirit of working hard to make the community better remains today, as does the Arena that opened in 1954.

As we have observed with those 30 communities chosen in the first three years of the DRI, the state's trust in those communities have spurred others to bring their ideas of growth to those places. Clinton, New York is prepared to follow that high standard of success by representing the Mohawk Valley as the 2019 DRI community.



POTENTIAL PROJECTS WERE ASKED TO SUBMIT DRI REQUEST PROPOSALS. THE COMMITTEE THEN NARROWED THE SUBMISSIONS TO 13 FINAL PROJECTS AND IDENTIFIED APPROPRIATE LEVELS OF DRI FUNDING WITH PROJECT APPLICANTS. THE 10 BUSINESS/PUBLIC FACILITIES PROJECTS THAT WERE CHOSEN ARE CONTAINED HEREIN.

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2019 Clinton DRI Request for Project Consideration

Project Name: 43 College Street

Submitted by: John and Mimi Fehlner

Name of Person Filling Out Application: John and Mimi Fehlner

Company/Organization Representing: 43 College Street

Address: 43 College Street

Contact information: Clintoncidermill1@gmail.com; clintoncidermill@gmail.com

Overview

43 College Street, built in 1844 as a warehouse on the historic Chenango canal and later flanked on the north side by the railroad. The property is now a mixed use building located in the heart of the Village of Clinton. The property was purchased by the Fehlners in 1974, and has been home to a number of small businesses along that time line.

In 2018 the Fehlners did extensive renovations to the downstairs of the original warehouse. The space was converted into 9 offices complete with Cat2 internet, energy efficient HVAC , and complete LED lighting. In the process of adding the modern touches, the character of the structure, including the original wood floors, stone basement walls and wooden support beams were kept as representative of the historic beauty of the structure. A number of items used to build the original structure and many of the materials used in improvements over the decades, were kept and reused in trimming the interior of the structure. i.e. original wooded walls were repurposed as window sills and window jams.

There currently are two apartments, a lodging suite, a 9 room office suite and an additional 1400 square foot indoor with another 1000 square foot attached outdoor space in need of development.

The current owner feels the best use for this undeveloped space would be restaurant , additional lodging or offices.

The current office spaces and the lodging space have been recently updated and need little improvement.

The apartments are in good condition but need improvements to the insulation as well as cooling and heating upgrades. Minor cosmetic improvements and upgrades, including kitchen appliances should also be considered.

The main property requires completion of blacktop paving. A new roof on the oldest and front part of the main building are needed. If results of a sustainability study reflect savings as a result of a solar system, then a solar panel network on the main building would be beneficial. A new hedge row to replace the existing and rundown fencing along the bank side of the building are needed. A decorative berm along the backside and bankside of the building should be erected to diffuse excessive rain water run off caused by the blacktop surfaces of the neighboring properties. The current lodging building will be in need of a new roof in the next year.

The Project:

Renovation expense (not including industry specific costs) for 1400 square foot area: \$100,000.

Insulation replacement expense: \$19,000.

HVAC upgrades expense: \$25,000.

Cosmetic upgrade costs: \$4,300

Completion of Black top driveway paving: \$18,500

Building roof: \$17,000

Solar System:\$ 32,000

Hedge Row \$2,900

Decorative Berm: \$6,200

Lodging roof: \$3,000

TOTAL COST OF PROJECT: \$227,900

Bank financing would be sought for \$50,000. Fine tuning of all estimates would be needed before start of the project.

Economic Impact

This project would provide the use of the underutilized and currently non remodeled portion of the main building. Timetable for completion would be approximately 8 months from beginning to end of project. Depending on the determination of occupancy of new tenant for the currently underutilized portion of the building, the project will add between 3 and 25 full and part time employees. An increase in local and state sales tax revenue will also be a benefit of the development.

The Project would be an immediate enhancement to the already attractive and popular Kirkland area. The additional business will create a roll over effect to other business in the area.

2019 Clinton DRI Request for Project Consideration

Project Name:

Submitted by: John and Mimi Fehlner

Name of Person Filling Out Application: John and Mimi Fehlner

Company/Organization Representing: Clinton Cider Mill

Address: 28 Elm Street

Contact information: Clintoncidermill1@gmail.com; clintoncidermill@gmail.com

Overview

Built in 1927, the Clinton Cider Mill, located at 28 Elm Street, is the longest continuously operating cider mill in Oneida county. The cider press is 127 years old, having been moved to the Elm Street location from Madison county, N.Y. The Mill currently employs 12-14 full and part time employees, serving over 6,000 customers monthly.

Aside from being one of the most frequented tourist attractions in the county, the Mill is also a gathering spot for college students, seniors and children of all ages. During its 92 years the Mill has become a place for celebrating weddings, graduations, birthdays and other family gatherings. Grade school, high school and college teachers find the Mill a place to share a piece of American history by touring and holding informative sessions with their students.

In purchasing the Cider Mill in 1998, the Fehlners became the second family to own and operate this treasure. The Mill was listed in Saveur magazine in 2001, as one of the 100 most interesting places in the United States to visit.

The following list represents the improvements, repairs and expansions that will increase future sales and maintain the historic values and continued successful operation of the Mill.

The Project:

Painting of Mill exterior: \$18,000

Repaving of the driveway: \$17,000

The Mill is currently not a suggested stop on a number of tourism tours as it does not have necessary bathroom facilities to accommodate such visits.

Expansion of Mill footprint of 1600 square feet to include a kitchen, ADA compliant bathroom, storage and office space :\$192,000

Kitchen equipment \$42,000

Remaining portion of roof to be finished; {25% remains original in 1977 addition) \$12,000

Solar Panels, if deemed financially beneficial after study: \$35,000

TOTAL PROJECTED COSTS:\$316,000

Bank financing will be sought for \$75,000.

Economic Impact

Permission from Clinton Central School for a variance to build the new portion of the structure. Discussion has begun.

Project can be finished in 12 months start to finish.

Although the Clinton Cider Mill is already a very active tourism destination, these mentioned improvements will increase the number of customer visits, add 10 to 15 new staff members, and increase the sales tax revenue.

3 2019 Clinton DRI Request for Project Consideration

Project Name: 2 East Park Row Re-Development

Submitted by:

Name of Person Filling Out Application: James P O’Brien IV

Company/Organization Representing: OB Properties Group, LLC

Address: 2 East Park Row, Clinton NY 13323

Contact information: 315-569-0506

Overview

Provide a description of the business/organization, including the role it fulfills in the Clinton community, number of annual customers/people reached and jobs provided. If this is a new project, provide estimates.

OB Properties Group is a single member LLC which owns and manages 2 properties within the community of Clinton, NY. The property addresses are as follows:

2 East Park Row
Clinton, NY 13323

19 Robinson Rd
Clinton, NY 13323

Both properties are 100% occupied at this time; 2 East Park Row currently has 3 residential aptments (1 two bedroom and 2 one-bedroom) and 1 commecial office. 19 Robinson Rd is leased by Building Blocks who employees approximatley 100 healthcare professional throughout New York State and is owned and operated by the same proprieter of OB Properties Group, LLC.



The Project:

With respect to the property at 2 East Park Row it’s my intention to renovate and add new contruction to the east side (back of building) of the property which faces Kellogg Street (concept attached hereto) as mixed-use re-development. As planned, the project will include 5 new residential units and 3 exisiting (5 two –bedroom, 2 one-bedroom and 1 efficiancy/loft apartment) nearly 4,500 square feet of comercial space and a parking lot. Construction and professional expenses are estimated to be \$3.2 million with a breakdown of hard and soft expenses listed below.

Item	Expense
Estimated building expense (new construction)	\$2,340,000
Estimated Re-development expense (existing bldg.)	\$225,000
Professional fees (Architect, Engineer, Legal)	\$332,000
Contingency fee	\$152,000
Inflation	\$72,000
Total :	\$3,121,000

The residential units are expected to be occupied by households with annual incomes of \$75,000 and up. These new housholds will generate additional spending in the Village of Clinton which will generate new economic activity and tax revenue in the village. The commercial space will be divided between a variety of different uses. Office/personal services will occupy approximatley 1,250 square feet along with a variety of retail for the reamaider of the space. Similar to the spending associated with the residents of the building, economic activity in the commercial space will be new to the neighborhood to the extennt that it can attaract shoppers/diners that would have spent their money in other areas.

Economic Impats of Construction:

Construction of the mixed-use building is expected to cost \$3.2 million, inclusive of the residential, commercial and parking portions. The project will occur over a 6 month to 1 year period. This construction activity will generate additional jobs and activity in the surrounding area. These impacts occur as construction compaines employees spend their earnings in the local economy from being onsite as well as the construction and property companies purchases of materials/supplies. It can be assumed that the majoirty of the impact will be felt in the village, however some impacts will be felt in other parts of the surrounding area. These impacts are temporary, as the building reaches completion, this impact will diminish.

Potential Expenditures of Residential Tenants

For all the residents it’s assumed that each will be occupied by couples with no children. Table 1 displays annual household expeditures for a household earning just under \$75,000 annually with the largest expenditures for all are housing and transportaton. Categories that are most likely to contain spending in the local neighborhood include food , apparel and services, entertainment, personal care and education. Education spending was the largest spending component rise over 2016 followed by entertainment according to the *Consumer Expenditure Survey, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, September 2017.*

Table 1. Potential Expenditure Patterns of Residential Tenants

	Household
Income before taxes	\$73,573
Average annual expenditures	\$60,060
Food	
Food at home	4,363
Food away from home	3,365
Housing	\$19,884
Apparel & Services	\$1,833
Transportation	\$9,576
Healthcare	\$4,928
Entertainment	\$3,208
Personal care products & services	\$762
Education	\$1,491
Personal Insurance & Pensions	\$6,771
All other expenditures	\$2,010

Source: Consumer Expenditure Survey, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, September 2017

Table 2 displays total potential annual expenditures of residential building occupants. These figures are obtained by multiplying the average expenditures in Table 1 by the number of units in the proposed building. Total expenditures per year equate to over \$400,000.

Table 2. Potential Aggregate Expenditures of Residential Tenants

	Household (8 Units)
Average annual expenditures	\$407,337
Food	
Food at home	\$30,541
Food away from home	\$23,555
Housing	\$139,188
Apparel & Services	\$12,831
Transportation	\$67,032
Healthcare	\$34,496
Entertainment	\$22,456
Personal care products & services	\$5,334
Education	\$10,437
Personal Insurance & Pensions	\$47,397
All other expenditures	\$14,070

Source: Consumer Expenditure Survey, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, September 2017

Potential Sales of Commercial Tenants

It’s planned to break up 4,000 square feet (s.f.) of retail space into 5 spaces. Table 3 illustrates 3 retail stores, one café/restaruant and one craft brewery/taproom and their potential sales and payroll according to BizStats.com. Stores in personal care, health and women’s clothing sectors would be our target to fulfil the retail spaces as they tend to be the best performers as it relates to sales according to BizStats.com. With that said, all store types will be considered and we currently have interest from three different sectors.

1. Personal Care
2. Food & Beverage
3. Craft Brewery/Taproom

Total potential sales at the retailers and restaurants could be in excess of \$1.2 million annually. Employees of the businesses would be expected to earn approximatley \$420,000 and it’s assumed a portion of their earnings would go right back into our local economy.

Table 3. Potential Sales of Commercial Teneants

	Size (s.f.)	Sales/s.f	Gross Sales	Payroll
Personal Care & Health	800	\$400	\$320,000	123,616
Clothing - Womens	800	\$300	\$240,000	\$57,888
General Merchandise	800	\$200	\$160,000	\$24,048
Craft Brewery/Taproom	800	\$350	\$280,000	\$108,164
Restaurant/Café/Bakery	800	\$350	\$280,000	\$108,164

Source: BizStats.com

Summary

The proposed mixed-use re-development in the Village of Clinton will impact the economy of the neighborhood. The goal will be to attract new retail and residential tenants. Once completed, residential tenants potentially could spend over \$400,000 annually in our community. Sales of potential retail tenants could exceed \$1 million dollars with employees earning over \$400,000. It's also assumed these tenants an employees would spend a portion of their earnings right here in Clinton. The Town and Village would increase revenue through property taxes and the redevelopment may also spark interest on the adjacent corner due to increase foot traffic making the South East corner of the green a new center for commerce. In addition, this has the potential to create/bring 30 – 40 new job opportunities to the community dependent on the type of business that occupies the retail space.

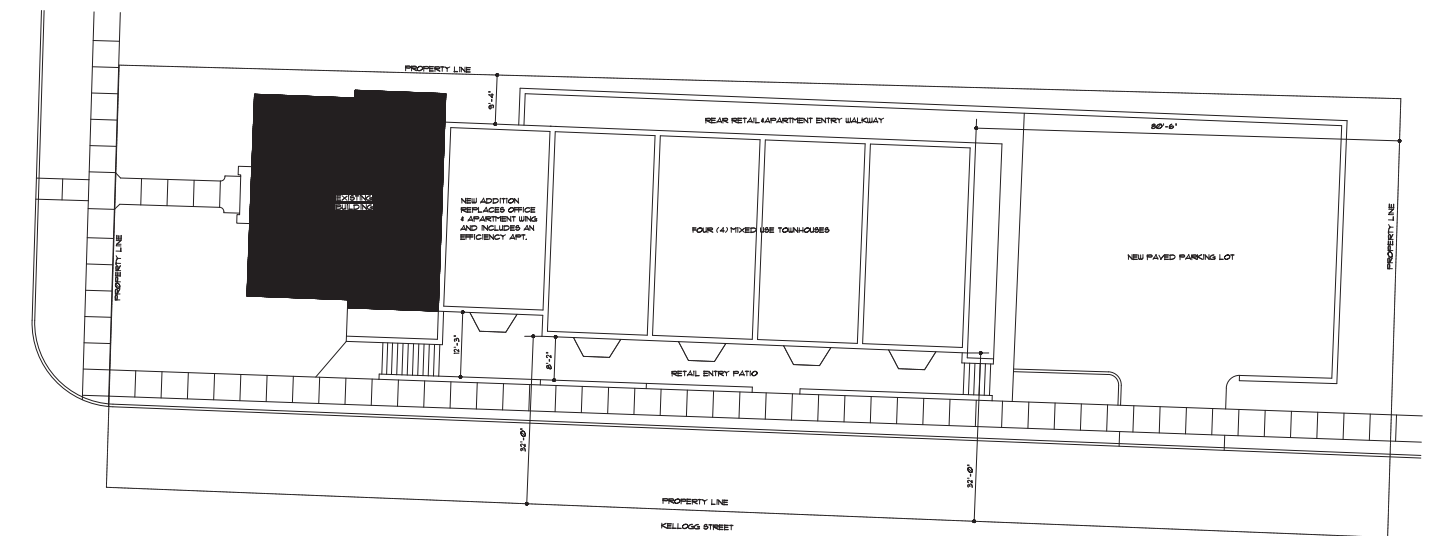
To finance this venture conventionally would require rents that would price the building out of the market and not be desirable to retailers/tenants. A project of this size with the current market conditions, taxes and general overhead would be diffiucut to provide a return on investment, but with financial assistance from the Downtown Revitilization Initiative (DRI) grant it can provide a significant impact in our community while providing the neccesary monies to keep the property operational and in great shape to continue to attract tenants and retailers for years to come.

I am requesting 85% of the total cost to be funded by the Downtown Revitailization Intitiave (DRI) grant, the remaining balance would be financed through my business lender.

Steps that still need to be completed:

1. Meet with village/town to get concept approved.
2. Obtain architect to design addition (Design and build will take approximatley 1 year)
3. Obtain quotes from contractors
4. Secure a bridge loan to cover expenses during construction
5. Secure financing for balance not covered by grant
6. Break gorund

Thank your for your time and consideration. I look forward to the next steps in this process.



2 E. PARK ROW, CLINTON, NY

4 2019 Clinton DRI Request for Project Consideration

Project Name:

Submitted by: **Clinton Sewer Service Area (CSSA)**
Name of Person Filling Out Application: Thomas Firsching
Company/Organization Representing: CSSA
Address: Lumbard Hall, Clinton NY 13323
Contact information: Thomas Firsching - tpfirsching@gmail.com

Overview

The CSSA is a group consisting of the Village of Clinton, Town of Kirkland and the Hamilton College Sewer District. The three entities have an agreement for the operation and maintenance of the Clinton Waste Water Treatment Plant as well as the main interceptor lines feeding the plant. The plant along with the collection system are components of critical infrastructure serving the entire community. This critical infrastructure is in constant need of repair and maintenance to insure reliable service for its user base.

The DRI zone contains a number of areas of concern in the Collection Systems for both Waste Water and Storm Sewer service. Parts of the system are over 100 years old and newest area is pushing 50. As it is with many systems as they age the issue of Infiltration/Inflow (I/I) into the lines is a major problem. Most of this is from infiltration of groundwater into the aging pipes, but illegal hookups of roof drains and sump pumps may also be contributors. This increases the volume of sewage, which decreases the efficiency of treatment and requires the plant to use more energy to pump and treat, as well as cause sewage volumes to exceed the plant's design capacity during wet weather events. We would suggest that any measures to reduce I/I anywhere in the system would be of great benefit to the DRI zone and the community as a whole.

The Project(s)

Ongoing inspections conducted on the Collection System are used to reveal areas within the DRI zone where the sewers are damaged and need to be addressed in order to mitigate Infiltration/Inflow (I/I). The data is collected using robotic video cameras in sewer lines along with manual inspection of the many manholes.

The inspection data which has already been collected in the DRI zone can be used to identify and prioritize areas where resources should be allocated to get the best return on the investment made.

Project areas within the DRI include:

- 1: Norton Avenue / Elm Street Interceptor line repair. (CSSA)
 - (a) Norton's 21" interceptor from Kirkland to Elm showed 5 defects of Grade 3 (likely to fail within 20 years) or worse and a 6th on the 30" portion just 20 feet past Elm. Repairs would primarily involve installing cure-in-place lining to seal the damaged pipe and grouting around joints and taps.
 - (b) The 21" interceptor along Elm (a.k.a. Hamilton College Interceptor) showed 2 defects of Grade 3 or worse, both near its connection to the Norton Avenue interceptor.
 - (c) Note that of the Hamilton College Interceptor that runs along College from Cleveland to Elm (18" diameter) showed 5 defects of Grade 3 or worse. While this area is adjacent to the DRI area, it would be a tremendous benefit to CSSA to make these repairs at the same time.
- 2: Village/Town Collection System repair. (Village/Town)
 - (a) The 10" sewer line on Norton Avenue that runs parallel to the above 21" interceptor from Kirkland to McBride Street, has one Grade 4 defect (a.k.a. "a gusher" that is likely to fail within 5-10 years).

(b) The 8" sewer running under the Clinton House Apartments complex to its connection to the 8" sewer on Kirkland Avenue has at least seven Grade 4 defects (failure in 5-10 years) and one Grade 5 defect (failure in less than 5 years).

(c) The 8" sewer line that extends from a manhole near the west bank of Sherman Brook about 1,000 feet to McBride Avenue and on to Kirkland Avenue is very flat and also has sagged, causing its flow capacity to be severely reduced and leading to periodic sewer backups, thereby limiting potential development of the unused properties along this route.

3: System-wide rehabilitation.

(a): Manholes in the zone should be inspected and if necessary rebuilt using solid grade rings (to replace failing brick buildups) and lined with cementitious coating. Also, frames and covers on manholes located within the 100-year flood plain and in areas where storm drainage problems exist should be inspected for adequate seal and refurbished or replaced with watertight covers (or dish inserts should be installed).

(b): Develop and implement plans for investigating and correcting illegal sewer connections from roof leaders, sump pumps, foundation drains, etc.

(c): Develop and implement plans for investigating, inspecting, and repairing or replacing defective service laterals. It is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain the service lateral to the street. Setting up a funding mechanism to incentivize residential property owners to inspect and take corrective actions may result in reduced sewer flows, better treatment and corresponding cost savings.

Project costing summary:

1: Interceptor Line Work \$ 202,000.00

(a) 115,000.00

(b) 15,000.00

(c) 72,000.00

2: Village Line Work: \$ 356,000.00

(a) 15,000.00

(b) 81,000.00

(c) 260,000.00

3: System Wide projects: \$ 98,000.00

(a) 33,000.00

(b) 15,000.00

(c) 50,000.00 (Grant Fund)

\$ 656,000.00



Estimated Total cost of the project	\$656,000.00
Amount requested from DRI:	\$656,000.00
Other funding sources:	Water and Sewer Rate Payers
Steps needed prior to project being started:	Review/Update Engineering Report for Zone
Does this project provide use for underutilized space?	Yes – Mitigating current I/I impacts on the WWTP operations will free up treatment capacity for future development within the DRI. Also, improving the sewer described in item 2.c above will allow for development of unused properties in the affected area. It should also be noted that exceeding the permitted plant limits may result in the State mandating changes that will include a moratorium on building.
Timeline for completion:	12 to 24 months
Partnerships served with other groups in the community:	Village of Clinton, Town of Kirkland, Hamilton College Sewer District.
Will the project include energy sustainability elements?	Reduction of Infiltration/Inflow will increase the efficiency of the Treatment Plant, reduce consumption of energy and chemicals, and improve protection of the environment, particularly Oriskany Creek



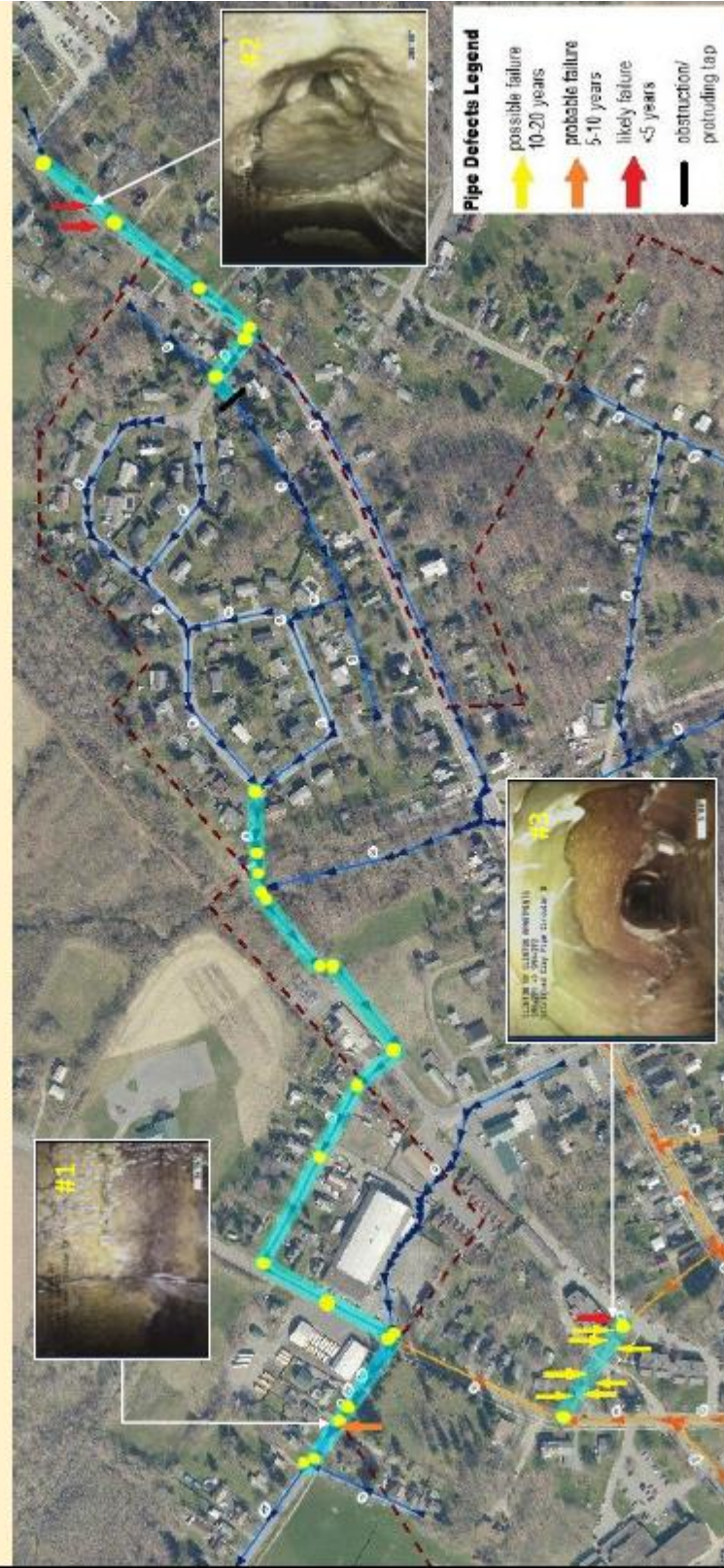
Economic Impact

Critical infrastructure including water and sewer services are hidden pieces in the puzzle that make for a vibrant and successful community. And while water and sewer services are often overlooked and taken for granted by the public at large, their impact on a community’s economy and strength cannot be overstated. The ability of a community to provide these critical services, to maintain and improve its infrastructure, are the foundation for not only economic progress but also for maintaining and improving the quality of life for the entire community and its residents. “Build it and they will come, maintain it and they will stay, improve it and they will prosper” [1]

[1] Anonymous (2019)

Clinton House Apartment Line Defects

FIGURE 6
SHED #1 OBSERVED PIPE DEFECTS



Representative manhole in need of repair.



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2019 Clinton DRI Request for Project Consideration

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Project Name: TRAILS and SIDEWALKS

Submitted by: Kirkland Trails

Name of Persons Filling Out Application:

Sharon Williams, Chip Bassett, Nick Heintz, Jim Bramley

Company/Organization Representing: Kirkland Trails

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Clinton, NY 13323

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Overview

Kirkland Trails is a volunteer, community-based, non-profit organization in the Town of Kirkland, NY, founded in January, 2018. Our mission statement:

“Kirkland Trails seeks to develop a network of connected multi-use trails, paths and bike lanes in the Town of Kirkland, NY, to provide our community and the greater Mohawk Valley with safe routes for recreation and transportation and the opportunity to learn about local history and the natural environment.”

Our initial goal is to serve the population of the Village of Clinton (1,942 in 2010) and the Town of Kirkland (10,315 in 2010), as well as the 1850 students here at Hamilton College and residents of the greater Mohawk Valley region. We hope eventually to link our trails to the nearby Erie Canalway and Empire State Trail, thereby serving visitors from throughout New York State, the United States and abroad. We anticipate that this will have a significant economic impact on our community as there are ample data showing that trails benefit local economies in a variety of ways.

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The Project: Our project includes four proposals:

Proposal 1

1A) Extend street-side sidewalks in the Village of Clinton and contiguous Town of Kirkland. We propose constructing standard width (4ft.) asphalt sidewalks in the following locations:

- Along the northern section of Elm Street to the junction with Norton Avenue
- Then east along Norton Avenue until reaching the end of the existing sidewalk near the Jack Boynton Pool and school athletic fields.
- Along the entire length of McBride Avenue from Kirkland Avenue until reaching the end of the existing sidewalk on Taylor Avenue.
- Along the west side of Meadow Street, extending the present sidewalk until reaching the shopping plaza on the opposite side of the street.
- A sidewalk or clearly marked designated pedestrian/bike lane along Franklin Avenue from Prospect Street until reaching the existing sidewalk near the Clinton Manor and Mohawk Valley Apartment complexes.

These sidewalks would be constructed by the Town of Kirkland Highway Department providing in-kind service, as discussed with highway superintendent Jon Scott. This in-kind labor will greatly decrease the overall costs.

See **APPENDIX A** for details.

1B) We also propose, in collaboration with the Clinton Central School District, to create asphalt trails/sidewalks (8ft. width) on the school campus to facilitate access by students and community members crossing it. Three trails would intersect at the recently installed metal truss bridge near the elementary school playground which spans the small creek running north-south across the athletic fields area. The trails would be:

- 1) Parallel to the creek on its west side from Norton Avenue near the swimming pool.
- 2) From the Elm Street parking lot along the back of the bleachers then eastward to the bridge
- 3) From the traffic circle in front of the elementary school northward along the east side of the creek between it and the elementary school.

See **APPENDIX B** for details. It is expected that the CCS will contribute towards the costs of this project.

Proposal 2

Develop a trailhead park at the intersection of College Street and Chenango Avenue North in collaboration with the private owners of the property, who are submitting a separate proposal. The park would serve as a focal point and information center for residents and visitors; it also would serve as the trailhead for the Chenango Canal Trail multi-use walking and biking trail extending north and eventually south. Amenities and bike accessories would include:

- Kiosk with two-sided, weather-proof signage describing the trail and canal history, and providing a local business map and directory. Images and text would be developed in conjunction with the Clinton Historical Society.
- Benches
- Drinking fountain
- Bicycle racks
- Bicycle repair station

See **APPENDIX C** for details

Proposal 3

Begin development of the Chenango Canal Trail walking and biking corridor in the village, along Chenango Avenue North, Kirkland Avenue and McBride Avenue. This initial stage of extending the Chenango Canal Trail through the Village of Clinton consists primarily of enlarging the existing sidewalk along the entire length of Chenango Avenue North in front of the Clinton Central School. An asphalt sidewalk/trail of 8-10ft width with clearly marked bicycle and pedestrian lanes would be constructed to safely accommodate high volumes of pedestrian traffic and bicycle traffic at the same time.

See **APPENDIX D** for details. In-kind work from the Town will decrease the overall costs.

Proposal 4

Build a pedestrian bridge across Sherman Brook, on the Chenango Canal and railbed corridor where it leaves the village north of McBride Avenue. A bridge across Sherman Brook is an essential step in connecting the village section of the Chenango Canal Trail to the section north of the village in the Town of Kirkland, leading to New Hartford and Utica, as well as to a spur railroad bed to Clark Mills, the Erie Canal Trail and Rome. An 80ft., 10ft wide metal truss bridge is envisioned at the site of the former Chenango Canal aqueduct across Sherman Brook. The railroad bed at this spot has been destroyed by private development

See **APPENDIX E** for details

Economic Impact

By bringing people into the area, trails and sidewalks directly benefit local businesses, such as restaurants, lodgings, etc. They also benefit the local economy by improving quality of life which attracts new residents, retains current residents, and raises real estate values.

Total cost of the project: \$854,179.90

Appendices A-E break out the costs for the four separate proposals. In-kind work from the Town and contributions from CCS will decrease the amount requested from DRI.

Amount requested from DRI: The amount requested from DRI is not certain. The in-kind work from the Town and contributions from CCS will reduce the amount requested. The in-kind work by the Town could be as much as \$300,000 if the Town provides all of the labor. Verbal commitments have been made, but conversations need to continue.

Steps needed to prior to start: For the sidewalks, communicate with private property owners. For the trailhead park, continue communication with property owners. For the bridge, communicate with National Grid and procure an engineering assessment.

Does the project provide for underutilized space?: Yes, the entire Chenango Canal Corridor is significantly under-utilized as a community asset; we intend to develop the corridor through the community. In addition, the site for the park currently is not being utilized, and a bridge over the brook is needed for access to the northern portion of the trail.

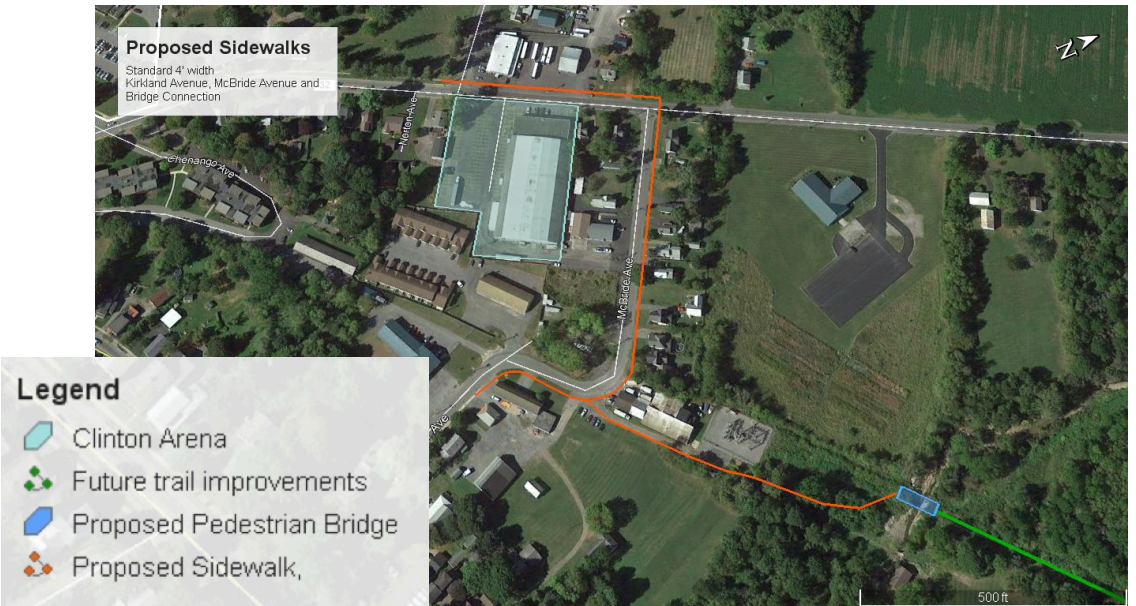
Timeline for completion: sidewalks and park: 12 months; bridge: 24 months

Partnerships in the community: Town of Kirkland Highway Department, Clinton Central Schools, private property owners, Clinton Historical Society.

Energy sustainability elements: This entire project is directed at encouraging community members to walk and bike rather than use their cars.

APPENDICES A-E to follow

APPENDIX A

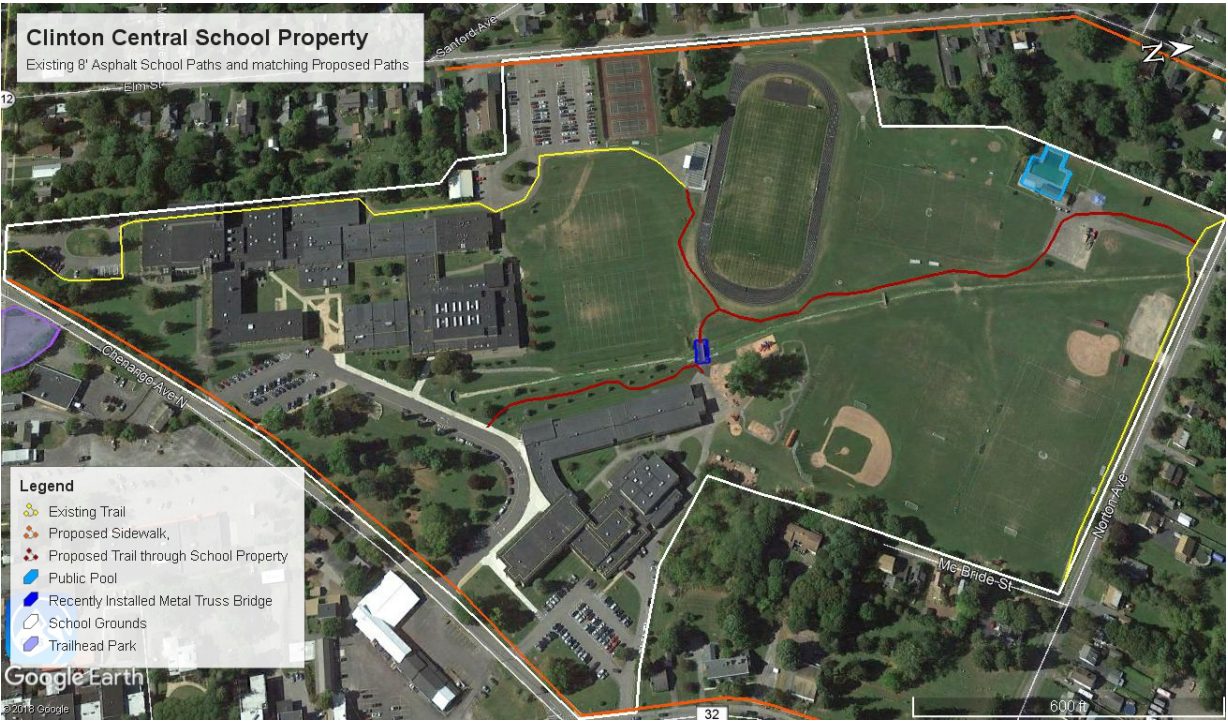


Cost for Proposal 1A

Estimated

Location	Distance (Feet)	Labor \$28.50/ft	Material \$11.57/ft	Total \$49.06/ft
Elm St to Norton	2200	\$62,700.00	\$25,454.00	\$88,154.00
McBride	1000	\$28,500.00	\$11,570.00	\$40,070.00
To Bridge	700	\$19,950.00	\$8,099.00	\$28,049.00
Kirkland Ave	550	\$15,675.00	\$6,363.50	\$22,038.50
Meadow St	1000	\$28,500.00	\$11,570.00	\$40,070.00
Franklin Ave	2800	\$79,800.00	\$32,396.00	\$112,196.00
TOTAL	8250	\$235,125.00	\$95,452.50	\$330,577.50

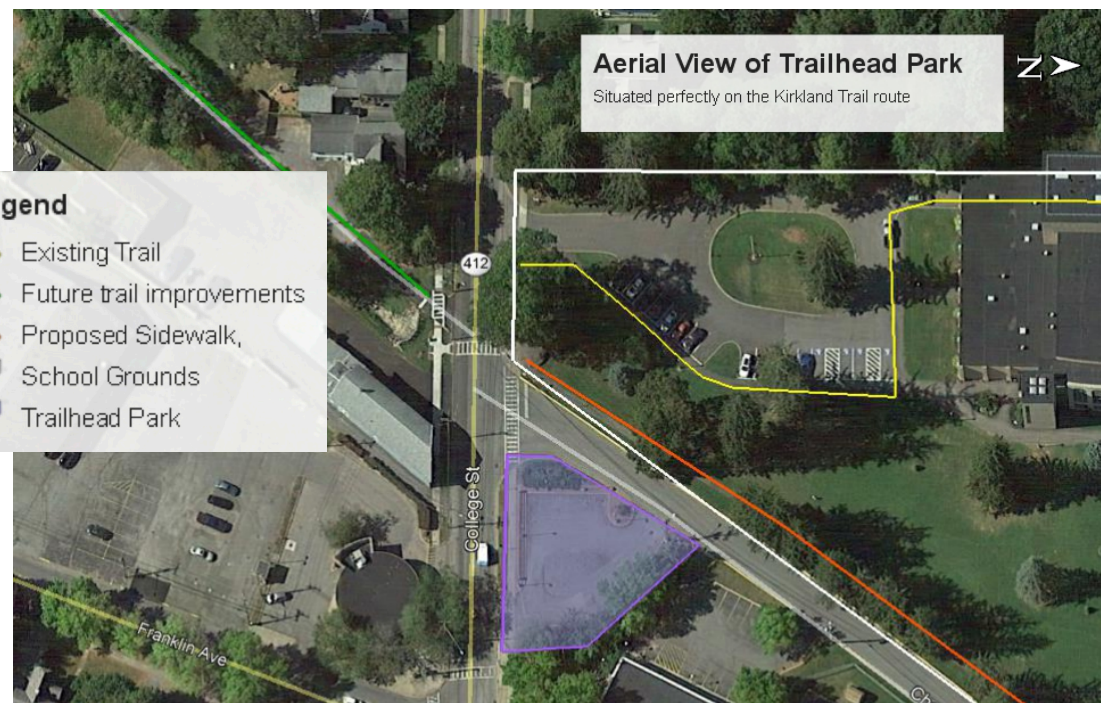
APPENDIX B



Estimated Cost for Proposal 1B

Distance (Feet)	Labor \$28.50/ft	Material \$20.56/ft	Total \$49.06/ft
2240	\$63,840.00	\$46,054.40	\$109,894.40

APPENDIX C



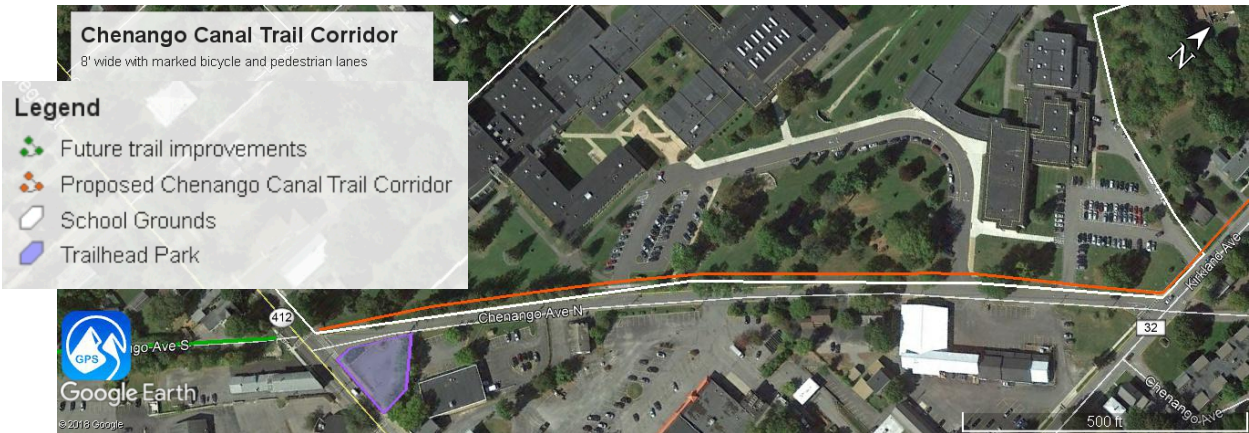
PARK AMENITIES



Estimated Cost for Proposal 2

Amenity	Cost
Kiosk	\$12,000.00
Drinking fountain	\$8,000.00
Benches (x2)	\$2,200.00
Bicycle Repair Station	\$2,000.00
Bicycle Racks (x2)	\$1,200.00
Total	\$25,400.00

APPENDIX D



Estimated Cost for Proposal 3

Chenango Canal Trail Corridor	Distance (Feet)	Labor \$28.50/ft	Material \$20.56/ft	Total \$49.06/ft
	1800	\$51,300.00	\$37,008.00	\$88,308.00

APPENDIX E



Estimated Cost for Proposal 4

Pedestrian Bridge over Sherman Brook	Length	Width	Estimated Cost
	80'	10'	\$300,000.00

Proposal	Description	Estimated Cost
1A	Street-side Sidewalks	\$330,577.50
1B	Trails Through CCS	\$109,894.40
2	Trailhead Park	\$25,400.00
3	Chenango Canal Trail Corridor	\$88,308.00
4	Pedestrian Bridge	\$300,000.00
	Grand Total	\$854,179.90

Project Name: Creative Facility Expansion, Clinton’s Cultural Anchor

Submitted by: **Kirkland Arts Center**
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Overview

The Kirkland Arts Center (KAC), a community arts organization on the square in Clinton, New York, is the cultural anchor of the village. The KAC provides partnerships and collaboration with local and regional arts organizations, individual artists and arts initiatives that contribute directly to an active, vibrant and lively village.

The KAC has served as the cultural anchor for the Village of Clinton and Town of Kirkland for almost 60 years. Diverse programming attracts local residents and patrons from across the Mohawk Valley and beyond. The KAC offers programming for individuals of all ages through exhibitions in our spacious gallery, workshops in a variety of media including painting, drawing, pottery and printmaking. Dance classes for children and adults have been offered for many years. The Center has a year-round schedule of concerts, performances and special events

Few communities in Oneida County have a strong community arts program. The KAC is an important asset to the Village of Clinton and contributes to Village’s identity as a desirable place to live

The KAC employs a staff of three, and is currently searching for a Development Director position funded by a recent Regional Economic Development grant. The KAC contracts with numerous artist instructors (including dance) who teach at the Center. Marketing is also contracted out.

More than 5,500 people participate in the KAC’s programming annually.

Successful application of the DRI would provide for 2 additional staff (artists in residence).

The Project

The KAC’s Creative Facility Expansion has 5 projects detailed below:

1) **Sculpture Trail**, raised walkway (handicap accessible) with community garden in the vacant lot and wetland behind the KAC.

Partnering with the Kirkland Trails group, local artists, garden club, and Sculpture Space, this trail will offer a short nature trail in the center of the village, enhanced by rotating outdoor art and flower gardens, open to the public. The trail will connect to paths through the village green.

Estimated cost: \$250,000

2) **Remodel space to create a catering kitchen** for use by the KAC for special events, the general public who use KAC facilities for meetings, receptions, and parties. Culinary classes will , and pop-up restaurants to bring more diverse dining offerings to the Village. This kitchen will be constructed in space not currently in use, and some of the work will be done by volunteers.

Estimated cost: \$75,000

3) **Renovate part of the old barn connected to the KAC, adding a 2-bedroom/1 bath apartment, for artists in residence.** Artists would have private studio space and housing in return for serving as Community Art Ambassadors -- teaching classes, engaging the community, and helping with specified facilities management responsibilities that enhance access by the public to arts facilities. Residencies would be for 2-3 years each, and the apartment would accommodate two artists.

Estimated cost: \$250,000

4)	Capital improvements	\$200,000
a.	Restore original stained glass windows	\$50,000
b.	Replace roof and soffits	75,000
c.	Window replacement	45,000
d.	Exterior painting	30,000

5) **Design and organize an arts/history/cultural corridor** for the community, providing a walking tour and information about unique opportunities for residents and visitors to explore Clinton’s rich cultural and historic sites. Included in the corridor would be markers indicating artists studios (potters, weavers, painters, crafters, and sculptors), historic and numerous cultural sites within the Village limits.

Estimated cost \$35,000

Total cost of the project:	\$810,000
Amount requested from DRI:	\$500,000

Other funding sources:

- Community Foundation of Oneida and Herkimer Counties
- New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Pocket Parks grant
- New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA)
- Individual Gifts
- Corporate donors

Steps needed prior to project being started

- Required building permits from the Village of Clinton for renovations inside existing structure (apartment and commercial kitchen)
- Architectural plans for remodeling
- Village Board approval for sculpture trail
- NYS DEC approval to build raised boardwalk trail over wetland

Does this project provide use for underutilized space?

YES! Both the new commercial kitchen and artist-in-residence apartment will be built in underutilized space in the current KAC building (barn expansion)

The sculpture trail will be built in a vacant lot behind the KAC

Timeline for completion

- 2019: Architectural plans and permitting applications
- Draft and submit grant applications for additional funding. Launch campaign to raise funds from individual and corporate donors
- 2020: Construction of the commercial kitchen and 2-bedroom apartment.
- Fall 2020: Clear land for sculpture trail, install raised walkway
- Fall 2020: Begin collaborative work on arts/history/cultural corridor map.
- Spring 2021 Continue work on sculpture trail with plantings, piers for sculptures, hold competition for sculptures to be installed.
- 2021 as soon as weather permits, work on capital improvements (replace roof, windows, exterior painting)
- Fall 2021: Grand openings for the Sculpture Trail and arts corridor

Partnerships served with other groups in the community

Several of the KAC projects will require partnerships with other community groups.

- The Sculpture Trail project will provide space for sculptors to exhibit their work, so the KAC will partner with the Sculpture Space in Rome to develop competition for work.

The Trail project will also collaborate with Kirkland Trails and the local garden club

- The Arts/History/Cultural Corridor will require collaboration with the Clinton Historical Society.

Will the project include energy sustainability elements

- The new roof will utilize recycled materials and provide for increased energy efficiency
- New windows will be considerably more energy efficient than existing windows.
- Appliances in the commercial kitchen will be Energy Star or similar.

Economic Impact

Outline benefits of the project in adding to the tax base, providing jobs and enhancing the appeal of Clinton for residents, visitors and/or businesses.

1. The project will provide 2 new jobs (artists in residence)
2. The commercial kitchen will allow the KAC to open new programming in culinary arts that could attract more than 200 new patrons annually. Pop-up restaurants using the commercial kitchen will bring more than 300 new patrons annually.
3. The Sculpture Trail and Arts/History/Cultural Corridor will attract more visitors to the village estimated at 500 annually.
4. DRI support of the KAC will rejuvenate this cultural anchor that contributes directly to a vibrant, active and lively village.

7 2019 Clinton DRI Request for Project Consideration

Project Name:

Submitted by: **Michael Lewis**
Name of Person Filling Out Application: Michael Lewis
Company/Organization Representing: Lewiston Townhomes, Inc.
Address: 194 Clinton Rd. New Hartford, NY 13413
Contact information: Mike@Lewiscustomhomesinc.com

Overview

Provide a description of the business/organization, including the role it fulfills in the Clinton community, number of annual customers/people reached and jobs provided. If this is a new project, provide estimates.

- High-end townhome rental company.
- People Reached – approx. 60
- Construction jobs – 100
- Permanent jobs – 1-3

The Project

With as much detail as possible, explain the project in mind. Include the following:

- Total cost of the project – 30 units, \$7.5 Million
- Amount requested from DRI - \$2 Million
- Other funding sources - Bank Loans
- Steps needed prior to project being started – Land purchase, Approvals, Infrastructure
- Does this project provide use for underutilized space - Yes
- Timeline for completion – 18 Months
- Partnerships served with other groups in the community – Keeping local people in area by giving much needed inter-town apartments
- Will the project include energy sustainability elements – Attempting to do project with solar and geothermal energy

Economic Impact

Outline benefits of the project in adding to the tax base, providing jobs and enhancing the appeal of Clinton for residents, visitors and/or businesses.

- Creating high-end village living connectivity
- Add much needed tax dollars to the community
- Providing temporary and permanent jobs to village area
- By retaining people we will help Clinton shops do more business

Project Name: Jack Boynton Pool and Pool House Renovation

Submitted by:

Name of Person Filling Out Application: Alma Lowry

Company/Organization Representing: Clinton Youth Foundation

Address: P.O. Box 32 Clinton NY 13323

Contact information: alowry@hamilton.edu/315-240-6678 OR theclintonpool@gmail.com

Overview:

The Clinton Youth Foundation (CYF) is a non-profit organization created in 1957 to manage the Jack Boynton Community Pool (“the Pool”). The CYF Board sets the overall direction for the Pool, manages our funds, conducts fundraising, plans and directs long-term maintenance and programming, and oversees staff. The CYF’s mission for the Pool is to provide a safe, welcoming environment to our community, particularly the children. We offer family-friendly recreation, healthy physical activity, and swim instruction designed to build self-esteem, promote personal growth, and create a deeper sense of community. The CYF is committed to ensuring that the Pool remains an accessible and affordable option for the entire community, providing reasonably priced membership options, discount admission days, and scholarships for both memberships and swim lessons.

With its full-size pool, diving area, wading pool, snack bar, and space for active play, the Pool is an inviting space for families and children to spend time each summer. We offer two swim lesson sessions with six classes each during our summer season. In total, each swim lesson session can accommodate 90 children and most class levels fill quickly. We have fielded a competitive swim team for the past three years, which allows older children to hone their skills in swim meets with other area pools. The Pool hosts one of these swim meets each year, drawing participants from across the region. We offer non-swimming activities at the Pool as well, including Craft Days at the Pool, Outdoor Movie Nights (in collaboration with the Kirkland Town Library), a Season Kick-Off Party, and other special events. These activities build community among regular Pool users and offer new arrivals to Clinton with an easy way to make connections. They also draw users from the broader area.

For the past two years, the Pool has had almost 100 family and individual members and an average of almost 7,000 “swims” or daily visits by members and non-members alike. Our membership and daily visitor numbers have been steadily increasing in recent years, from 61 memberships and 5,500 “swims” in 2013 to current levels. Over this past season, we had

several days with over 200 total visitors. Because we have no residency requirement, more than 20% of our members and many day visitors live outside the Town of Kirkland. In addition, we draw users from nearby summer recreation and child care programs, including Deansboro and Oriskany Falls, which typically bring 30 to 50 summer recreation program participants to the Pool several times each season; Heritage Farms, a Bouckville organization that offers programs for people with developmental disabilities; and, most recently, the Clinton Early Learning Center. In addition, Clinton Central School District (CCSD) athletic teams have used the Pool as part of their summer training programs. Between morning swim lessons, morning recreational programs, afternoon open swim and weekend rentals for birthday parties, the Pool is in use between 6 and 10 hours every day throughout our 10-week season.

The CYF has a long track record of successful fundraising and grant-writing. Typically, approximately 2/3 of our annual revenue comes from user fees and concessions. The remainder is generated from business sponsorships, individual donors, fundraising activities, and successful grant requests. Over the past six years, we have raised more than \$111,000 with approximately \$22,000 coming from major grants. We have invested almost \$29,000 in infrastructure repairs and improvements over that same time frame.

The Pool employs 10 to 15 lifeguards and one full-time pool manager each summer. Our lifeguards, who are all high school and college students, work between 15 and 30 hours weekly and have the option of helping teach swim lessons or working with our swim team. More experienced guards may be trained as head lifeguards or life-guard managers, giving them managerial experience at a young age. Our annual payroll expenses, including taxes and payroll-related services, totaled \$34,381 in 2018. This figure is roughly double the payroll expenses in 2013 (\$17,761). This change is due both to increases in the number of paid positions and in pay rates.

The Projects

The CYF is proposing three specific projects for inclusion in the DRI grant application: renovation/reconstruction of the Pool and diving area; reconstruction of the Pool House; and addition of a Splash Pad to the Pool facilities. The first two projects are driven by the age of our facility; the last would expand our appeal to families with young children and non-swimmers. All three would result in a more appealing, longer-lived, and accessible facility.

(1) Pool Renovation/Reconstruction: As noted above, the Pool was built in 1957 and has operated continually since that time without major renovations or repairs. Due to the age of the facility, within the main Pool and diving area, the plaster pool surface is lifting away from the concrete structure and, at minimum, the Pool must be resurfaced (i.e., old

plaster removed and an entirely new plaster surface installed) within the next 2-3 years. The piping to the Pool is undersized by modern standards and, although still functional, it is susceptible to cracking or similar damage due to its age. The main drain to the Pool is partially clogged and should be replaced or repaired. Our current concrete gutter system is only allowable because of the age of the Pool and lack of major renovation. With a major resurfacing, we will have to replace the concrete with a stainless steel gutter to meet code. The Pool is also unheated and draws its water from an underground spring. Although this source allows us to meet water safety standards with minimal chlorine use, the water is quite cold when the Pool is first filled. We rely on sunny days to warm the water. As a result, the Pool cannot open before mid-June, limiting our season. In addition, the Pool does not have a ramp or lift system to allow access by people with mobility impairments. As an older facility, we are not required to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. However, the CYF would like to ensure that our facility is fully accessible.

Cost/Funding Sources: Based on the most recent estimates received, a complete pool renovation/reconstruction (removing all or most of the existing structure, replacing the piping and drainage system with new hardware that meets modern standards, resurfacing the Pool, installing stainless steel gutters, constructing a wheelchair accessible entry ramp or lift system, upgrading our pump, and adding a heating system) would total approximately \$450,000 - \$500,000. The CYF would commit to raising \$100,000 toward this work on its own and would seek the remainder through the DRI grant. We anticipate that our primary funding sources would be individual donors and local corporate sponsors.

Process/Timeline: Once sufficient funds are raised, renovations could be completed in a single spring. The CYF would work with the Clinton Central School District to obtain and review bids from pool contractors in the area. Based on pool renovations done by other communities in the area, we expect that the contracting process would have to begin in late summer of the year prior to construction and that the work would require no more than one to two months from start to finish.

Benefits/Collaboration Opportunities: With the proposed renovation/reconstruction, the Pool will be able to continue operations for many more years. The basic benefits provided by the Pool – swimming lessons, accessible active recreation, and family-friendly programming—will also continue. Providing accessible and affordable swim lessons alone is a key benefit. Beyond the fact that swimming is excellent exercise and can be a life-long sport, not knowing how to swim can be deadly. A 2015 Red Cross survey found that a startling 61% of children under 18 do not have basic swimming skills, such as swimming 25 yards, treading water, or simply floating for one minute. More than 700 children on average drown each year and five times that number suffer non-fatal submersion injuries. Every year, the Pool works to combat this trend by helping more than 100 children learn to swim or improve their skills through swim lessons. The Pool has also offered a water safety

course in the past for children who have aged out of swim lessons and water aerobics courses for adults. We would like to continue to expand these offerings.

With added years in its lifespan, the CYF will be able to continue its current partnerships with area recreation programs, expanding the reach of its swim lessons and active recreation options to neighboring towns and villages. We will also be able to continue programming collaborations, such as our current Outdoor Movie Nights done in collaboration with the Kirkland Town Library (KTL). Adding a heating element would increase the functionality of the Pool as a resource for the CCSD. Athletic teams could use the Pool as part of Spring or Fall training. Swim lessons could be incorporated into physical education classes or provided as an after-school program during the regular academic year. A heating system would also allow us to extend our public season and to expand our swim instruction options to include regular water safety and lifeguarding certification courses. Without an extended season, these additional courses are difficult, if not impossible, to fit into our already very full schedule.

(2) Pool House Renovation: Like the Pool, the existing Pool House was built more than 60 years ago. Although it provides a concession area/office space and the basic necessities for visitors (sinks, toilets, and changing stalls), the Pool House is relatively small, uninsulated, and has only cold water running to the structure. In addition, as an older building, the Pool House is not required to and does not meet ADA standards. While there is an outside gate that would allow entry to the Pool for anyone, this is not a welcoming option and the the Pool House is not accessible for visitors who use wheelchairs, walkers, or other mobility assists. The toilet stalls and changing rooms should have wider doors; there is no turning space within the stalls themselves; and the “privacy walls” inside the locker room entrances are not spaced properly to allow entry by patrons using wheelchairs or walkers. The CYF proposes replacing the current structure with a larger, more accessible building designed for three-season use. The new building would expand the number of toilets and changing stalls in and add functioning showers to each changing room; provide at least one toilet stall and sink accessible to wheelchair users; remove barriers to wheelchair users, including the small steps into and out of the building and the tight entry ways into the changing rooms; install a small heater sufficient to provide warm water for showers; upgrade the electrical entrance, panel and outlets and add other facilities needed to support an expanded concessions operation; and incorporate the insulation and ventilation necessary to allow three-season use of the building.

Cost: Based on an estimate of \$100 per square foot for simple building construction plus the cost of an appropriate HVAC and water heating system, the CYF estimates the overall cost of a renovated/rebuilt Pool House to be \$200,000. We are requesting \$175,000 from the DRI and will commit to raising \$25,000 from individual donors and business sponsors.

Process/Timeline: The CYF would work with the CCSD to design the new Pool House, solicit bids, and select a contractor. We anticipate that construction would take no more than 2 months and could be completed in the fall (after the swim season ends in mid-August). We would time Pool House construction to occur after full Pool renovations to ensure that the designs are compatible.

Benefits/Collaboration Opportunities: In addition to creating a more accessible and useable space for Pool patrons, a renovated Pool House could be opened to spectators at CCSD athletic events on the neighboring athletic fields. The Pool House would provide spectators with a clean indoor space to use the bathroom, access a drinking fountain, or wait out a rain delay. The CCSD could sell concessions during home games on the adjacent athletic fields. Alternatively, CCSD might offer the Pool House as locker room facilities for home and visiting teams.

(3) Splash Pad Addition: Currently, we offer a wading pool for non-swimmers and families with young children. While this is a popular feature, the CYF would like to add a Splash Pad to increase the options for these groups. Splash Pads are increasingly popular at municipal recreation centers, since they provide a water-based recreation option which doesn't require users to know how to swim or to be as closely supervised. The CYF proposes adding a small Splash Pad within our existing fence line or, if agreement could be reached with the CCSD, potentially expanding the facility to accommodate a slightly larger Splash Pad. Either option would incorporate a safe, non-slip surface and various water jets, sprinklers, misters, and other water play systems.

Cost: Based on recent installations in other cities in the area, the CYF estimates the cost for the smaller fresh-water Splash Pad (with a focus on water squirters and static fountains) at \$100,000 and for the larger facility (which could include water jets, sprinklers, user directed water sprays, misters, and small climbable structures) at \$200,000. The CYF would seek the full cost of a Splash Pad installation from the DRI grant.

Process/Timeline: The CYF would work with the CCSD to determine a location for and design a Splash Pad addition to the Pool. From design to construction, the CYF anticipates that the Splash Pad would take approximately six to nine months to complete. This timeline is based on the experiences of other communities.

Benefits/Collaboration Opportunities: A Splash Pad would expand the user profile for the Pool and provide additional opportunities for families with young children and non-swimmers.

Economic Impact

The Jack Boynton Community Pool is already drawing users from the broader region to Clinton, as demonstrated by the number of members and daily visitors who live outside the Town of Kirkland. An improved Pool and Pool House would attract more users, both from inside and outside Kirkland. As user numbers increase, the CYF has expanded its summer staff and would continue to do so. Increased visitor traffic to the Pool may draw spending to other community businesses, such as restaurants, gas stations, and convenience stores, and to other Village-based attractions, such as the Farmer's Market. This year, we are offering discount days in coordination with the Farmer's Market (\$3 Thursdays) in July, which may expand the customer base for the Market. In addition, the renovated Pool House could provide an additional revenue stream to CCSD through expanded concession sales at athletic events.

Community amenities can also draw new residents to a town and enhance property values. Proximity to neighborhood or community parks can increase property values by 20% for nearby homes and the overall enhancement of property values can extend up to a half-mile from the facility. The Pool, as a park-like facility in the heart of the Town of Kirkland/Village of Clinton, may positively affect property values across the community. The inviting setting and full range of free or low-cost programs has been a community amenity for the past 60 years. The renovations proposed will ensure that the Pool remains an amenity for local residents and a draw for the broader region for decades to come.

9 2019 Clinton DRI Request for Project Consideration

Project Name: Clinton Arena Improvements

Submitted by: **Clinton Hockeyville Committee**
Name of Person Filling Out Application: Patty Louise
Company/Organization Representing: Town of Kirkland
Address:36 Kirkland Ave., Clinton, NY 13323
Contact information: 315-853-5541

Overview

Provide a description of the business/organization, including the role it fulfills in the Clinton community, number of annual customers/people reached and jobs provided. If this is a new project, provide estimates.

The Clinton Arena plays a strong role in the community and has done so since 1954, when it was constructed in four months to replace the original Arena that burned. Thousands of kids and adults use the facility for ice hockey, figure skating and public skating each year. It has been come to championship youth teams, high school teams and the Clinton Comets professional team. Many players started here as kids and went on to skate professionally.

In 2018 the Arena was chosen for the Kraft USA Hockeyville title as the community rallied to get more votes than any other place in the United States. Kraft and the NHL awarded the Town of Kirkland \$150,000 for improvements and more money was raised during a four-day Winning Weekend that ended with a pre-season NHL game between Buffalo and Columbus.

The title of Hockeyville and the funds raised are not enough to address all that is needed at the Arena to make necessary repairs and upgrades. The Hockeyville Committee raised an additional \$25,000 for an assessment study by Nelson Associates of Clinton. That is attached.

Each year the Arena brings in hundreds of families for tournaments on the ice. Plans are in discussion for an annual Hockeyville Tournament with Clinton and other Hockeyville communities. This would prove to be a popular event that could help raise money for Clinton Comets Youth Hockey and the Arena.

The Project

With as much detail as possible, explain the project in mind. Include the following:

Total cost of the project: Total cost of the initial study is \$4 million. Since the study was completed, the committee has added the idea of including a New York State Hockey Museum as part of the expansion.

Amount requested from DRI: We are asking for \$2 million to complete the gap of funds needed for the roof repair, to build a girls locker room, create a New York State Hockey Museum, update the Skate Rental Room and create a Community Room for public use.

Other funding sources: The Kraft Heinz grant of \$150,000, other Hockeyville fund raising of \$100,000. In addition, a public fund raising campaign is being planned as well as naming sponsors being approached. The committee has set a deadline of the end of 2020 for raising the necessary funds. Because some of the improvements are in stand-alone phases work can commence on aspects of the expansion without waiting for the full \$4 million to be raised.

Steps needed prior to project being started: An evaluation of how much of the roof needs total replacing vs. repairing. Bids for an architect’s design of the expansion. Work with New York state and other sources in establishing the steps to become a museum.

Does this project provide use for underutilized space: No, rather, this project addresses the need for more space. Currently, the girls who skate at the Arena, for both hockey and Figure Skating, have no locker room of their own. The one room available for meetings can hold about a dozen people; children’s birthday parties have to be held in a locker room. Storage and separate rooms for referees and officials are needed.

Timeline for completion: Mid-2021

Partnerships served with other groups in the community: The Arena works with the Clinton Central School District to provide after-school skating during the fall and winter. Hamilton College traditionally plays its New Year’s Eve game at the Arena. Clinton Youth Hockey and several adult leagues keep the ice busy from early morning until almost midnight during their season. Clinton Figure Skating Club, one of the oldest in the country, has a membership of 130 skaters.

In addition to on-ice activities, the Arena is used by the Kirkland Seniors, the Clinton Lions Club and other community groups who request the space.

During Hockeyville events the community helped in a number of ways and in turn many community non-profits received food and raised money for their activities during the weekend.

Will the project include energy sustainability elements: We are looking into the feasibility of a rainwater collection system for the roof that would in turn save quite a bit of water usage for the ice. A new roof will cut down on energy use overall.

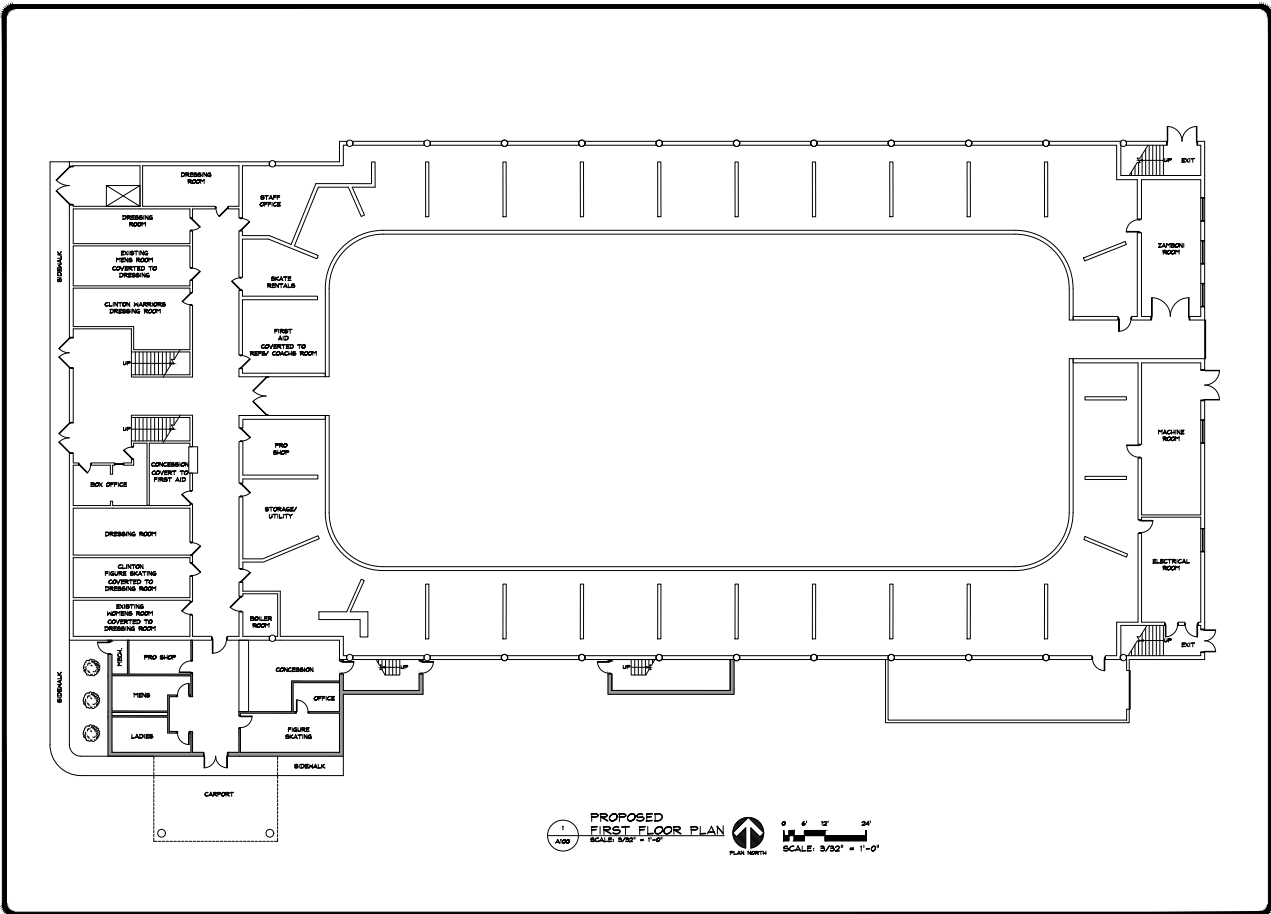
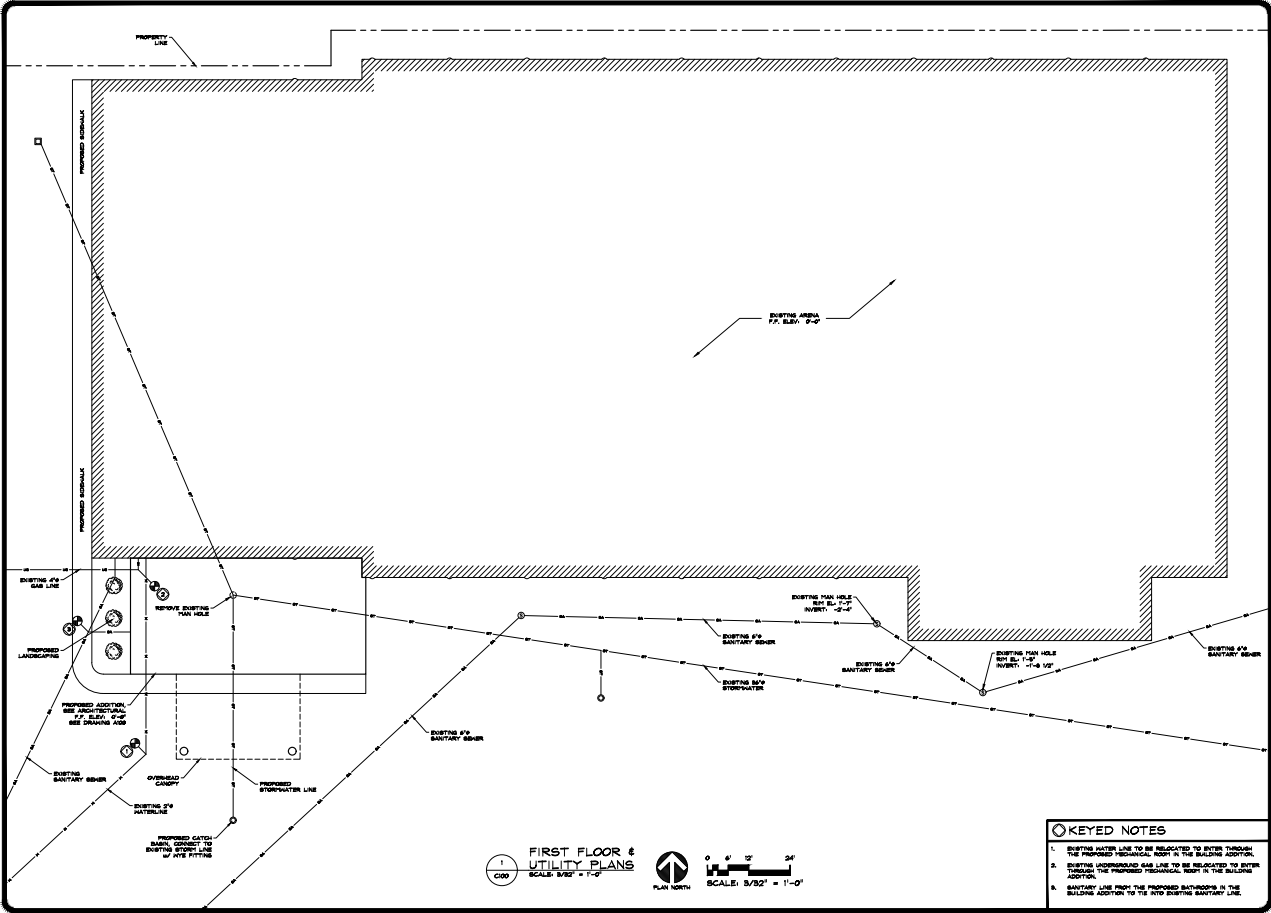
Economic Impact

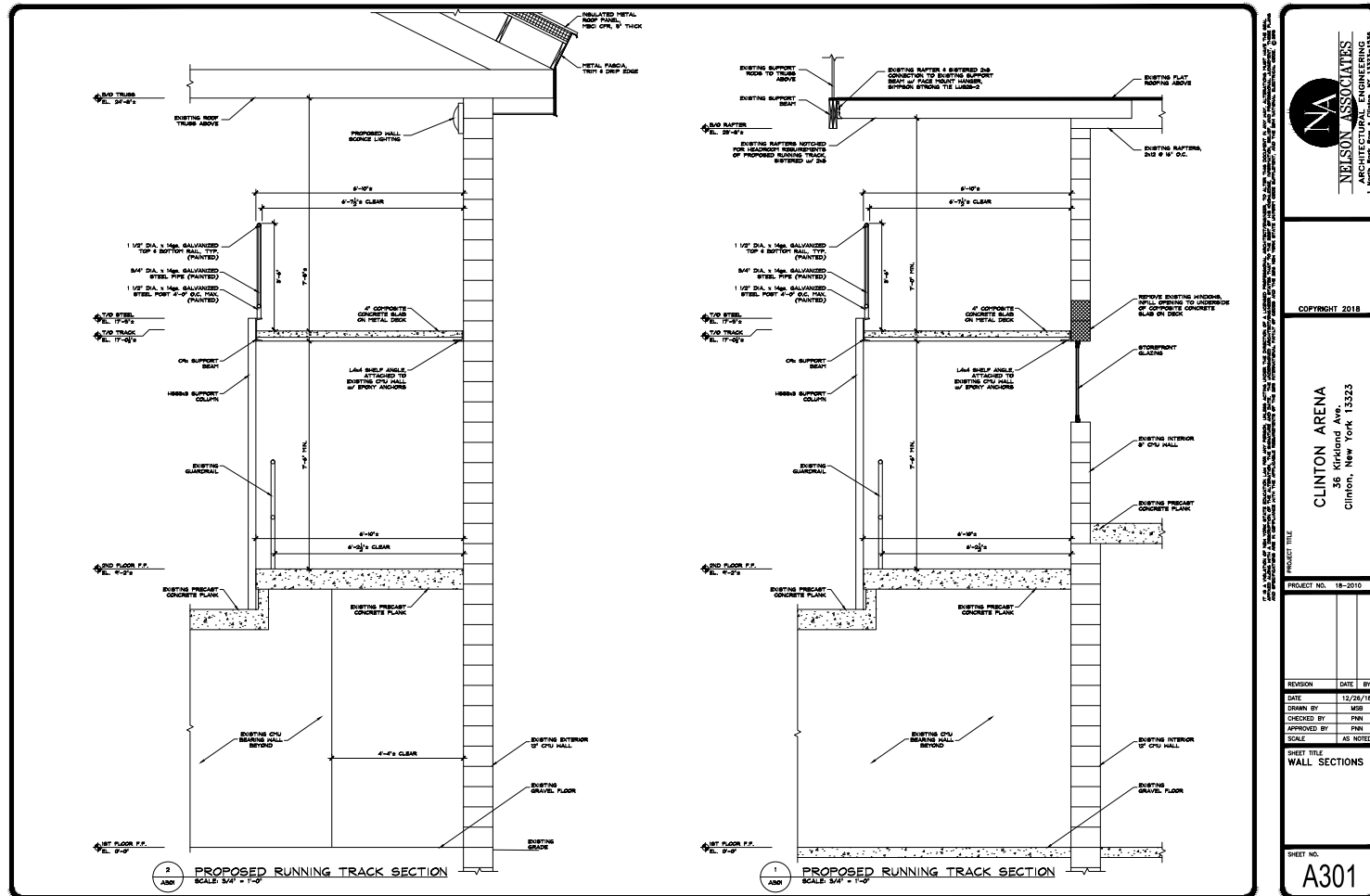
Outline benefits of the project in adding to the tax base, providing jobs and enhancing the appeal of Clinton for residents, visitors and/or businesses.

The more revenue that the Clinton Arena can generate to pay for its operations, the less money needed through Town of Kirkland tax payers. All events that draw the public also generate more sales tax revenue for the town.

Clinton became only the fourth community in the United States to be named Hockeyville. The appeal of that can be told through the crowds who came for Winning Weekend to see the game and the Stanley Cup, and the \$110,000 to date sold in official Hockeyville merchandise. Part of the redesign of the Arena will include a tribute to being named Hockeyville. People already come to the Arena for photos and to see the ice where the NHL players skated. This work to the Arena promises that this building on the National Historic Register can continue to function as a prime skating facility in decades to come.

While the Arena could go without some of the needed repairs, others are necessary. These include the two big items in the roof and addition of a girls locker room. Mindful of the property tax cap limit, the Town of Kirkland would have to adopt a budget in excess of the cap to pay for these two items. Funding from the DRI would encourage people to donate, again reducing the impact on tax payers. We appreciate whatever the DRI can provide to help keep this 1954 facility in good working order.





Project: **Clinton Arena Capital Improvements**
Location: 36 Kirkland Ave, Clinton, NY 13323
No.: **18-2010**

Nelson Associates Architectural Engineering
Project: **PNN / MSB**
Date: 12/27/2018

ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION COST (10%)

Work Item	Budget Estimate	Alternate
1 Re-Roofing of Existing Arena		
Replace Rear Gambrel Roof with Rolled Asphalt		\$184,500
Replace Rear Gambrel Roof with Insulated Metal Panel	\$618,075	
Replace Front Flat Roofing with EPDM Membrane	\$78,000	
2 Site Improvements		
Relocate Existing Waterline	\$10,000	
Relocate Existing Gasline	\$5,000	
Tie-In of New Sanitary Line	\$4,000	
Rework Existing Storm Line	\$6,000	
3 Interior Renovations	\$346,000	
Replace Existing Light Fixtures with LED	\$70,000	
Add for Colored Lighting System	\$57,000	
Radiant Heaters	\$220,000	
Remove Concrete Curbing	\$100,000	
Coat Existing Roof Trusses with Fire Retardant	\$100,000	
4 Building Addition	\$750,000	
Carport	\$56,320	
Stair Tower and Staircase	\$221,445	
5 Elevated Running Track	\$599,000	
Announcers Booth	\$16,800	
Sconce Lighting	\$18,000	
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	SUBTOTAL:	\$3,275,640
	CONTINGENCY (20%):	\$655,128
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	TOTAL BUDGET:	\$3,930,768

Project Name:

Submitted by:

Name of Person Filling Out Application: **Chris A LaBarge**

Company/Organization Representing: Branch Management LLC

Address: PO Box 390, Malone, NY 12953

Contact information: Chris LaBarge – calequities@yahoo.com - 518-651-4875

Overview

Provide a description of the business/organization, including the role it fulfills in the Clinton community, number of annual customers/people reached and jobs provided. If this is a new project, provide estimates.

Proposal of approximately 70 room franchised hotel property. A proposed annual customer reach of 12,775 room nights at 50% occupancy. The project will provide modern amenities that are necessary to attracting the Mid-Scale tourist market in support of the local College, Arena and surrounding businesses.

The Project

With as much detail as possible, explain the project in mind. Include the following:

Total cost of the project: \$8,400,000

Amount requested from DRI: \$4,200,000

Other funding sources: Owner - \$420,000, Bank financing \$3,780,000

Steps needed prior to project being started: Land acquisition, all governmental approvals, architect, engineering, permitting and bank approvals.

Does this project provide use for underutilized space: Yes, current vacant land with municipal services.

Timeline for completion: Approximately 10 months from groundbreaking to opening

Partnerships served with other groups in the community: Proposed property will serve needs of Hamilton College, Clinton arena, local businesses as well as other travelers wishing to stay in Clinton area.

Will the project include energy sustainability elements:

Economic Impact

Outline benefits of the project in adding to the tax base, providing jobs and enhancing the appeal of Clinton for residents, visitors and/or businesses.

Project will generating approximately 54 jobs during the 10 month construction period, as well as approximately 20 full and part-time permanent jobs in the community.

As proposed property will be built without a restaurant or bar, there will be upside to local community in terms of visitors to local restaurants/establishments, as well as local shopping



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Assemblyman 117th District

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Ways and Means

May 6, 2019

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my full support for the application made by the Town of Kirkland and Village of Clinton for New York State's Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant. I believe this will greatly enhance the community in a number of ways, summarized below, as well as provide added benefits to Oneida County and the surrounding region.

The Clinton/Kirkland application is the first one done as a partnership between two municipalities which includes funding towards the following projects:

- Expansion of the historic Clinton Arena
- A New York state hockey museum
- An apartment complex
- Expansion of a historic business to bring in more customers
- A recreation center and after-school program
- Streetscape improvements of lighting, benches, bike racks
- A thinkubator for small businesses
- A Business Improvement Fund to address exterior and infrastructure needs
- Development of downtown greenspace with kiosk highlighting local history and businesses
- Connecting Clinton/Kirkland with existing recreation trails to the north and south
- Possible addition of a hotel and mixed use building

I believe such growth to the community would provide economic benefits by adding to the tax base and creating jobs, along with the indirect advantages of bringing in outside dollars to their existing businesses. It will also spur further development from private investors looking to commit to a vibrant and healthy community.

In closing, I would like to reiterate my full support for the Village of Clinton and the Town of Kirkland, as both are within my 117th District.

Sincerely,

New York State Assemblyman
District 117



May 23, 2019

Robert Meelan, Town of Kirkland Supervisor
Steven Bellona, Village of Clinton Mayor
3699 Route 12B
Clinton NY 13323

Dear Mr. Meelan and Mr. Bellona,

Please accept this letter in support of the Clinton/Kirkland Downtown Revitalization Initiative application. The Town of Kirkland and Village of Clinton have a fantastic opportunity to capitalize on Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's innovative and transformative DRI program. This unique partnership between your municipalities will provide you with the means to build upon the momentum of recent private and public investments providing further leverage in establishing a sustainable downtown economy to attract and retain employers, residents and visitors.

As the official Tourism Promotion Agency for Oneida County, we are the lead agency promoting the communities of Oneida County as destinations for leisure, motor coach and business travel. We focus on promotion of events, experiences and exhibitions as the primary driver for attracting visitors.

Our support for this initiative stems from what we see as opportunity to further build on recent investments in the Clinton Arena, new bed & breakfast facilities, a new winery, as well as Clinton's national recognition and official designation as a Kraft Hockeyville USA town in 2018. DRI investment in Clinton/Kirkland would create transformative and positive change.

Clinton/Kirkland has tremendous potential to capitalize on its small-town charm, walkable downtown, anchor institutions and cultural heritage. The town, village and greater Mohawk Valley region will benefit significantly from the \$10 million DRI award. I respectfully encourage strong consideration of the Village of Clinton and Town of Kirkland in selecting the 2019 DRI award recipient in the Mohawk Valley region.

Thank you for your support in this effort, and in helping us to strengthen our communities.

Sincerely,

Kelly Blazosky
President



ONEIDA COUNTY
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

ANTHONY J. PICENTE, JR.
County Executive
ce@ocgov.net

May 28, 2019

Mike Reese
Regional Director
Empire State Development
207 Genesee St.
Utica, NY 13501

Dear Mr. Reese,

Please accept this letter in support of the application submitted by the Town of Kirkland and Village of Clinton for the Downtown Revitalization Initiative. Their proposal has great potential to capitalize on Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's innovative and transformative DRI program and enhance their community in a multitude of ways.

The Clinton-Kirkland application is the first done as a partnership between the two municipalities and includes an expansion of the historic Clinton Arena and creation of a New York State Hockey Museum; development of additional housing and hotel options; streetscape and business infrastructure improvements; development of greenspace and connection of recreation trails between the town and village; expansion of historic businesses and creation of a small business incubator and the addition of a recreation center and after-school program.

Oneida County stands as a dedicated partner with Clinton and Kirkland and I believe their proposal will provide economic benefits by adding to the tax base, creating jobs and bringing outside dollars into the area and will spur further development from private investors looking to commit to a vibrant and healthy community.

For all these reasons, I urge your strongest consideration for Clinton-Kirkland to be selected as the 2019 DRI award recipient in the Mohawk Valley region.

Thank you for your support in this effort and in helping us to strengthen this community.

Sincerely,


Anthony J. Picente Jr.

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STATE
SENATE



SENATOR RACHEL MAY
53RD SENATE DISTRICT

May 14, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my support for the joint application by the Town of Kirkland and Village of Clinton to represent the Mohawk Valley in this year's round of state Downtown Revitalization Initiative Grant proposals. This grant application is the first such to be submitted as a partnership between two municipalities that share common revitalization goals; and I believe the collaborative nature of the request enhances both the project proposal's appeal and likelihood of positive impact.

The Village of Clinton, located in the Town of Kirkland, has the kind of historical assets and character that can make all the difference between a struggling community and one that continues to thrive and grow. With the funding support that this grant would provide, the village and town would launch a series of improvements and enhancements to area businesses, historic buildings, streetscapes and trails. It would create new living and recreational spaces, including an apartment complex, a recreation center and after-school program, and a state hockey museum. It also would support creation of a "thinkubator" to seed continued opportunities for small-business development.

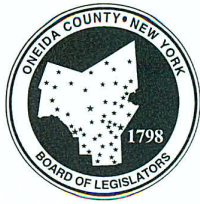
The projects proposed as part of this grant application would generate important benefits for the village, the town, Oneida County and beyond. It would strengthen the tax base, create jobs, spur further investment by private developers, and enhance quality of life for those who live and work in the targeted communities.

As senator for the 53rd State Senate District that encompasses the Village of Clinton and Town of Kirkland, I support this proposal and urge your consideration of it as the Mohawk Valley's representative project for a 2019 Downtown Revitalization Initiative Grant.

Sincerely,



Senator Rachel May
53rd Senate District, NY



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May 13, 2019

The Hon. Robert Meelan,
Supervisor of the Town of Kirkland
The Hon. Steven Bellona
Mayor of Clinton
3699 Route 12B
Clinton, N.Y. 13323

Dear Supervisor Meelan and Mayor Bellona:

I write today to offer my enthusiastic support for the application on behalf of the Village of Clinton and Town of Kirkland seeking funding under the New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

The town and village are acting in a wise and prudent manner as they proactively work together to address community needs and ensure future redevelopment that will not only enhance the community but provide added benefits to Oneida County and the surrounding region.

This application – I believe it is the first one done as a partnership between two municipalities – would include funding for an array of components, including:

- Expansion of the historic Clinton Arena.
- Creation of a New York state hockey museum
- An apartment complex
- Expansion of a historic business to bring in more customers
- A recreation center and after-school program
- A “thinkubator” for small businesses
- A Business Improvement Fund to address exterior and infrastructure needs
- Development of downtown greenspace.
- Streetscape improvements highlighted by lighting, benches, bike racks
- Connecting Clinton/Kirkland with existing recreation trails to the north and south
- Possible addition of a hotel and mixed use building

I urge New York state to invest in this exemplary project that will enhance services, boost the sustainability of downtown Clinton, increase business and add jobs, while making the community more attractive and diverse. These are all in keeping with the goals of the initiative.

Such an infusion of monetary resources, both from the state’s award and the private sector investments that are sure to follow, would be the catalyst for unprecedented economic growth. I urge that the application be given every consideration possible.

Sincerely

Colin Idzi
Oneida County Legislator, 2nd District

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George Joseph, Majority Leader
7315 Merriman Road ♦ Clinton, New York 13323
Phone: (315) 853-3006 ♦ Email: nrthstr40@aol.com

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May 15, 2019

The Hon. Robert Meelan,
Supervisor of the Town of Kirkland
The Hon. Steven Bellona
Mayor of Clinton
3699 Route 12B
Clinton, N.Y. 13323

Dear Supervisor Meelan and Mayor Bellona:

I am pleased to express my support for the request from the Village of Clinton and Town of Kirkland for funding assistance to advance transformational projects under the New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative. I recognize that in order to enhance and improve our community, Clinton and Kirkland need to leverage investment in key areas like housing, community infrastructure, business opportunities, and arts and entertainment.

Funding for the initiative would provide critical assistance to the unprecedented effort by the village and the town to work collaboratively to build a vibrant community, leading to an overall better quality of life. If I am not mistaken, their DRI application is the first one to be filed by two municipalities that have partnered in crafting a foundation and visionary document of community leadership.

This proposal serves families, jobs and businesses, all in keeping with the goals and objectives of the program. In addition, it would allow Clinton and Kirkland to achieve the next level of regional development while complementing and supporting other private development.

In closing, I would like to reiterate my strong endorsement of the application from Kirkland and Clinton to the Downtown Revitalization Initiative. They, as well the region, will clearly benefit significantly from the Downtown Revitalization Initiative award by supporting projects like residential development, façade improvements, streetscape enhancements and recreational services. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best wishes,

George E. Joseph
County Legislator, 10th District
Majority Leader



Hamilton

May 3, 2019

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Mr. Robert Meelan, Town of Kirkland Supervisor
Mr. Steven Bellona, Mayor of Clinton
Downtown Revitalization Initiative
3699 Route 12B
Clinton, NY, 13323

Dear Bob and Steve,

Hamilton College's ability to attract highly qualified students and employees is tied directly to the economic health, vitality, and overall quality of life of the Clinton community. The College partners with our Clinton and Kirkland neighbors to achieve these objectives in many ways, including through direct voluntary donations as part of our Municipal Contributions Agreement and by awarding annual grants from the Hamilton College Town-Gown Fund to local nonprofits and public service organizations. These funds are used primarily for general maintenance, operations, and upkeep, but as a nonprofit itself, Hamilton is unable to make the large investments that can transform a community and spur further economic development and growth.

That's why I am writing with enthusiasm to convey Hamilton College's unqualified support for your efforts to apply for a New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant. The proposal being formulated by the working group offers the promise of building on our community's historic and scenic charm to create a destination that will entice visitors and accrue economic benefits not just to Clinton and Kirkland, but to Oneida County as well.

Hamilton will continue doing its part to maintain an attractive quality of life in our community, and we look forward with great anticipation to what this grant will make possible for the village, the town, and the region as a whole. Thank you for the role you play in working to ensure our community's future.

Sincerely,

David Wippman

The President

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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May 2, 2019

The Hon. Rossana Rosada
Chair, New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative
Department of State
One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Ave.
Albany, NY 12231-0001

Dear Ms. Rosada:

I am writing to you in support of the application by the Town of Kirkland and the Village of Clinton in Oneida County in the 22nd Congressional District for the New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant.

As proposed, two municipalities would form a partnership to enhance their communities. This proposal includes:

- Expanding the historic Clinton Arena
- Creating a New York State Hockey Museum
- Developing an apartment complex
- Expansion of a historic business to bring in more customers
- Creating a recreation center and after-school program
- Streetscape improvements, including lighting, benches, and bike racks
- Developing an incubator for small businesses
- Setting up a Business Improvement Fund to address exterior and infrastructure needs
- Creating downtown greenspace, with a kiosk highlighting local history and businesses
- Connecting Clinton and Kirkland with existing recreation trails to the north and south
- The potential addition of a hotel and a mixed-use building

This plan has the potential to expand the local and regional economies; bring more tourists to the region; and encourage further development in the future from private investors.

For these reasons, I urge you to give full and fair consideration to the Town of Kirkland/Village of Clinton's joint application for the Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant, consistent with all rules and regulations.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Anthony Brindisi
Member of Congress

May 20, 2019

Mr. Robert Meelan, Town of Kirkland Supervisor
 Mr. Steven Bellona, Mayor of Clinton
 3699 Route 12B
 Clinton, NY, 13323
 clintonnydri@gmail.com

Dear Messrs. Meelan and Bellona:

The Clinton Area Ministerium offers this Letter of Support for the application the Town of Kirkland and Village of Clinton are submitting for the state's Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) grant. We believe this would greatly enhance our community in a number of ways as well as provide added benefits to Oneida County and the region.

The Ministerium is group of the area religious leaders who regularly meet for discussion and planning ecumenical services and activities. In addition to our open services on the Village Green for Easter and Labor Day weekend, we seek to work through the life of the community. This includes two major events: our annual Community Collection Day held on the Village Green, whose purpose is to collect food for the Country Pantry, but also provide recycling services, and Rise Against Hunger held at Clinton High School, whose purpose is to pack about 40,000 meals for communities abroad.

Being inclusive- and community-oriented, the Ministerium, and the individual churches, welcome and support efforts that would enhance the community and infrastructure, such as developing a recreation center and after-school program or streetscape improvements of lighting, benches, and bike racks, among many others.

The people of the Town of Kirkland and the Village of Clinton have consistently demonstrated their charity and volunteerism and striving to make the community not only better for themselves, but others in need and at the margins of society. The Ministerium supports the town and village with the DRI to seek additional investment to achieve those goals.

Respectfully,



Scott Leonard, Secretary/Treasurer
 Clinton Area Ministerium

CLINTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

75 Chenango Avenue
 Clinton, New York 13323-1395
 (315) 557-2253
 Fax (315) 853-8727
 Website: www.ccs.edu

May 21, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

I write this letter to indicate on behalf of the Clinton Central School District my full support for the DRI application from the Town of Kirkland and Village of Clinton. Our school campus lies within the boundary of the proposed zone, and our schools have been a central part of this community and are greatly affected by the surrounding community.

There is no question about the impact our "Village of Schools" has on the quality of life in our community and the quality of education provided to the students in our district. Our district schools have earned the coveted National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence three times in the last 30 years, most recently in 2017, and we want to continue to be able to offer such value to our community.

Certainly having improved sidewalks, streetscapes, and infrastructure that promotes a healthy lifestyle and activities are important, and that also adds to the charm and attractiveness of our village and town as a great place to live and raise of family. But the financial sustainability of being able to provide a quality educational system no longer exists, given the inability of the state to provide enough funds and our inability to raise local taxes beyond the now permanent tax levy limit.

Formally, since the development of our Vision 2020 strategic plan developed in 2014, the need for intentional economic development in our school district was identified as a high priority, and it will undoubtedly be present in the our Vision 2025 plan under development next school year. We have been forced to reduce and eliminate programs in the past and continue to struggle annually to meet the demands and expectations of our community. I have been working to encourage and support our public officials in their efforts to stimulate economic development and plan for a continued increase in our local tax base to reduce our reliance on the current property tax payers in our district. This type of planning and ideas are exactly what we need in this community.

I applaud our local officials and recommend that you support their efforts and plans in the DRI this year, and I want you to know that the school district supports their efforts now and in the future.

Sincerely,



Stephen L. Grimm, Ed.D.
 Superintendent

May 20, 2019

Mr. Robert Meelan, Town of Kirkland Supervisor
 Mr. Steven Bellona, Mayor of Clinton
 3699 Route 12B
 Clinton, NY, 13323
 clintonnydri@gmail.com

Dear Messrs. Meelan and Bellona:

The Stone Presbyterian Church offers this Letter of Support for the application the Town of Kirkland and Village of Clinton are submitting for the state's Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) grant. We believe this would greatly enhance our community in a number of ways as well as provide added benefits to Oneida County and the region.

Stone Church continues to be and sits in the very heart of the village. Our congregation dates back to the very founding of Clinton itself in 1787 and has long historical ties as well to Hamilton College up on the hill. Indeed in the first 100 years Hamilton College presidents were ordained ministers and graduations were held at our church. Stone Church continues to house the village clock that the village still maintains. In addition the Village Green was part of Stone Church until this century when we quick-deeded it to village. Of the original three churches on the Village Green only Stone remains a church.

Being inclusive- and community-oriented, Stone Church welcomes and supports efforts that would enhance the community and infrastructure. As a 140-year old structure, Stone Church itself could use updating. In 2009 we had a successful community-wide campaign to raise funds to make major repairs on our clock tower. We desire to continue to work with the community to make our building more open to the community, including redoing our sanctuary to make it multi-purpose for community events, and expanding its use as we have with the Building Stones Fair Trade Shop we house, which is staffed with unpaid volunteers and sells Fair Trade products from around the world.

The people of the Town of Kirkland and the Village of Clinton have consistently demonstrated their charity and volunteerism and striving to make the community not only better for themselves, but others in need and at the margins of society, which we at Stone Church do as well. Stone Church supports and seeks to work with the town and village with the DRI to seek additional investment to achieve those goals.

Respectfully,



Scott Leonard, Pastor
 Stone Presbyterian Church



Clinton Lions Club
 Clinton, New York 13323

May 22, 2019

Mr. Robert Meelan, Town of Kirkland Supervisor, and
 Mr. Steven Bellona, Mayor of Clinton
 3699 Route 12B
 Clinton, NY 13323

Gentlemen,

Our organization - currently comprised of 26 members from our area - has been an integral part of the Town of Kirkland/Village of Clinton community since we were chartered in January of 1958. We congratulate you on your efforts in applying for the state's Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant which will preserve our community's historic infrastructure and improve future growth opportunities for all people in our community. Every resident will benefit from your initiative in the form of future economic benefits and increased awareness of our village and town.

At a recent meeting we discussed this topic in detail. Our International motto states, **WE SERVE** and our Board of Directors unanimously voted to extend our whole-hearted support to you in this endeavor.

We wish you every success as you continue the application process and look forward to a positive response from the decision makers at the state level... the Town of Kirkland/Village of Clinton, currently a healthy community will only get better!

Sincerely yours in service to our community,

Bob Maxam, President
maxam60@gmail.com

Jim Winkler, Secretary
wink8@aol.com

Bill O'Mara, Treasurer
bill4077@yahoo.com

Clinton Chamber of Commerce, Inc.



Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Mr. Robert Meelan, Supervisor, Town of Kirkland
 Mr. Steven Bellona, Mayor, Village of Clinton
 3699 Route 12B
 Clinton, NY 13323

Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce, I wish to express our whole hearted support of the efforts of the Village of Clinton and the Town of Kirkland in putting forth an application for funding through New York State's Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI). We see the DRI as a wonderful opportunity to not only enhance our own community but to provide benefits which will be felt throughout the region.

Projects that have been put forth like the establishment of a New York State hockey museum, streetscape and exterior and infrastructure improvements, development of green resources like our existing recreation trails and so many more innovative ideas would significantly further our efforts to showcase our dynamic community and build on what is already a strong foundation.

The Clinton Chamber of Commerce remains steadfast in its commitment to the interests of those we serve and, to this end, we thank you for your consideration of the Village of Clinton/Town of Kirkland's Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant application.

Respectfully,

Karen Ostinett, President
 Clinton Chamber Board of Directors



Kiwanis Club of Clinton
Changing Tomorrows: One Child & One Community at a Time

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Mr. Robert Meelan, Supervisor, Town of Kirkland
 Mr. Steven Bellona, Mayor, Village of Clinton
 3699 Route 12B
 Clinton, NY 13323

Gentlemen:

On behalf of the membership of the Kiwanis Club of Clinton, I wish to extend our support for the efforts of the Village of Clinton and the Town of Kirkland in putting forth an application for funding through New York State's Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI). We see the DRI as an exceptional opportunity to deliver an extensive array of benefits which will positively affect our community and beyond.

For decades, Clinton Kiwanis has been involved in a variety of service projects which, in addition to children's issues, address other needs such as helping the elderly, promoting literacy and supporting persons in need. Proposals that have been put forth for consideration in the DRI application, particularly those focused on the development and improvement of our recreational resources, would meaningfully contribute to the Kiwanis vision of positively changing tomorrows for the men, women and especially the children of our community.

The Kiwanis Club of Clinton remains steadfast in its commitment to our community we thank you for your consideration of the Village of Clinton/Town of Kirkland's Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant application.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Ostinett, President
 Kiwanis Club of Clinton



To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Clinton Comets Youth Hockey Association, I am writing to express our enthusiastic support of the Town of Kirkland and Village of Clinton's application for the state's Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant. Clinton Youth Hockey and the Town of Kirkland and Village of Clinton share a common goal of improving the economic growth of our local community.

Having recently celebrated our town's 100th year of hockey, the Clinton Comets Youth Hockey Association is proud to have deep roots in the Kirkland community with over 800 members throughout the upstate area. I am proud to tell you that with rallying support by our town, local businesses, and organizations we recently won the title of Kraft Hockeyville USA 2018. Due to vast participation by our community members we were able to bring the NHL to the Clinton Arena! Winning the title of Kraft Hockeyville USA and having an NHL game held in our village meant national news coverage, and subsequently brought more attention and business to our wonderful little town. None of our achievements would be possible without the support of our local residents, business owners, organization members, and devoted civil servants.

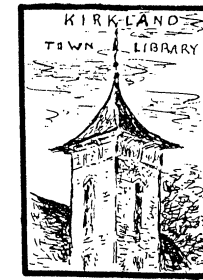
Being a non-profit, volunteer based youth organization, we understand the success of our community directly impacts our members, their families, and the success of our programs. Though we are proud of our recent accomplishments, we as a town have the potential to do so much more. The potential growth opportunities the DRI grant offers would be put to pronounced use towards the development of our community. We understand the importance of hard work and of advocating for each other and we can assure you, no town in the nation is more dedicated to helping improve its community than Clinton, NY.

Sincerely,

Brittany L. Fuller

Board of Directors

Clinton Comets Youth Hockey Association, Inc.



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May 23, 2019

Mr. Robert Meelan, Town of Kirkland Supervisor
Mr. Steven Bellona, Mayor of Clinton
Downtown Revitalization Initiative
3699 Route 12B
Clinton, NY, 13323

Dear Bob and Steve,

The Board of Trustees of the Kirkland Town Library are excited about the many benefits that would accrue to our community, as well as to Oneida County and to the region, proposed in your application for a New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant. As trustees for an organization whose mission is to actively increase the overall quality of life for residents of Clinton and the Town of Kirkland, we wholeheartedly support your efforts.

Furthermore, we pledge to support the goals of the grant by fostering an environment where lifelong learning can occur, offering vibrant and dynamic programming, and seeking out collaborations that build a stronger community.

Thank you for undertaking this initiative to enhance our community's future.

On behalf of the Kirkland Town Library's Board of Trustees,

Sara Groh
President, Board of Trustees
Kirkland Town Library

RESOLUTION #53

Upon motion by Councilman O’Neil, seconded by Councilman Lomanto, the following resolution was ADOPTED:

RESOLVED, that the Kirkland Town Board accept the resolution with the number of projects amended to thirteen (13).

Dated: May 22, 2019

Adopted: May 22, 2019

TOWN OF KIRKLAND

RESOLUTION: APPROVAL OF PROJECT

TO BE INCLUDED IN DRI GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, by resolution dated April 29, 2019, the Town Board for the Town of Kirkland, in cooperation with the Village Board of Trustees, established a Local Planning Committee to assist in the preparation of an application for a grant of up to Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) in connection with the State of New York Downtown Revitalization Initiative to benefit recreational facilities, business organizations and residences within a defined downtown district located within the Town and Village; and

WHEREAS, the Town’s representatives on the Advisory Committee have assisted in the development of a series of recommendations which include thirteen (13) separate projects to be included with the grant application to be submitted by the Clinton DRI Local Planning Committee, as more particularly set forth in the Committee’s written recommendations, which are incorporated by reference herein; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board for the Town of Kirkland have reviewed the

recommendations of the Local Planning Committee and are of the opinion that the proposed projects would be beneficial to the revitalization of the Village and Town community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED, that the Town Board for the Town of Kirkland consents and otherwise endorse those projects set forth in the written recommendation submitted by the Local Planning Committee which are to be included in the grant to be submitted as part of the 2019 State of New York – Downtown Revitalization Initiative on behalf of the Village and Town Community.

Roll Call Vote:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
Supervisor Robert Meelan	Aye
Councilman Michael O’Neil	Aye
Councilman Fred Lomanto	Aye
Councilwoman Donna Yando	Aye
Councilman Garry Colarusso	Aye

Dated: May 22, 2019

Adopted: May 22, 2019

VILLAGE OF CLINTON

RESOLUTION: APPROVAL OF PROJECT

TO BE INCLUDED IN DRI GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, by resolution dated May 6, 2019, the Village Board of Trustees, in cooperation with the Town Board for the Town of Kirkland, established a Local Planning Committee to assist in the preparation of an application for a grant of up to Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000) in connection with the State of New York Downtown Revitalization Initiative to benefit recreational facilities, business organizations and residences within a defined downtown district located within the Town and Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village's representatives on the Local Planning Committee have assisted in the development of a series of recommendations which include thirteen (13) separate projects to be included with the grant application to be submitted by the Clinton DRI Local Planning Committee, as more particularly set forth in the Committee's written recommendations, which are incorporated by reference herein; and

WHEREAS, the Village Trustees have reviewed the recommendation of the Local Planning Committee and are of the opinion that the proposed projects would be beneficial to the revitalization of the Village and Town community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustee consents and otherwise endorse those projects set forth in the written recommendation submitted by the Local Planning Committee which are to be included in the grant to be submitted as part of the 2019 State of New York - Downtown Revitalization Initiative on behalf of the Village and Town community.



May 29, 2019

Mr. Robert Meelan, Town of Kirkland Supervisor, and
Mr. Steven Bellona, Mayor of Clinton
3699 Route 12B
Clinton, NY 13323

I am pleased to provide a Letter of Support for the 2019 New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative application being submitted by the Town of Kirkland and Village of Clinton. We applaud the two municipalities coming together in a partnership to provide these enhancements to the community.

The projects that are included in the application would provide economic benefits to the immediate area as well as Oneida County and the Mohawk Valley. The addition to the tax base, the creation of new jobs and increase in tourism opportunities would bring in new revenue growth. It will also spur further development from private investors looking to commit to a vibrant and healthy community.

As a Foundation that provides funding to many of the non-profit groups in Oneida and Herkimer counties, we are pleased to see funding included for those types of community groups in Clinton, including the Kirkland Art Center and Clinton Pool. We think these improvements will keep these groups viable for years to come.

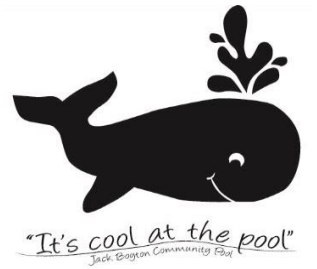
Your process of community engagement for the last three months to have vigorous input on this application shows the support of the community for these projects. We offer our support for your application.

Best,



Alicia Dicks
President & CEO

Clinton Youth Foundation
P.O. Box 32, Clinton, NY 13323



May 29, 2019

Mohawk Valley Regional Economic Development Council
207 East Genesee Street
Suite 1604
Utica, NY 13501

Re: Letter of Support for Joint Kirkland/Clinton DRI Application

Dear Sirs/Madams:

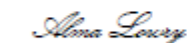
On behalf of the Clinton Youth Foundation (CYF), I am happy to submit this letter of support for the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) Application being submitted jointly by the Town of Kirkland and the Village of Clinton. The CYF, an all-volunteer organization that manages the Jack Boynton Community Pool in Clinton, believes that the proposed DRI projects will have cultural and economic benefits for Kirkland, Clinton, and the broader region.

Our Kirkland/Clinton community boasts a unique combination of local small businesses, such as the Clinton Cider Mill, and strong non-profit and volunteer organizations, such as the Clinton Arena, Kirkland Art Center, Kirkland Town Library, and the Jack Boynton Community Pool. These institutions provide rich recreational and cultural opportunities for area residents. Along with Hamilton College and the many well-organized and well-supported local events ranging from our weekly Farmer's Market to the annual Clinton Arts and Music Festival, they also draw many visitors to Kirkland, Clinton, and the broader region.

Many of the projects proposed in the joint DRI application will provide needed support and expansion opportunities for existing institutions and local businesses to ensure that they remain strong anchors for a thriving community. Other proposals will support new enterprises and community amenities, such as recreational trails and additional lodging, to fill identified gaps in services, recreational opportunities, and infrastructure. Taken together, the proposed DRI projects would increase our area's draw for tourists and new residents alike.

For all of these reasons, the Clinton Youth Foundation supports the joint Town of Kirkland/Village of Clinton DRI application. Thank you for considering this proposal.

Sincerely,



Alma Lowry
Clinton Youth Foundation Board President



ONEIDA COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS

Chad Davis ♦ 3438 Martin Road ♦ Clinton, New York 13323

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May 28, 2019

The Hon. Robert J. Meelan
Supervisor of the Town of Kirkland and
The Hon. Steven Bellona
Mayor of Clinton
3699 NYS Route 12B
Clinton, New York 13323

Re: 2019 NYS Downtown Revitalization Initiative

Joint Municipal Application for the Town of Kirkland and the Village of Clinton

Dear Supervisor Meelan and Mayor Bellona:

I am pleased to express my sincere and very strong support for the joint municipal application of the Town of Kirkland and the Village of Clinton to the 2019 NYS Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) grant program.

Funding for this joint municipal DRI application would provide critical assistance to a wide variety of economic development initiatives to a core area of these two municipalities; and, along with the leveraging of much private investment, the overall impact is expected to create about 50 new jobs while retaining existing jobs – all of which could facilitate additional job growth and attract new businesses to the mixed-use and diversified urban core.

The 13 proposed DRI Projects are well thought out strategic investment initiatives with responsible and very successful stakeholders. The proposed community projects have been well vetted at the local level for their viability from a cost-effective revitalization standpoint, a community-character standpoint, as well as from a practical economic development and tax-revenue standpoint.

Clinton's historical downtown is a very special and unique marketplace, and, the local community's vision for its future is alive and well, as was evidenced by the successful Kraft Hockeyville USA vote-victory last year and the more recent overwhelming favorable vote by the community to support a proposition for funding the local library that was on the school budget ballot earlier this month.

But, as with any community, adapting for the future requires an on-going commitment of not just high-energy and focus, but an infusion of substantial monetary resources as well - in order to keep pace with the need to replace aging infrastructure, the desire to have safe sidewalks and the dream to have certain community gems up-lifted and improved, such as the Clinton Pool, the Kirkland Art Center and the Clinton Arena.

I believe that the State's Downtown Revitalization Initiative is a perfect fit for a community like Clinton. That is, while the vitality of Clinton's downtown core always seems to be good, it certainly is foreseeable and understandable that the prosperity and sustainability of any such community – over time – will inevitably require a substantial, stimulative monetary boost to reinvigorate its infrastructure and existing improvements. The net effect of this kind of smart and well planned investment serves to trigger, and further enhance, a good economic spirit and cultural dynamic that truly makes a place like Clinton extra special.

As an Oneida County Legislator who served on the local DRI application planning committee, I witnessed firsthand the due diligence and hard work that went into the application process – which sought out ideas from the entire community. I also saw the great support, vetting and oversight given to the identified projects by the locally-elected municipal leaders at the joint meetings held by the town and village boards. As a result of this broad collaboration, I believe that a very strong and worthy plan has been put forward in the DRI application – one that will make Clinton as dynamic and vibrant as ever.

It is for this reason that I whole-heartedly and enthusiastically support the joint municipal DRI application as made by the Town of Kirkland and the Village of Clinton. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Chad Davis

Oneida County Legislator – 14th District



Mr. Robert Meelan, Supervisor, Town of Kirkland
 Mr. Steven Bellona, Mayor, Village of Clinton
 3699 Route 12B
 Clinton, NY 13323

Gentlemen:

Please accept this letter in support of the application submitted by the Town of Kirkland and the Village of Clinton for the Downtown Revitalization Initiative. Clinton has so much potential to capitalize on Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's innovative and transformative DRI program. The city is poised to build upon the momentum of substantial recent private and public investments and further leverage the DRI award to develop a vibrant and sustainable downtown economy. Downtown Clinton is a tourism and arts and culture hub and its continued revitalization is critical to regional economic success, as it will enhance the Mohawk Valley's attraction and retention of employers and residents.

Our support for this initiative stems from the need for enhanced urban spaces, to further economic development and job growth and retention in the region.

Downtown Clinton has much to offer, with unlimited potential to capitalize on its arts and culture resources, educational institutions and rich cultural heritage. The Town/Village and the entire Mohawk Valley region will benefit significantly from the \$10 million DRI award.

Thank you for your support in this effort, and in helping us to strengthen this community.

Sincerely,

Steven J. DiMeo
 President
 Mohawk Valley EDGE

Jack Withiam, Jr.
 7 Old Mill Road
 Greenwich, CT 06830

May 30, 2019

Mr. Robert Meelan, Town of Kirkland Supervisor
 Mr. Steven Bellona, Village of Clinton Mayor
 3699 Route 12B
 Clinton, NY 13323

Gentlemen:

As a trustee of Hamilton College and a member of the Town-Gown Committee since its inception in 2000-2001, I write to voice my support for Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) grant application submitted by the Town of Kirkland and Village of Clinton.

Hamilton College, renowned as one of the finest liberal arts institutions in the country, began as the Hamilton-Oneida Academy in 1793 by Samuel Kirkland and was chartered by New York State as Hamilton College in 1812. For these 226 years, the histories of Hamilton, the Town of Kirkland and the Village of Clinton have been intertwined. The College recognizes that its success requires a vibrant community, one that is attractive to its students and faculty. Because this relationship is so vital, we have worked closely with our colleagues in the Town and Village to strengthen local organizations that foster education, safety and quality of life.

Toward that end, the Town-Gown Fund was established by friends of the community and the College as a vehicle to make gifts or grants to various organizations and agencies servicing the Town of Kirkland and the Village of Clinton. From a modest start, the fund has grown to over \$1.7 million, enabling the Committee to award local organizations \$70,000 in the current year. In fact, since its beginning, the Fund has given more than 140 grants to some 25 organizations totaling approximately \$850,000. Including a gift of \$250,000 to the Clinton Fire Department directly from the College in recent years, overall giving is nearly \$1.1 million over the 19 years the Fund has been in existence.

While these numbers may be impressive, the community would be greatly enhanced if it were the recipient of the DRI grant. The Town of Kirkland and the Village of Clinton would be able to complete a number of projects that would benefit the entire community, including Hamilton

College, and improve the local business environment. Many of these projects require funding that are both beyond what the Town-Gown Fund can support and are outside the stated purpose of the Town-Gown Fund. The DRI grant would provide an incredible boost to this historic Upstate NY community. I urge you to select the Town of Kirkland and Village of Clinton as the grant winner for 2019.

Sincerely,



THANK YOU.

**TOWN OF KIRKLAND
& VILLAGE OF CLINTON**
A Community of Everyone, for Every One