
TOWN OF KIRKLAND & VILLAGE OF CLINTON

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2021 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

Kirkland and Clinton have taken what they have learned from their past DRI application to focus their needs and refine their plan to address them. I believe what they have devised will greatly enhance their community, Oneida County and the region.

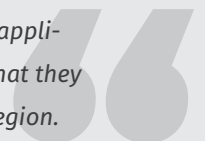




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Mike Reese, Regional Director
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Dear Mr. Reese,

Please accept this 2021 Downtown Revitalization Initiative application. We learned much from the 2019 DRI application process; we have refined and reworked some of our 2019 proposals, while adding new projects that reflect the changing needs of our community and eliminating others unsuited to the current economy.

As in 2019, the Town of Kirkland and Village of Clinton again propose to collaborate on this important initiative. We recognize such collaboration necessitates an effective coordinating body for our joint projects. In 2020 we formed the Clinton-Kirkland Improvement Commission (CKIC), which will soon be a legal entity serving as an economic development resource for our area. The CKIC will play a vital role in implementing and coordinating DRI projects.

Our vision has remained constant: to leverage our rich history, well-preserved architecture, active arts and cultural scene, nationally recognized hockey tradition and outstanding small businesses, all in service of community development to enhance our unique character, create jobs, and increase Clinton's walkability and environmental sustainability.

The passion, capability and commitment of our community and elected leaders has been amply demonstrated over the past several years. Many of the CKIC's community leaders were involved in our successful 2018 application to be a Kraft Hockeyville community. During the COVID pandemic those leaders supported small business, offered COVID guidance, identified resources and continued to build essential community networks.

As part of the 2021 DRI process, we undertook considerable public outreach, including a DRI booth at our Farmer's Market and several public hearings on the DRI to ask the general public their priorities. We are proud that the vast majority of our individual DRI projects were generated at the grassroots level by individual investors and community organizations.

Those projects can be grouped into three broad bundles: proposals for expanding proven, well-established small businesses; proposals for improving the walkability and accessibility of downtown, including improvements to the streetscape; proposals updating aging infrastructure.

Our 2021 application demonstrates we are a community firmly rooted in our history even as we create the conditions that will enable tomorrow's economic growth and development. We believe our downtown can be a more vibrant, walkable destination, with an attractive mix of housing, commercial and recreational spaces.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit the Clinton/Kirkland 2021 DRI application.

Robert Meelan

Robert Meelan, Town of Kirkland Supervisor

Elizabeth C. Tantillo

Elizabeth C. Tantillo, Village of Clinton
Mayor

And the Clinton/Kirkland Local Planning Committee

ABOUT OUR PARTNERSHIP

WHO WE ARE

Within the Town of Kirkland in the southern zone of Oneida County lies the Village of Clinton. As home to one of the top liberal arts colleges in the country and a Blue Ribbon designated school district, for decades the Town and Village have partnered to provide top quality services and events for residents.

In 2018 the Town and Village led the effort of its citizens both here and far to unite to win the coveted title of that year's Kraft Hockeyville community, making the Clinton Arena only the fourth such winner of the title.

That 'we can do anything' attitude remained a year later when we learned of the state's Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant. Through working together on the application, that informal spirit of cooperation grew stronger as we identified ways the two municipalities had been helping each other, and through the vision of the DRI we saw more opportunities for growth as two entities working as one.

While 2019 was not our year to win a DRI grant, the encouragement of the Mohawk Valley Regional Empire State Development Council to try again inspired us to early in 2020 begin to look at improving our application. When the pandemic began, we easily transitioned that effort into coordinating efforts to keep local businesses and non-profit organizations strong and viable as best they could under given restrictions.

That led to the creation of the Clinton-Kirkland Improvement Committee, a formal name for those community and municipal leaders who led the Hockeyville victory and first DRI effort. Although C-KIC has yet to meet in person, through Zoom, members have conducted almost 100 meetings to discuss ways to help the area through this difficult time. As 2021 began, we also reopened talks on preparing for our second DRI application.

While there is a quick turnaround time from when the application became available to its deadline, and we must abide by safety regulations due to the coronavirus, this joint Clinton-Kirkland application has been almost two years in development. We believe it offers a stronger vision than in 2019 and thanks to your feedback, corrects those areas that needed improvement. We believe that awarding Clinton-Kirkland a 2021 DRI grant would benefit not just our community, but the Mohawk Valley and all of New York State. Each of these projects has the potential to spark much more investment in our community through job growth, population growth and property tax growth.

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 region's most popular 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 homes 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 needs and enhancing what already exists, thereby 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 an 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.



The proposed DRI Designated Zone - walkable from end-to-end in under 15 minutes - contains small businesses that market nationally and internationally, a Blue Ribbon school district, restaurants that draw 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 makeup. 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 from around the country and the world 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.

Clinton's proposed Zone - defined after input from community members - takes advantage of the little developable land available while also strengthening what already works. Those projects proposed on the open sites, which includes use of a brownfield, address the critical needs for Clinton's growth: market-rate apartments, more retail space and job growth.

A Streetscape Plan would enhance the area around the well-used Village Green. While the \$1 million pricetag on a fully electric or solar-powered trolley is cost prohibitive, a hybrid model would significantly reduce carbon emissions and address parking challenges in that area.

Even in the second year of the pandemic, the Clinton downtown business community continues to thrive due to overwhelming support of those who see the value in buying local. Downtown Clinton in the summer of 2021 has no empty storefronts to fill with a creative DRI project. Building owners who had been part of the 2019 application have had to put those projects on hold due to the significant growth in the cost of construction materials and labor.

Clinton's businesss remain strong through local support from people who chose this community as a place to live based on the strong quality of life found here. Updating and enhancing those entities would retain residents and keep Clinton as a desirable place to live for those looking for an attractive community at an affordable price.

However, as the nationwide trend has shown since March

2020, the 21st Century workplace has changed. More business is being conducted outside of the traditional business office, either at home or in a public community space. The proposal by the Kirkland Town Library to create community space for gatherings that include business functions would fill that need in our community.

Three local attractions have operated for 60 years or longer. The Kirkland Art Center needs a roof, and the Clinton Pool needs repairs to its concrete floor. Using money awarded and raised during Kraft Hockeyville, and borrowing by the Town, the Clinton Arena will undergo repairs to its 75-year-old roof and floor. Doing so has unveiled other structural issues that need addressing, including the addition of a girls locker room.

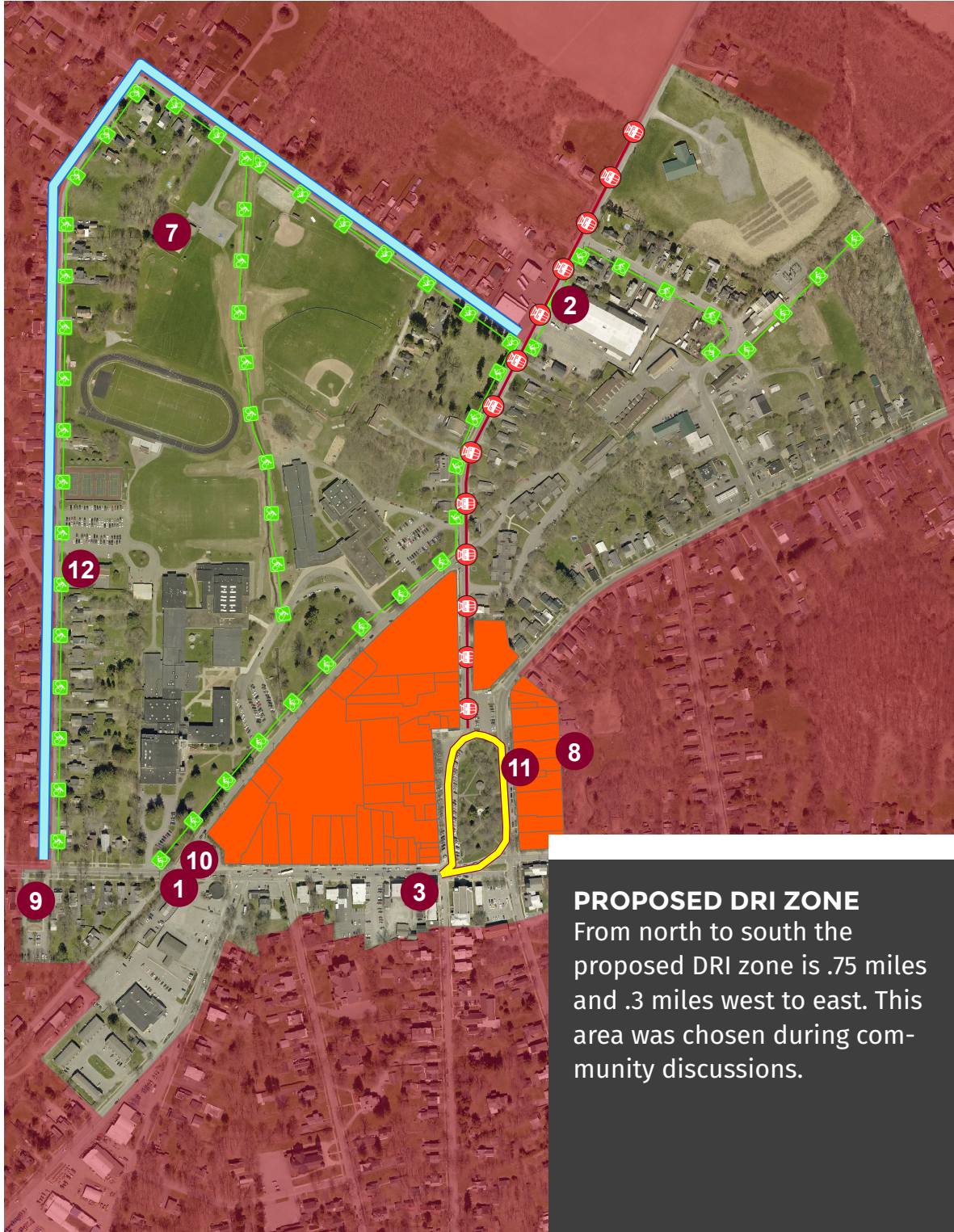
The Clinton community does not have the financial capability to fund more than one of these projects through public and private donations. In looking at previous DRI winners, it appears this program addresses the gap small communities have in funding large-scale improvements. To further illustrate the impact the DRI would have for this community, the combined Town of Kirkland and Village of Clinton budgets add up to \$9.5 million for 2021.

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. For every DRI dollar spent, an additional \$1 or \$2 more will be part of those projects.

As the 2021 DRI plan was developed by the community, other projects were proposed to go along with the first phase. Phase 2 projects awaiting a more suitable time for construction, perhaps three to five years away from development, would add another \$20 million in improvements to the community.

The state's endorsement that Clinton-Kirkland is a community worth investing in would be a strong statement to attract for-profit businesses that would add to the tax base and job growth. In turn, the Town and Village could use that additional revenue growth for upgrades to infrastructure and expansion of services.

DOWNTOWN IDENTIFICATION



ABOUT 75 DOWNTOWN STAKEHOLDERS MET REGULARLY IN 2019 AND AN ADDITIONAL 200 COMMUNITY RESIDENTS AND VISITORS TOOK AN ONLINE SURVEY ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE DOWNTOWN AREA.

THEY OVERWHELMINGLY AGREED 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 major 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 state's proposal will go across New York State on the off-road path. During our discussions this year the idea of a History Comes To Life walking path has gained a lot of support for collaboration among several community groups. It would compliment the Library's Poetry Path.

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EXISTING BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

The Clinton Cider Mill, one of the oldest existing businesses in Oneida County that draws 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 has already been renovated for business space; additional funding would provide for commercial space. A hybrid 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. As importantly, this will reduce carbon emissions and have a gentler impact on the environment.

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.



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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. Their proposal would find new use for a former bistro that has been empty for almost two years. The Kirkland Town Library, housed in one of the area's oldest buildings, wants to update its infrastructure for greater energy efficiency, and add bike racks to promote alternative transportation. Stone Presbyterian Church has offered to donate its sanctuary space for community use.

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DEVELOPABLE LAND

As a whole, Clinton has little available land for new growth. 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 for a kiosk providing information on the community and its businesses. Clinton Central School District has offered to work with a 125-year-old business for expansion to add to their customer base. Improvements to the clubhouse at the Clinton Pool, which is on school property, would benefit both entities and allow a secondary use as a concession stand.

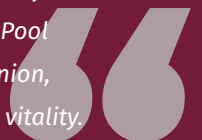
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UNDERUTILIZED SPACES

The Zone includes a vacant building, an unused parking lot, unused space in Lombard Hall, Stone Church, the 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

The vision to keep and sustain a vibrant community is evident with the many wonderful ideas for the core and heart of Clinton. For example, the proposed funding to assist the Kirkland Art Center, the Kirkland Town Library, the Clinton Pool and the Clinton Arena with certain necessary improvements to sustain their respective futures is, in my humble opinion, just a plain-smart approach towards sustaining the community's great character and its continued local economic vitality.



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 the Clinton Central School District); and enhancements to small businesses and non-profit organizations (\$6 to \$10 million).

A study commissioned by the Albany-based Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities found that Hamilton College's economic impact on the Mohawk Valley for 2018-19 totaled \$325.5 million. Of that, \$20.5 million was estimated spent by students and visitors in the region.

This year Hamilton College distributed a record \$157,000 in grants to 14 non-profit and public safety organizations in the Village and Town. This brought to just over \$1 million in awards during the 20 years of the program. The College also showed its support for the community by hiring a grant writer to work with the Village of Clinton, Kirkland Trails and Clinton Pool. The Village has already benefited from a grant from the Community Foundation of Oneida and Herkimer Counties to fund an updated strategic plan.

One of the characteristics of the Clinton community

is the many partnerships that form for the greater good. Hamilton College, after participating in the 2019 DRI application process, restructured 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 services. When students returned in fall 2020 and were unable to leave campus due to the pandemic, through C-KIC helped businesses find ways to bring their wares to campus. Students also helped local businesses develop strong online presences and open their in-store retail to online shopping.

The 2018 Kraft USA Hockeyville title won by the Clinton community is another example of past funding that relied on community partnerships that will translate into future investments. 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, the 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.

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, the 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 for an annual Hockeyville tournament to attract youth teams and their families from other communities that have won the Hockeyville title have been paused during the pandemic, but remain very much a desirable goal.

In reviewing the 2019 application, we identified as a point of improvement the need for a stronger plan to administer the grant. Working with the Town and Village, Hamilton College is willing to shift some of the Town-Gown funding to help hire an administrator to oversee use of the grant.

While this is another example of the generosity of Hamilton College to the community, as one of the three largest employers in the Town of Kirkland - along with LutheranCare and Indium Corp - what can benefit the community as a whole benefits those looking to lure top quality staff and professionals.

Applying for a DRI in 2019 brought other positive results. Karen Ostinett, president of the local Kiwanis Club, said that while their Kiwanis Park Project didn't make it to the final cut, "the good news, however, was that we took the work we did on the DRI project to submit to a local Foundation and we received the monies we needed to reconstruct a soccer field, baseball diamond, new dugouts, storage sheds, parking lot, etc. The DRI application process turned out to be a very positive experience for us and I know the Clinton Kiwanis will support the entities applying for this round."

RECENT OR PENDING 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 on investment on such jobs bolsters the economy indirectly as well.

INDIUM CORPORATION

Indium Corp. in 2013 employed 220 people; in 2018 employment had increased to 260. With some adjustments due to the pandemic, that level has dropped slightly but is expected to return. 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. The U.S. Small Business Administration invested to help fund the \$2 million expansion at Hale Transportation Center with a loan. The facility added 15,000-square feet and 20 jobs to the (pre-pandemic) existing staff of 55.



SMALL BUSINESS ECOSYSTEM

The popularity of the Clinton Farmers Market led three vendors expanding to brick and mortar operations 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 state'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 132 businesses as dues-paying members of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce, 52 percent of them are owned, co-owned or managed by women.

NEW GROWTH

From March 2020 through summer 2021, three new businesses opened during the pandemic. One business closed due to the owner's retirement, but that storefront was immediately filled. Community support - including finding creative ways to engage Hamilton College students - provided the bridge to keep every single business open.

Despite the restrictions to prevent spread of Covid-19 in 2020, and to a lesser degree this year, the Clinton Farmers Market ran successfully both years. In 2020 significant modifications following state guidelines allowed for the outdoor activity; the 32 vendors repeatedly praised organizers for the safety protocol and that Clinton was by far their most successful sales point each week.

On any weekend day the Clinton Cider Mill is open, the line for purchasing doughnuts, cider and other products, along with watching the 102-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 attract more customers. With a modest estimate of two bus tours a week, the Mill would see financial input from 100 more customers.

While the pandemic's effect on the present job market has been minimal, in putting this application together we have seen the impact on future job growth. Two of the biggest projects from the 2019 application that would have provided a combined 62 jobs declined to participate in this year's application. Developers of the Holiday Inn Express and East Park Row multi-use building said construction cost increases have rendered their projects not cost effective this year.

Both developers, however, will continue to work with the community to find funding in the next two to five years.



ATTRACTIVENESS OF THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

While not large in geographic area, the Clinton Downtown checks all the boxes as a mixed-use downtown. Rotating 360 degrees from any spot on the Village Green, one can see locally run stores and restaurants, service businesses, banks, arts and culture offerings, recreational possibilities and residences from Victorian historic homes to efficiency apartments. All of that contributes to one of our 'good' problems to have, lack of parking. The proposed project to address that would solve both present and future needs.

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. 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 discussions 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 reasons 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 top 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, 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 attractive social and cultural offerings. For many of the residents, Clinton is a choice. The ability to add more places to live and 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 high school's designation as a Blue Ribbon School.

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 high school students take advantage of the district's support of local businesses that allows 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 willing to take a short 5 to 10-minute walk. A natural food store also serves the Clinton 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.

With a donation of furniture from Hamilton College, the Village set up an outside dining area last year that allowed people to dine outside safely during the pandemic. It proved so popular the seating area was set up again this year, which benefited local restaurants.

Much of the feedback and input we received centers on the area used by many for walking, running, and biking, either as recreational use or to travel from one place to another. Requests to extend those opportunities through sidewalks came from many people.

Several organizations have partnered with a new idea included this year to motivate people even more to get out on foot. A Historic Trail would allow people to follow some of the historic sites in the Village and Town. This would pair with a Sculpture Trail proposed by the Kirkland Art Center to showcase the work of local artists in a public setting, similar to how the Kirkland Town Library fosters reading and exercise with its Poetry Path.



During the NYS EDC Sponsored Aug. 23 webinar about the DRI, Sarah Crowell, Director of Office of Planning, Development and Community Infrastructure, discussed the importance of reducing the use of vehicles that have a high negative impact on the environment. She mentioned projects that would flip that switch so people could leave their cars parked and use non-carbon emitting transportation. Development of a Historic Trail with works of Art would do that for our community.

In its 234th 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 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, while practical elements such as bike racks and recycling containers will be designed to fit the historic heritage.



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 Kirkland Town Library's annual book sale and the Memorial Day tributes to Clintonians who died serving 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. Tuesday Night Summer Concerts on the Village Green have been a regular event for almost two decades. After 2020 absence due to COVID, concerts were met with high attendance in August 2021.



QUALITY OF LIFE POLICIES

Having an elite small Ivy liberal arts college in the Town attracts students, faculty and administrators who have high expectations for the community where they are considering to live. Hamilton College remains among one of the nation's most highly regarded colleges, testifying that the community meets those standards with a strong school system, quality art and culture offerings and a variety of places to spend social time.

Hamilton College encourages its students to become involved in the community. The college students visit Clinton Middle School once a month for Hamilton Happenings, an evening of fun and games, and members of the college's men's and women's ice hockey teams pair with Clinton Youth Hockey skaters each season. Clinton's A Better Chance program, which enrolls up to eight young men of color each year to live on the campus and attend Clinton High School, is supported and embraced by the community.

During the remainder of the 2019-20 school year and the full 2020-21 year, Hamilton College and Clinton Central School District collaborated to have these relationships and support systems continue remotely. Several Hamilton students stepped in as one-on-one tutors to assist students learning remotely as well.

Clinton boasts a multi-generational community, with many children growing up within minutes of where their grandparents live. Members of the Kirkland Seniors annually are guests of the school for lunch and the final dress rehearsal for the school musical.



What makes Clinton special?

awesome family ability local events walkability
 KAC always Everything like Quiet safety
 beautiful farmers' etc district
 Halloween kids raise having other friendly
 sense village shopping festival Utica
 Hamilton each businesses arts concerts cultural
 walkable proximity services walking great
 coming education art market Low many walks
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 all place places ice strong Clinton crime things Small
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 love arena care living about feel
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 shops together restaurants feeling pool

Clinton provides a great example of how a small community gets things done because of the willingness people have to connect with other groups and organizations to form a larger network. For example, the Clinton Ministerium brings the community's church congregations together to work for a common cause, such as Rise Against Hunger and supporting the local food pantry. Last year, despite the pandemic, a record 40,000 pounds of food was packaged for the Rise Against Hunger program.

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. Support for differing viewpoints and backgrounds is also embedded into the fabric of the community's character.

Small communities have to be creative in using their limited resources. The assets in Clinton-Kirkland have long relied on each other for support and partnerships. We already practice the collaborative approach a DRI grant aims to facilitate.

DAVID WIPPMAN PRESIDENT, HAMILTON COLLEGE

Hamilton's success in attracting some of the finest students and employees to this region is tied directly to our ability to offer quality programs and an attractive and safe quality of life, both on campus and off. For more than 200 years, the Village, the Town and the College have partnered to protect the characteristics that make Clinton, Kirkland, and Hamilton such desirable places to live, work, and learn. We know, however, that we cannot take for granted the features that draw people to our community and our College, so I'm grateful for the leadership you are providing to ensure our future economic health, vitality, and overall quality of life.



PUBLIC SUPPORT

After the initial disappointment eased of not winning the 2019 DRI, the Clinton-Kirkland community set out in early 2020 to prepare a second attempt. While the pandemic pushed those plans forward to 2021, our gatherings of public support commenced in March 2020 and continued through the days leading up to the application deadline.

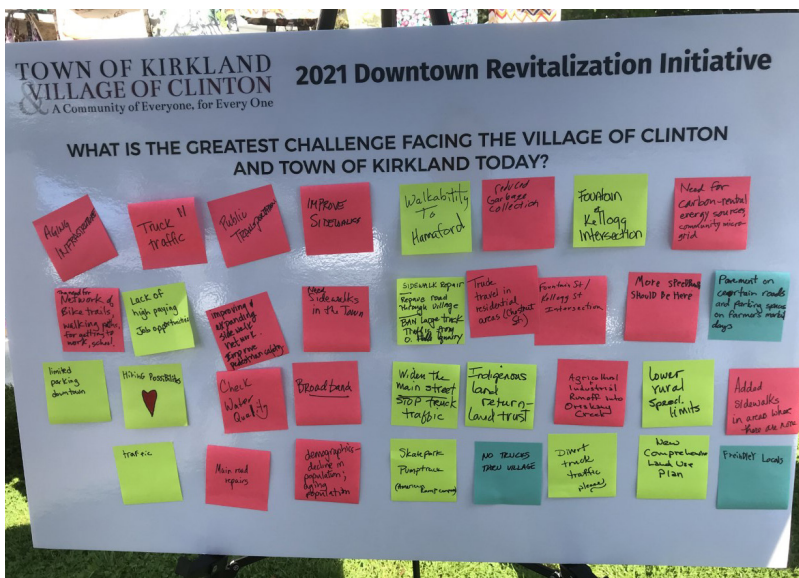
The DRI Local Planning Committee moved in-person meetings to weekly remote calls every Friday at 2 p.m. Our agenda contained two main priorities: facilitate ways to keep businesses functioning through the pandemic, and continue to gather data for the next DRI submission.

Through the Clinton Chamber of Commerce, we conducted an initial survey in spring 2020 of the immediate needs for local businesses. As buildings had to close due to COVID safety regulations, people wanted to transition to online commerce, but many did not have the means to do so. Through the DRI LPC - soon

to be renamed the Clinton-Kirkland Improvement Committee - businesses partnered with Hamilton College students to develop an online presence that allowed for retail sales.

An outdoor area, with the generous donation from Hamilton College of tables and chairs, created an outdoor dining space for customers to use after getting takeout from restaurants. The Village and Chamber of Commerce purchased hand sanitizing stations for use there and at other events such as the Farmers Market.

Our 2019 application showed administrative capability as an area we needed to address. Our first step was to formally identify what had been the Kraft Hockeyville Local Organizing Committee (and then the DRI Local Planning Committee) as a more long-term organization focused on growth and development of the Clinton-Kirkland community. Along with adopting Clinton-Kirkland Improvement Committee, as the name for the new organization, we reached out to other economic development groups in nearby small communities.



Caroline Williams of the Remsen Development Corp. met with C-KIC for a virtual meeting of almost two hours. We also corresponded with Partnership for Community Development in Hamilton. We used their bylaws as a template for developing ours.

Mindful of the challenges faced by the community's non-profit groups, we reached out to offer assistance. Some, such as the Kirkland Art Center and Clinton Historical Society, had to cease programming and close their doors. Others, such as the Kirkland Town Library and Clinton Arena, adapted new ways to offer programming while adhering to COVID safety guidelines.

The Kirkland Trails, which had obtained a grant in late 2019 to finalize the 2-mile portion between Deansboro and Dugway Road, promoted the newly opened multi-use path as a safe place for people to exercise. A collection of fairy houses enhanced the adventure for young and old walkers.

During the challenges of keeping business and organizations running in some fashion starting in spring 2020, the community also responded with record donations to The Country Pantry, the food bank that serves residents in the Clinton Central School District. Through the December holidays of 2020, The Country Pantry provided up to 1,000 households a month with groceries, even when supplies became limited and at times impossible to purchase.

Three businesses that opened in downtown Clinton after the pandemic started remain open and busy. The Compound, Rainbow air plants and Utica Bread have quickly

become part of the business fabric that serves Clinton, Kirkland and beyond.

In December we began surveying organizations and businesses included in the 2019 project. We asked for updates through 2020 and projections on what could be included in a 2021 DRI application. Each participant was assigned a liaison from C-KIC and invited to attend the Friday virtual calls.

A survey was sent to members of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce to solicit new ideas. For two weeks this summer C-KIC collected community information at the Clinton Farmers Market. In August we conducted a meeting with attendance either in-person or remote to explain about the 2021 DRI application and timeline. About 30 people attended and shared ideas over two hours.

Some of the feedback gathered during our community outreach:

Highlights

- Community spirit and pride register as high assets
- The area's history and safe living environment attract people to move here
- Vibrant and diverse downtown for size of community
- Locally owned businesses/no chain stores
- Belief in education, life-long learning
- Way organizations and people all seem to get along and be inclusive
- Variety of free outdoor community events
- How people volunteer: Climate Task Force, Country Pantry, DRI, etc
- Great diversity for a community this size
- Preservation of historic buildings important
- Lots to do for families, even on a budget

Challenges

- Lack of new job development to retain young people.
- While the community provides many walking opportunities, people said they want sidewalks extended to connect more locations
- Lack of smaller housing options (townhouses, apartments) for older people who want to sell larger homes but stay in the area
- Dollar General plaza/parking area. Private owner resists development
- Parking limited for events downtown



TRANSFORMATIVE OPPORTUNITIES

When putting together our application in 2019 we asked businesses, developers and non-profit groups for their wish lists of items that would enhance not just their organization but the community and region.

In compiling our 2021 application we first reached out to those on the Phase 1 list two years ago. We asked three questions: Is your project(s) still viable? Given the extreme rise in construction labor and supplies, can it be done, or modified, to remain at the 2019 funding request? Will this project provide ways to contribute to a Smart Climate Community?

Our 2021 project list submitted shows that the answer by most of our applicants was yes to all three questions. Modifications have come due to organizations and businesses moving forward with their own funding streams, despite the risk brought by the pandemic's effect on the economy. We believe that speaks to the strong belief that the Clinton-Kirkland community will continue to move forward no matter the obstacles.

The originators of three of our most transformative projects from 2019 have asked to be considered in a Phase 2 step of development. A plan to renovate an underused building for shops and high-end apartments will wait until construction costs return to truer market value. Proposed townhouse apartments saw too high of a jump in cost to justify having them included this year.

Developers of a 70-room hotel have halted progress on the one in our area along with two others. They have assured us that the occupancy rates shown in 2019 remain high and make this an attractive project. In the two years since that proposal became public, there has been interest shown by another higher end hotel chain with a more upscale project.

Our 2021 transformative projects meet the criteria of:

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

Should our joint application from the Village of Clinton and Town of Kirkland be chosen this year, the dollar-for-dollar leverage will far exceed the almost \$15 million investment in Phase 1. Enhancing our regional offerings of the Kirkland Art Center, Kirkland Trails and Clinton Pool, along with allowing two historic family businesses to position themselves far into this century, would springboard that Phase 2 development in the next few years. Total project costs are based on summer 2021 estimates.

01

CLINTON/KIRKLAND/ HAMILTON COLLEGE SEWER SERVICE

Proposal: Addresses the need for improvements to the system to handle both existing infrastructure and new development as proposed by this DRI application. This proposal will be funded at the request of \$874,000.

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 taken on in 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, and Hamilton College can move forward with additions to its campus. This would also benefit businesses outside of the Designated Zone, such as Indium Corp. Fewer leaks in the system will provide protection of the environment and eliminate costly waste of water.

Timeline: 12 - 24 months

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$4.5 M

DRI REQUEST: \$874,000

TAX REVENUE: N/A

02

CLINTON ARENA

Proposal: Repair the roof, open the inner ceiling to expose the rafters (as done in the past), and add a girls locker room, community use room and a New York State Hockey Museum. Repair the ice floor base and remove unsafe concrete foundation. Replace lighting, windows and doors for energy efficiency in the building.

This work is all necessary to keep this historic building maintained and in compliance with 21st Century requirements and use. In late winter 2020, before high school sports came to an end for that year, the Clinton Warriors girls ice hockey team won the state championship in their fourth year of play. As of today these state champions have to change in the bathrooms or before coming to the Arena as they have no locker room.

The Museum would be an additional draw for tourists who come to the Arena because of the Hockeyville title. Before Covid restrictions closed the building to visitors, it was a daily occurrence for people from outside the Mohawk Valley to stop 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. Working with the building's owner, the Town of Kirkland, the Local Hockeyville Committee has started raising the remaining funds 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. Once restrictions on travel are lifted for good, discussions will continue on having a Hockeyville tournament at the Arena with other Hockeyville communities from the United States and Canada. The NHL is interested in participating. This would attract dozens of people from outside the area to stay for a long weekend, enhancing tourist dollars spent in the region.

Timeline: 24 months

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$4.19 M

DRI REQUEST: \$2.14 M

TAX REVENUE: N/A

03

**ALTERI'S
RESTAURANT**

Proposal: Alteri's has been an institution in the Village of Clinton since Valentine's Day 1953. Alteri's is a gathering place before, during and after important hockey games and for significant celebrations of friends and families. The proposal addresses ways to better serve those groups along with adding to its customer base. Expansion and renovations would increase both the customer use space and space for adding to the product line. Up to 15 permanent jobs and an additional 10 or more as-needed jobs would be added for the new product line and ability to increase on-site and off-site catering.

Work would also allow for energy efficient enhancements with windows, doors and lighting as well as a better use of overall space.

Benefits: In the last year, they have sold more than 2,500 frozen pizzas to family, friends, and acquaintances in 38 states and have found a way to serve a little slice of Clinton to anyone in the country feeling nostalgic, feeling homesick, or simply feeling hungry for an old-fashioned recipe.

Timeline: 24 months

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$3 M

DRI REQUEST: \$2 M

TAX REVENUE: WOULD INCREASE AS THE VALUE OF THE BUILDING INCREASES. SALES TAX REVENUE WOULD ALSO INCREASE, AS WELL AS PAYROLL.

04

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, and 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 addition of walkways and sidewalks.

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

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$1.1 M

DRI REQUEST: \$500,000

TAX REVENUE: WITH VISITORS COMING TO USE THE TRAIL SYSTEM SALES TAX REVENUE WOULD INCREASE. PAIRING THE TRAILS WITH THE BIKE SHARING PROJECT WOULD BENEFIT A LOCAL BIKE SHOP IN RENTALS OF ACCESSORIES FOR RIDING.

05**SOLAR SIGNS**

Proposal: This would greatly increase the awareness that Clinton-Kirkland is taking steps to become a Climate Smart Community. Signs would be placed at municipal borders and in individual businesses and organizations showing that the entity is following climate smart steps to reduce its impact. This would be a draw to businesses and new residents who support these goals.

Benefits: The benefit would not be seen in dollars raised but in dollars saved through more efficient structures and habits. Being bold about such support could draw in like-minded businesses and new residents to the Town and Village.

Timeline: 24 months

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$150,000
DRI REQUEST: \$100,000
TAX REVENUE: N/A

06**SIDEWALKS/BIKE LANES/EV CHARGING STATIONS**

Proposal: Addresses the need for safer methods for non-vehicle travel in the community. Sidewalks would be extended into the town and bike lanes would create less risky routes throughout the Village.

During the last two years of discussions with community residents about improving the community, more sidewalks and a safer way to ride a bike came up repeatedly. People want to do recreational activities without leaving home; features such as these are proven to enhance a community's worth to potential new residents and businesses.

Benefits: The attractiveness of such features to outsiders looking to relocate their home or business would allow for higher housing prices amidst a more competitive market. Anything that brings in visitors will add to the sales tax revenue.

Timeline: Less than 12 months

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$200,000
DRI REQUEST: \$100,000
TAX REVENUE: N/A

07

CLINTON POOL

Proposal: Renovate pool and clubhouse for longer seasonal use, make both ADA compliant and open facility to use by Clinton Central School sports teams. Purchase a solar covering to extend season for pool use by up to three months

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. The pool is rented by neighboring communities each summer for swim lessons for their children in Summer Rec programs. In 2019 the pool had 7,200 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. The benefits of children knowing how to swim and having this recreational element to their summer greatly enhances a child's well-being and safety in the water.

Timeline: 18 - 24 months

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$1.55 M

DRI REQUEST: \$1.4 M

TAX REVENUE: N/A. THIS PROJECT WOULD ADD TO THE SALES TAX AND EMPLOYMENT OF THE AREA.

08

PARKING EXPANSION

Proposal: Addresses the need for more parking on a daily basis and for special events. Takes advantage of underused land unfit for other development to address this problem. Would also provide an option for traditional parking to those uncomfortable with the diagonal parking along West Park Row. This project would be done in two phases and includes funding to enhance the look of the parking areas to fit into the downtown character.

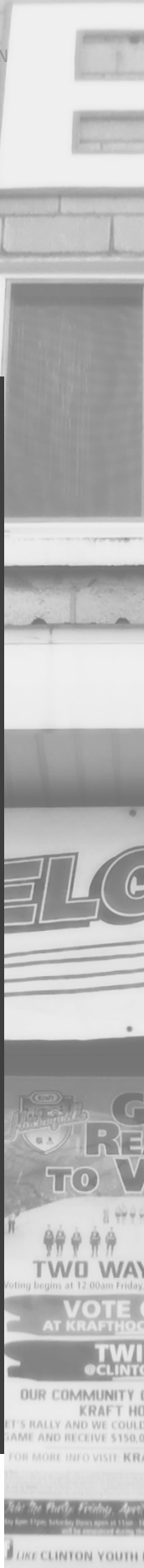
Benefits: This makes use of underused property in the village. Potential customers will not be deterred by limited parking options and would be able to shop and add to the sales tax revenue.

Timeline: 8 - 12 months

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$432,195

DRI REQUEST: \$432,195

TAX REVENUE: N/A



09

KIRKLAND TOWN LIBRARY

Proposal: Even during the pandemic the KTL continued to offer programs virtually and has begun more in-person events outside and inside as regulations allow. Usage actually increased in 2020 and into 2021 as people looked for safe activities close to home.

The expansion of the building would address the limited capacity for some of the more popular programming, as well as allow for more social distance spacing as needed/desired.

A new upcoming events sign would fit more into the downtown area's historic look on the Village Green and enhance readability for passers-by.

Benefits: More programming would enhance the overall appeal of the community for non-residents to visit.

Timeline: 18 months

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$500,000

DRI REQUEST: \$385,000

TAX REVENUE: N/A

10

KIOSK PARK

Proposal: To better encourage use of new bike lanes and trails, as well as provide a healthy activity to all community residents and visitors, a bike sharing program would be set up on donated property on College Street. In addition, an informational kiosk would allow visitors to see a map and instructions on community businesses and features accessible by foot or bike. This area would serve as a trailhead with parking for vehicles, and include an Electric Vehicle charging station. Initial funding request would cover first year of maintenance; revenue generated from bike use would be used for future years. A local bike shop would be set up for rental of helmets, water bottles and other accessories.

Benefits: Would make use of a vacant property too small for development. Studies in other communities show a bike sharing program brings in visitors and increases the length of their stay in that community.

Timeline: 2 months

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$200,000

DRI REQUEST: \$100,000

TAX REVENUE: N/A

11

KIRKLAND ART CENTER

Proposal: Add a full kitchen and exterior improvements, replace aging roof and repair steeple, exterior work to look more in line with historic downtown

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 second Phase to renovate the barn for two apartments to create an Artist in Residency program. The KAC sees 5,500 people participate in its classes and events each year; this addition will add to that audience.

Property taxes: If the culinary school is set up in the former Across the Row Bistro, this project would fill a storefront that has been vacant for almost two years. More classes would bring in numerous people to the community

Benefits beyond Clinton: 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: 12 months

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$775,000
DRI REQUEST: \$400,000
TAX REVENUE: N/A

12

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 beyond Clinton: 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 products at the Mill. Oneida County will benefit from additional sales tax revenue.

Timeline: 6 months

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$381,500
DRI REQUEST: \$190,750
TAX REVENUE: \$23,350

13

CANAL PLACE, 43 COLLEGE STREET

Proposal: Renovating this former warehouse built in 1844 for usable space in the 21st Century as a multi-use building for office space, a cafe and living quarters for visitors.

Building has been renovated and made ready-use by private investment of owner

This would address the trend grown out of the pandemic for options other than large office spaces; area could serve as a smaller regional office for a large company or a more efficient one for a small business.

Property taxes: Enhancements to the building will raise its value on the tax rolls. Would ensure that a building in its third century can continue as a vital resource to the community.

Timeline: 8 months

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$217,600
DRI REQUEST: \$108,800
TAX REVENUE: N/A

14

HOCKEYVILLE TROLLEY

Proposal: Purchase a 14-passenger hybrid-powered, handicapped accessible trolley for use during special events. Research shows that a combination electric and natural gas powered vehicle would be both cost effective and energy efficient.

Parking during special events was identified as a problem to be addressed. Given that there are parking lots available outside of the downtown walkable area, 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, Clinton Central School District, Clinton Chamber of Commerce and Kirkland Seniors would have use of the trolley as needed for their events. A trolley would also reduce the carbon impact on the community and enhance the experience of tourists visiting Clinton-Kirkland.

Timeline: 18 months

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$700,000
DRI REQUEST: \$500,000
TAX REVENUE: N/A

15

HISTORIC WALKING TOUR/SCULPTURE TRAIL

Proposal: To link the community's numerous historical points with an integrated self-guided Walking Tour. Along the way sculptures would provide an artistic experience with the Historic Walk or on its own. The Walk would be broken into subjects and distance, allowing people to choose their path.

Streetscape enhancements would provide decorative period lighting along Park Row and other touches based on the historic significance of the area.

Benefits beyond Clinton: Would bring in visitors to the community who would spend dollars at local shops and events. Can provide community service/ internship hours for high school and college students during guided tour events

Timeline: 6 months

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$650,000
DRI REQUEST: \$400,000
TAX REVENUE: N/A

16

BUSINESS FUND

Proposal: To assist businesses through the economic impact of the pandemic by providing a grant program for expansion of storefronts and/or employees, with particular focus on climate smart changes.

Through a committee process, business owners would apply for up to a maximum (to be established) for a grant to aid in expanding their businesses and improving their storefronts. Without such a fund business owners will have to eliminate such changes or wait years to recover from the revenue lost during the pandemic.

Timeline: 6 months

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$750,000
DRI REQUEST: \$600,000
TAX REVENUE: TBD



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2021 Downtown Revitalization Initiative Public Participation

Together, the Village of Clinton and Town of Kirkland are competing for a 2021 \$10 million Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant from NYS.

We want to hear from you!

Please SHARE your VISION for the Village of Clinton and the Town of Kirkland.

Survey Link:



Come learn more at the
2021 DRI Public Meeting
Wednesday, August 11th
6 pm
Kirkland Town Library

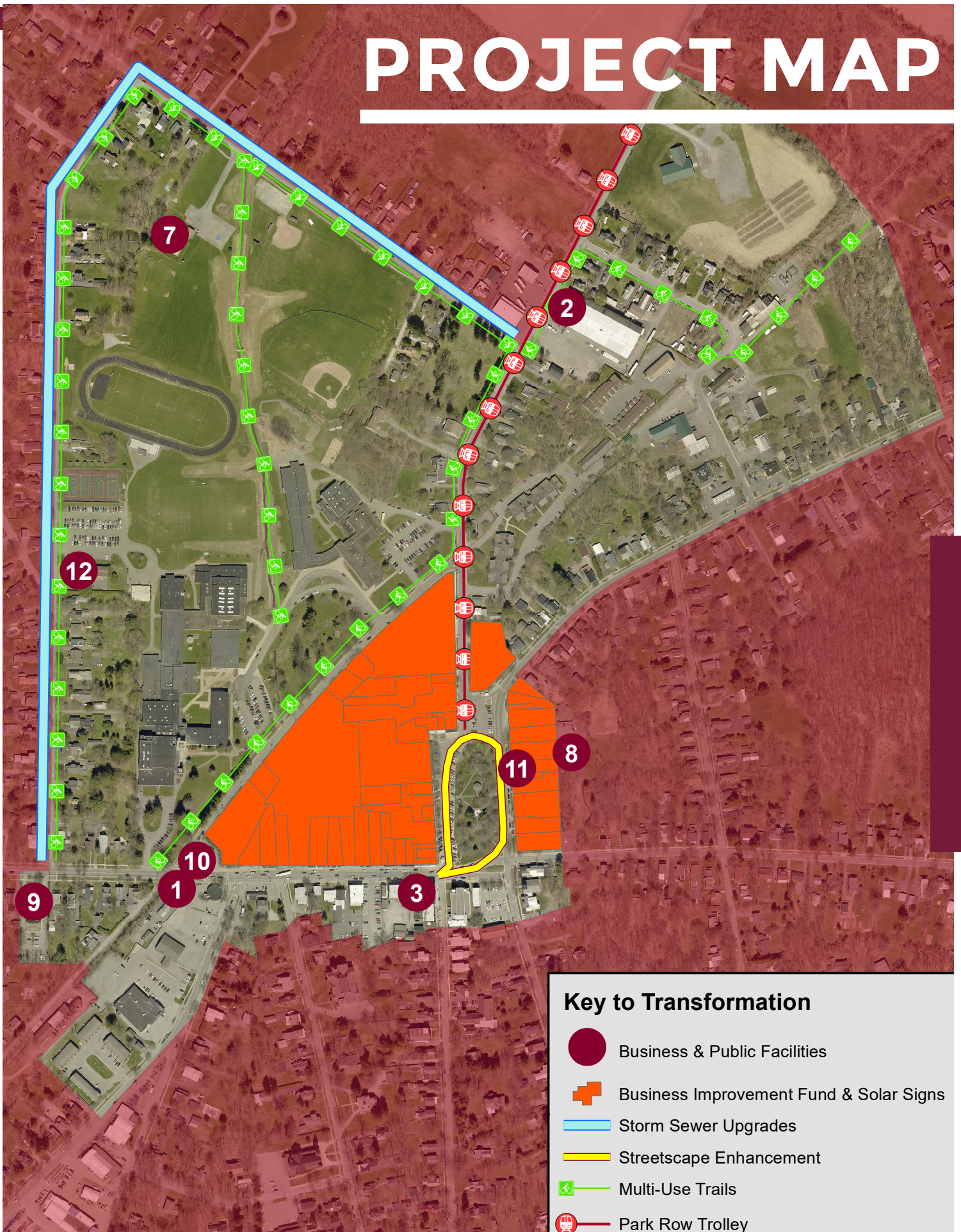
Email clintonnydri@gmail.com with questions.

If you can't attend the meeting, please email us for the Zoom link.



<https://clintonnychamber.org/downtown-revitalization-initiative-dri>

PROJECT MAP



DRI FUNDING REQUESTED

Project	Total Cost	DRI Request
1. Clinton Sewer Service Area	\$4,500,000	\$874,000
2. Clinton Arena	\$4,184,000	\$2,133,105
3. Alteri's Restaurant	\$3,000,000	\$2,000,000
4. Kirkland Trails	\$1,088,000	\$500,000
5. Solar Signs	\$150,000	\$100,000
6. Trails and Sidewalks	\$200,000	\$100,000
7. Clinton Pool	\$1,550,000	\$1,400,000
8. Parking	\$432,195	\$432,195
9. Kirkland Town Library	\$500,000	\$385,000
10. Kiosk Park/Bike Share	\$200,000	\$100,000
11. Kirkland Art Center	\$775,000	\$400,000
12. Clinton Cider Mill	\$381,500	\$190,750
13. Canal Place	\$217,600	\$108,800
14. Trolley	\$700,000	\$500,000
15. Streetscapes	\$650,000	\$400,000
16. Business Fund	\$750,000	\$600,000
	\$14,778,295	\$10,223,850

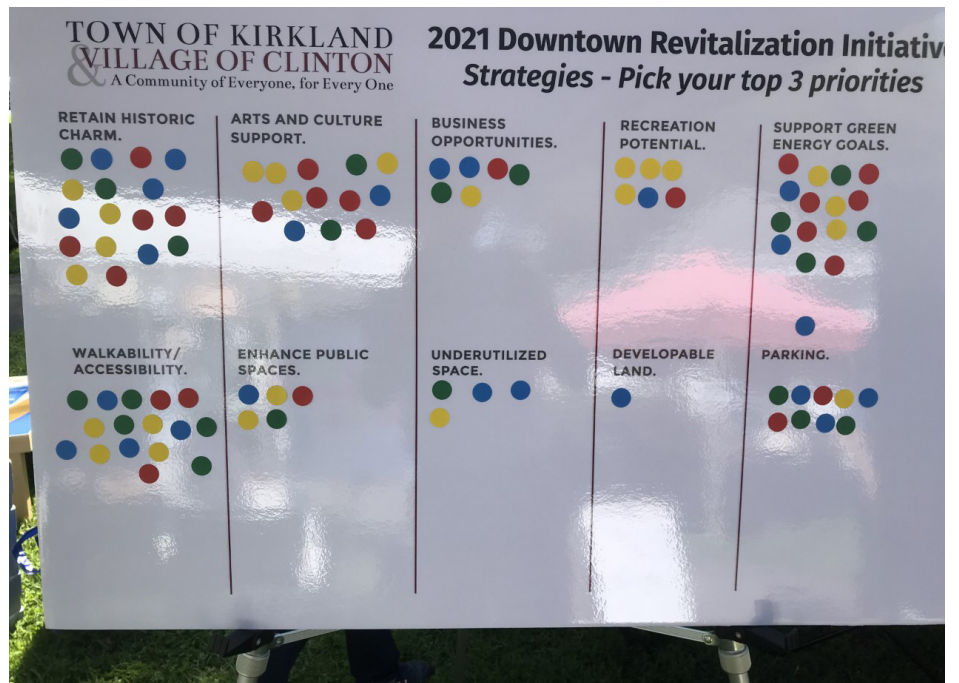
ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITY

In reviewing our 2019 application to prepare for this year, we realized that a weak point was our administrative capacity. While other communities that apply and have won a DRI grant have the resources for either a Planning Department or outside third-party sourcing to administer the grant, the Village of Clinton and Town of Kirkland have had to create capability.

Addressing that gap led to a revised funding method for Hamilton College's Town-Gown support of the community. Working with the college, the Village and Town will hire someone whose sole role is to be the DRI development director through the life of the grant's projects. The Clinton-Kirkland Improvement Committee will serve as the liaison with the director and municipalities.

A committee will be established to work with the director. 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 with members of the Clinton-Kirkland Improvement Committee. The municipalities will request that Mohawk Valley EDGE continue to be involved as consultants.

While made up entirely of volunteers most of whom are residents, the LPC - under the name of the Clinton-Kirkland Improvement Committee - 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

Garry Colarusso: Town of Kirkland Councilman

Chad Davis: Oneida County Legislator

Elizabeth Tantillo: Village of Clinton Mayor

Corrine Gates: Owner, Krizia Martin, downtown business

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

Steve Bellona: Former Mayor of Clinton

Mike Debraggio: Hamilton College

Tony Arcuri: Town of Kirkland Financial Officer

Karen Ostinett: Clinton Chamber President

John Fehlner: Clinton Cider Mill



DRI COMMUNITY 2021

Clinton's 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.

When residents were asked to look at the Clinton community with a critical eye to see what can be done to become even better, people responded positively. 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 and health benefits 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. After learning more about the DRI and its goals, we

believe Clinton is exactly the type of community the state had in mind when creating this economic development support.

The impact of the pandemic greatly limits community organizations from undertaking large campaigns for improvements. Without this assistance, most of these will not happen in the next decade. 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.

We have observed in the 40 communities chosen in the first four years of the DRI that the state's trust in those communities has spurred others to bring their ideas for growth. Clinton, New York, is prepared to follow that high standard of success by representing the Mohawk Valley as a 2021 DRI community.

POTENTIAL PROJECTS WERE ASKED TO SUBMIT DRI REQUEST PROPOSALS. THE COMMITTEE THEN NARROWED THE SUBMISSIONS TO 16 FINAL PROJECTS AND IDENTIFIED APPROPRIATE LEVELS OF DRI FUNDING WITH PROJECT APPLICANTS. THE 16 BUSINESS/PUBLIC FACILITIES PROJECTS THAT WERE CHOSEN ARE CONTAINED HEREIN.

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2021 Clinton DRI Request for Project Consideration

Project Name: Clinton/Kirkland/Hamilton College Sewer Service

Submitted by: **Clinton Sewer Service Area (CSSA)**

Name of Person Filling Out Application: Thomas Firsching

Company/Organization Representing: CSSA

Address: Lombard 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 ensure 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.

(a) 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).

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- (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 for DRI request:

1:	Interceptor Line Work	\$ 272,000.00
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(b)	175,000.00
(c)	25,000.00
(d)	72,000.00

2: Village Line Work: \$ 431,000.00

(a)	20,000.00
(b)	101,000.00
(c)	310,000.00

3: System Wide projects: \$ 171,000.00

(a)	66,000.00
(b)	20,000.00
(c)	85,000.00

Estimated Total cost of the project \$4.5 million

Amount requested from DRI: \$874,000

Other funding sources: Water and Sewer Rate Payers, Capital fund

Steps needed prior to project being started: 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.

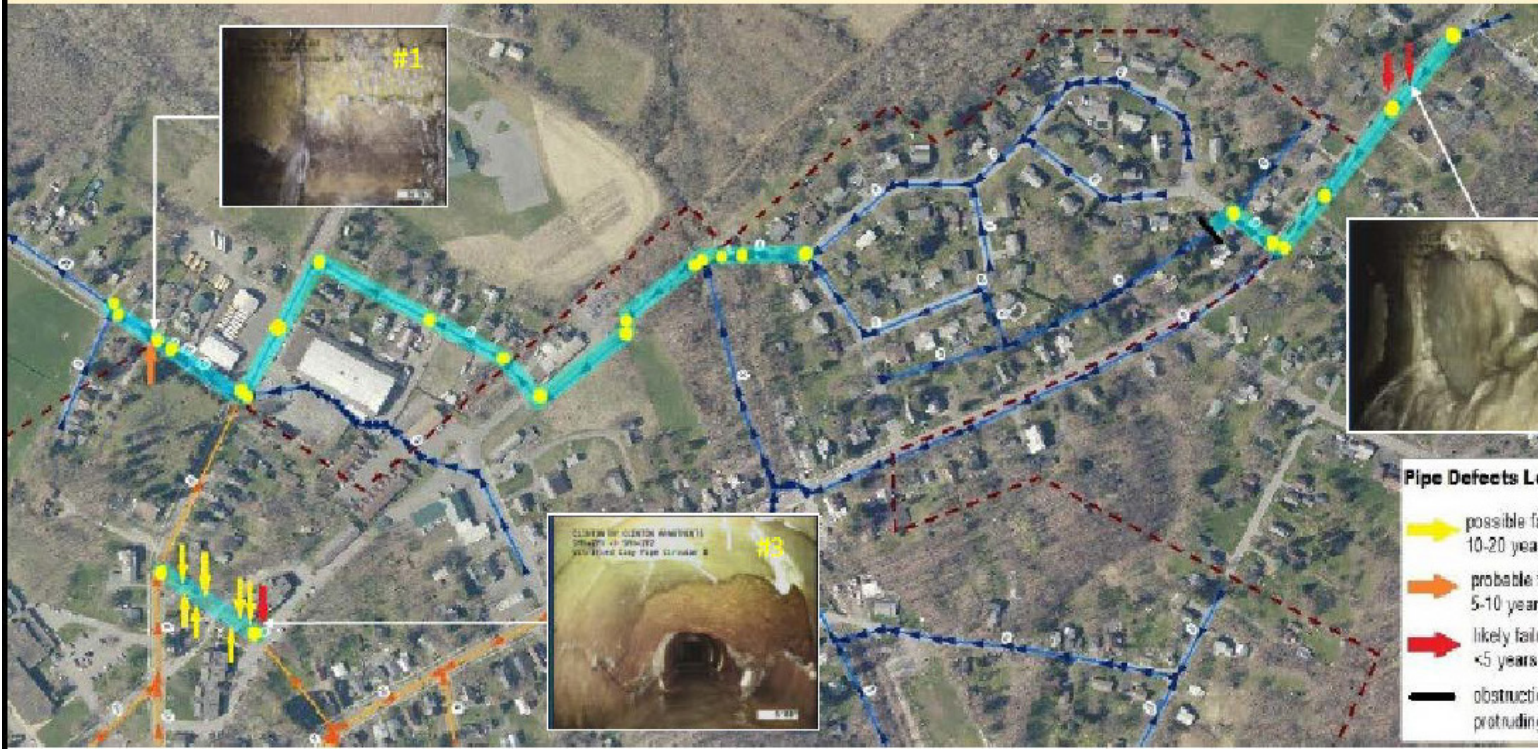
Will the project include energy sustainability elements? Reduction of Infiltration/Inflow will increase the efficiency of the Treatment Plant, reduce consumption of energy and chemicals, and improve protection of the environment, particularly Oriskany Creek

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]

Clinton House Apartment Line Defects

FIGURE 6
SHED #1 OBSERVED PIPE DEFECTS



Representative manhole in need of repair.



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2021 Clinton DRI Request for Project Consideration

Project Name: Clinton Arena Improvements

Submitted by: **Patti Maxam**

Company/Organization Representing: **Town of Kirkland Parks & Recreation Dept.**

Address: **36 Kirkland Ave, Clinton, NY 13323**

Contact information: **Patti Maxam 315-404-4184**

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 our 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 in the winter months. In the spring/summer months people use the facility for school picnics/class reunions, indoor flea markets, dance recitals, indoor lacrosse, circus's, wrestling matches, postcard shows. We've even had weddings and a funeral. We are here for the community and accommodate to the best of our ability.

In 2018 the Clinton 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 the Buffalo Sabres and Columbus Blue Jackets.

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.

Other than the COVID year (which we were still open with restrictions and kept as many people on the ice as we could); The Arena brings in thousands of people throughout the year. One of my favorites is when old timers and adults come back with their families and walk through the front door and say do you smell it? This is the Clinton Arena; this is when you know you are home! Then they continue in to show the family where they sat in the locker room, the ice, the stands and all the memorabilia upstairs.

The Project

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

Total cost of the project: **\$4,335,000**

Amount requested from DRI: \$2,150,000

Other funding sources: SAM, CFA, Town of Kirkland

Steps needed prior to project being started: Studies done, ready to go to bid

Timeline for completion: November 2021 to April 2023

Partnerships served with other groups in the community: Clinton Central School, Hamilton College, Clinton Youth Hockey, Clinton Figure Skating Club, various community groups, Mohawk Valley region

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. Explain the impact of Covid-19 on your business since March 2020 and how this project can assist your recovery and growth.

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.

The Arena draws in people from all over the country since becoming a Hockeyville site three years ago. Phase 2 plans are for a New York state Hockey Museum which would be a tourist draw to keep people in the area for a day as they make other stops.

We've been talking with Rob Eshe, owner of the Utica Aud/Adirondack Bank Center, about strengthening the connection between the old Clinton Comets and the current Utica Comets by having the Utica players do clinics, practices and even games in the Arena. That would be a huge draw to the Arena and increase interest in the Utica team.

The project also addresses the need for a girls locker room as participation by girls in the sport of ice hockey is growing. In 2020 the Clinton Warriors won the girls state ice hockey title. This would make the Arena a more accessible and welcoming place for girls.

Sustainability Goals

Please describe energy and carbon reduction initiatives your project provides.

The roof and floor are past their life expectancies and need to be replaced. Replacing both should lower our energy cost. If we were able to add an addition for more spacious locker rooms, we could hold more events and tournaments to increase our revenue and the revenues of the small business in town. Any help from the DRI would be appreciated to keep the community's arena moving forward.

January 2020-present

Outline changes to your business since the last proposal, including expansion of facilities, employee growth and new offerings for customers.

Due to COVID we have not done as much as we would have liked, but we did get a few things finished. All lighting is now LED throughout the arena. We are finishing up an alert system to let us know if the machines go down. This will help us to know immediately that they have gone off and energy and time will not be wasted to get machines back to temperature.

Proposed Project

Work Item

1. Re-Roofing of Existing Arena

Replace Rear Gambrel Roof with insulated Metal Panel	\$979,000
Replace Front Flat Roofing with EPDM Membrane	\$250,000

2. Site Improvements

Relocate Existing Waterline	\$15,000
Relocate Existing Gas line	\$10,000
Tie-In New Sanitary Line	\$6,000
Rework Existing Storm Line	\$8,000

3. Interior Renovations

Replace arena flooring & dasher boards	\$800,000
Rubberized flooring for catwalk 7,000 sq ft X \$21	\$147,000

4. Building Addition Phase 1 & 2

\$1,800,000

5. Parking Lot - Boxed out & paved

\$150,000

6. Equipment – Zamboni Model 546

\$110,000

- Reverse Osmosis System

\$60,000

Filtration system to remove "hardness from the Zamboni flood water prior to heating & filling tanks.

Total

\$4,335,000

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2021 Clinton DRI Request for Project Consideration

Project Name: Alteri's Restaurant Renovations, Expansion

Submitted by: **Fran Alteri**

Company/Organization Representing: Alteri's Restaurant

Address: 7 College St., Clinton

Contact information: 315-853-6363, alteri9@yahoo.com

Overview

We are requesting \$2 million to renovate the entirety of the second floor of Alteri's Restaurant (2,500 square feet)—including a new, elevated roof—and turn it into a dual purpose space. Currently, the upstairs is not insulated and has not gotten an update since the rebuild after the fire (see below.)

We'd like to use one half of the second floor space as facilities to grow our frozen food offerings. This would increase our capacity to prepare, cook, store, and ship frozen pizzas, sauce, and meatballs. With this new line of business, we estimate this will add 5-10 new jobs to our payroll.

We'd like to turn the second half into event space. The back room of Alteri's currently serves as the dedicated catering & event space, but this will need to be removed to add a rear egress to the second floor. Moreover, we'd like to increase the footprint and improve the quality of our event space offering to better accommodate community needs. One of our greatest joys is getting to be a part of our customer's most special moments, and the new event space will allow us to better serve the community.

The Project

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


Total cost of the project: \$3 million

Amount requested from DRI: \$2 million

Other funding sources: CFA, private

Steps needed prior to project being started: Site plans, architect drawings, evaluate existing space for use/disuse during construction

Timeline for completion: One year



Partnerships served with other groups in the community: Alteri's Restaurant has been serving the Clinton community for almost 70 years. As one of the oldest businesses in Clinton, we have had the unique privilege of passing ownership of the restaurant down through three generations of family while serving several generations of customers.

Our goal has always been to make dining at Alteri's feel like eating around your own kitchen table. We believe the most accurate metric of our success in this endeavor is not only the number of regular customers we see on a weekly basis, but also our customer's unrelenting support in times of adversity. When Alteri's burned down in 1963, it was the Clinton and Kirkland communities that helped us literally and figuratively rebuild.

In 2018 the restaurant served as headquarters for many of the Hockeyville celebrations and official gatherings, including a visit by the Stanley Cup and the post-Hockeyville party after the NHL game at the Clinton Arena.

Our restaurant serves as an unofficial local hockey museum with walls covered in memorabilia. When former Clinton, Hamilton, Comets players gather for reunions, they come here.

Economic Impact


56 years later, we have the community to thank again for helping us survive a new set of unprecedented challenges. When COVID-19 first forced us to shut our doors, we had no way of knowing how or if we would survive. We had to learn how to operate in a way that was completely counter to everything our business was built on — home cooked meals, in-person dining, a packed bar, catering special moments, the camaraderie of a small town with a big heart. But Clintonians near and far rallied together to support us, despite dealing with their own hardships. Locals placed to-go orders sometimes three times per week, and those far away offered to pay to have us ship them frozen pizzas. And thus was born our frozen food business.

In the last year, we have sold more than 2,500 frozen pizzas to family, friends, and acquaintances in 38 states, including local customers. We have found a way to serve a little slice of Clinton to anyone in the country feeling nostalgic, feeling homesick, or simply feeling hungry for an old-fashioned recipe. We want to build on this momentum, while also finding a way to better serve those in our own backyard.

We anticipate the addition of 5 to 10 jobs permanently, and then more temporarily as the catering business expands. The addition would add to the value of our building and the amount we pay in property taxes. Our contribution to the sales tax of Oneida County would significantly increase.

Sustainability Goals

Our family had to make choices about where to spend what little money we had after the accident, and we poured all that we had into improving the restaurant for customers



so we could reopen the business. As such, the roof is only 7.5ft from the floor and the windows do little to regulate the temperature in that space. We would like to use a portion of these funds to make the space as energy efficient as possible.

January 2020-present

As explained above we found creative ways to continue to serve our customers and keep going a business that opened on Valentine's Day in 1953 by my grandparents. This is the message we shared with customers once it became apparent COVID would have a hard impact.

March 16, 2020: As a family-owned restaurant, the safety of our employees, customers, and community—all of whom we care for like family—is of the utmost importance to us.

To ensure this safety, Alteri's will be open nightly for takeout only from 4-8PM beginning Tuesday, March 17th. We will monitor the situation closely and will adjust our operations as necessary. Any future changes will be communicated on this page and on our website.

Please know that even during this limited service, we are reinforcing adherence to our rigorous hygiene processes and increasing sanitation measures. Amid the chaos and concern, being able to serve the community in some small way brings us joy and we hope to provide you with the same for as long as we can.

We are deeply grateful for your support during these uncertain times. Gift cards will also be available for those looking to support in a way other than purchasing food. Please keep in mind that gift cards are a great way to bolster many other small, local businesses in the community as well.

Stay safe, and we are here to help in any way that we are able.

Getting this DRI funding to expand the business well beyond what we could afford on our own would be a dream come true. It would allow us to serve our loyal customers in more ways, and to continue to give back to the community that has been so good to us.

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2021 Clinton DRI Request for Project Consideration

Project Name: SIDEWALKS AND TRAILS: Kirkland Trails, Inc.

Submitted by: Sharon Williams, Vice-President; James Bramley, President; Chip Bassett, Secretary; Ann Silversmith, Board member; Christine Ceely, former Board member

Company/Organization Representing: Kirkland Trails, Inc.

Address: P.O. Box 86; Clinton, NY 13323

Contact information: Sharon Williams: swilliam@hamilton.edu, 315-404-5395; James Bramley: jbramley23@gmail.com, 315-725-0867

Description of Organization:

Kirkland Trails, an all-volunteer, community-based organization in the Town of Kirkland, was founded in January, 2018. Our core goal--to develop safe trails and sidewalks in the Town of Kirkland--is described in 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.”

Since 2018, Kirkland Trails has achieved significant progress. We have been granted non-profit status from the State of New York, held public meetings and annual members’ meetings, and conducted a successful community fundraising campaign. In coordination with the Town of Kirkland, we received a New York State Department of Transportation permit to develop an initial, three-mile section of the abandoned railroad bed traversing the town. This railbed parallels the historic Chenango Canal that extended from Binghamton to Utica in the nineteenth century.

Other communities already have developed sections of the Chenango Canal Trail corridor in their area, and we are actively planning to develop the entire extent of the corridor in Kirkland. Our planning efforts have included holding initial conversations with landowners and in 2020 commissioning a Feasibility Study and land survey for railroad trail development north of the village of Clinton. We plan to convert abandoned railroad beds to trails wherever possible, and, where not feasible, to facilitate safe passage via sidewalks and bike lanes. This trail/sidewalk/bike lane network will provide a continuous

walking and biking trail through the community and create connections to surrounding area trails and beyond, including the nearby Erie Canalway Trail, a portion of the Empire State Trail.

Role in the community/number of people reached

The development of walking and biking trails in Kirkland already has and will continue to contribute to the overall quality of life for the community. Our goal is to offer all residents of Kirkland and beyond the opportunity to enjoy safe, healthy outdoor activities, to enjoy our local green space, and to learn about our local environment and the history of the Chenango Canal and the railroad that replaced it. The core population served includes the population of the Village of Clinton (1,700), the Town of Kirkland (10,000), and Hamilton College (1,800). In addition, we serve other residents in the region and visitors to the region. On any given day, trail users may include older folks on a daily walk; youngsters learning to ride their bikes; a group of runners from a high school or college; and dog walkers, bird watchers, and nature photographers on their daily rounds.

We plan to link our trails to the extensive, state-wide network of biking and walking trails, including the nearby Erie Canalway Trail, which will attract visitors from throughout New York State, the United States and abroad.

The Project

The four proposals described below will enable Kirkland Trails to complete significant steps towards fulfilling our mission. As a set, the four projects will provide safe passage to and increase connectivity among key locations near the village center that are heavily used by community members: downtown businesses, village offices, grocery stores, pharmacies, school buildings, plus the town library, historical society, arts center, outdoor pool, and skating arena. Residents will be able to access all of these key locations entirely on foot or bicycle and leave their cars at home.

Proposal 1A: Street-side Sidewalks

Extend street-side sidewalks in the Village of Clinton and contiguous Town of Kirkland. We propose constructing standard width (5 ft. wide) asphalt sidewalks in the following locations:

- Along the northern section of Elm Street to the junction with Norton Avenue
- 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. This in-kind labor would greatly decrease the overall costs.

See APPENDIX A for details.

Proposal 1B: School Grounds Sidewalks

In collaboration with the Clinton Central School District, we propose to construct asphalt trails/sidewalks (8 ft. wide) on the school campus for use by students and community members. The trails would provide safe passage to sites of community importance, including the CCS athletic fields, the business district, the town library, and the skating arena.

Three trails would intersect at the recently installed metal truss bridge near the elementary school playground which spans the small creek running through the athletic fields. The trails would be:

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

It is expected that the Central Clinton Schools will contribute towards the costs of this project.

See APPENDIX B for details.

Proposal 2: Trailhead Park

Develop a trailhead park at the intersection of College Street and Chenango Avenue North in collaboration with the property owners, 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 central, village trailhead for the Chenango Canal Trail.

Amenities would include a four-sided kiosk with weather-proof signage describing the history of the railroad and the canal, plus a local business map and directory. Images and text would be developed in conjunction with the Clinton Historical Society. Other amenities include a bench, drinking fountain, bicycle rack, and bicycle repair station.

See APPENDIX C for details.

Proposal 3: Chenango Canal Trail Corridor

Begin development of one portion of the Chenango Canal Trail walking and biking corridor in the village. This portion of the trail would extend along Chenango Avenue North, Kirkland Avenue, and McBride Avenue and would provide safe connections to key locations, including the school campus, the skating arena, and the business district. This initial stage of the Chenango Canal Trail through the village would consist primarily of enlarging the existing sidewalk along the entire length of Chenango Avenue North in front of the Clinton Central Schools. An asphalt sidewalk/trail (10 ft. wide), with clearly marked bicycle and pedestrian lanes, would be constructed to safely accommodate high volumes of pedestrian traffic and bicycle traffic.

In-kind work from the Town would decrease the overall costs.

See APPENDIX D for details.

Proposal 4: Pedestrian Bridge

Plan and install a pedestrian bridge across Sherman Brook, on the railbed corridor just north of McBride Avenue. A bridge over Sherman Brook is an essential step in connecting the village section of the Chenango Canal Trail to two trail sections on railbed north of the village in the Town of Kirkland. The main Chenango Canal Trail section would lead towards New Hartford and Utica; a second section would follow a spur railroad bed to Clark Mills, the Erie Canal Trail, and Rome.

An 80 ft. long, 10 ft. wide metal truss bridge is envisioned either at the site of the former Chenango Canal aqueduct across Sherman Brook or at the nearby site of a former railroad bridge.

See APPENDIX E for details.

Total cost of the project: \$1,088,000

Appendices A-E break out the cost for the four proposals.

Amount requested from DRI: In-kind labor from the Town and contributions from the Clinton Central Schools would reduce the total amount needed from the DRI grant by as much as 50%.

Other funding sources: We would draw on some funds contributed during our recent fundraising campaign. We also would conduct additional fundraising and explore other grant sources.

Steps needed prior to project start: For the sidewalks, agreements with the Village, Town, and other property owners need to be discussed and finalized. For the trailhead park, further discussions with the property owner need to be held. For the bridge, discussions with adjacent and near-by property owners need to be held, and an engineering firm hired to complete an engineering study.

Timeline for completion: Once planning is completed, the sidewalks and trailhead park could be completed within 12 months. The engineering study for and the installation of the bridge would take two years.

Partnerships with other groups in the community: We are working regularly with the Town of Kirkland Highway Supervisor. His input into the planning of these proposals has been very important, and he would be a key figure in their execution. The Clinton Historical Society would assist in the development of text and visuals for informational signage and materials. We also will continue to work in coordination with the Clinton Chamber of Commerce and the Clinton-Kirkland Improvement Commission.

Economic impact: While direct job creation is not likely to be a result of trail development in Kirkland, trail development will have significant local economic impact. There are ample data showing that trails benefit local economies in a variety of ways. The portion of the Chenango Canal Trail currently developed in Kirkland is very well used by local and area residents, and economic benefits to businesses, such as visitors to local stores and restaurants, will increase as the trail system develops. The increase in home values for property owners in communities with recreational trails has been well-documented.

Trails enhance the quality of life for all residents, contributing to residents' general satisfaction with their community. In recent surveys of Kirkland residents, top priorities listed are enhancing green spaces and developing the walkability of the community. Trail development in Kirkland directly contributes to both these stated priorities by reducing dependence on automobiles, by increasing safe spaces for walking and biking, and by allowing residents to reach important locations in the community on foot or by bicycle and leave their cars at home. In addition, trails help preserve the historic character of the community, protect green spaces, and provide habitat for native animals and plants.

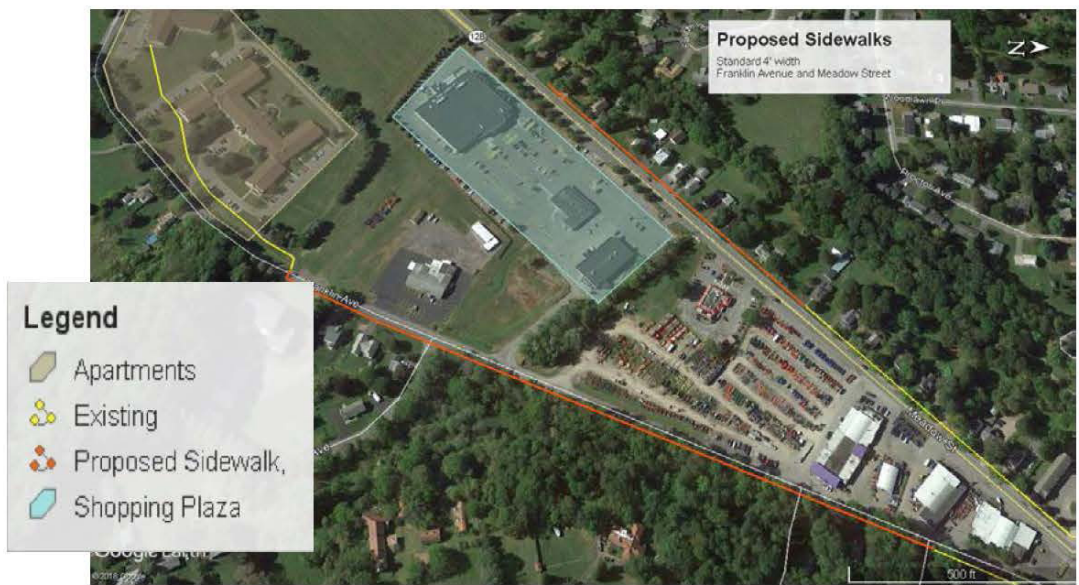
Trails offer significant health benefits for a community, resulting in a healthier, stronger individuals and a healthier, stronger community overall. Trails bring people together in a healthy social space. They increase individuals' physical fitness and the overall physical fitness of a community. Medical studies have demonstrated numerous health benefits of regular physical activity. These include weight and blood pressure reduction and decreased risk of heart disease, diabetes, dementia, depression, and several types of cancer. Throughout the Covid pandemic, the trail section currently developed has experienced tremendous use by residents of Kirkland and surrounding communities.

Regional economic development will be affected as trail connections are made to other area trails. Tourism in the area will increase, providing new revenue sources for local businesses such as restaurants and hotels, and possibly spurring new business development.

Sustainability Goals: Trails provide a community with the means to reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions by decreasing motor vehicle usage; they conserve green spaces, and they preserve habitat for native animals and plants. Community trails also provide a sustainable, educational model for young people, encouraging them to develop a lifestyle that includes healthy, outdoor activity and use of non-polluting modes of transportation.

Appendices A-E to follow

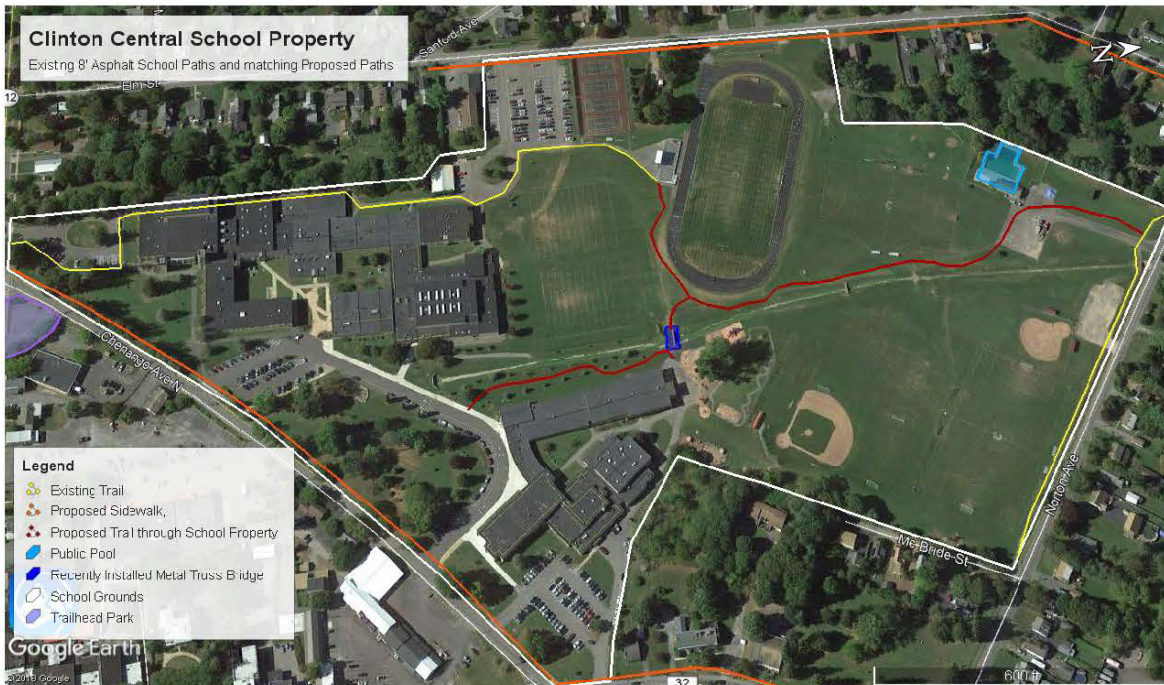
APPENDIX A Sidewalks



Estimated Cost for Proposal 1A (Street-side Sidewalks, 5 ft wide)

Location	Distance (feet)	Total \$50/ft
Elm St to Norton	2200	\$110,000
McBride	1000	\$50,000
to Bridge	700	\$35,000
Kirkland Ave	550	\$27,500
Meadow St	1000	\$50,000
Franklin Ave	2800	\$140,000
TOTAL	8250	\$412,500

APPENDIX B (School Grounds Sidewalks, 8 ft wide)

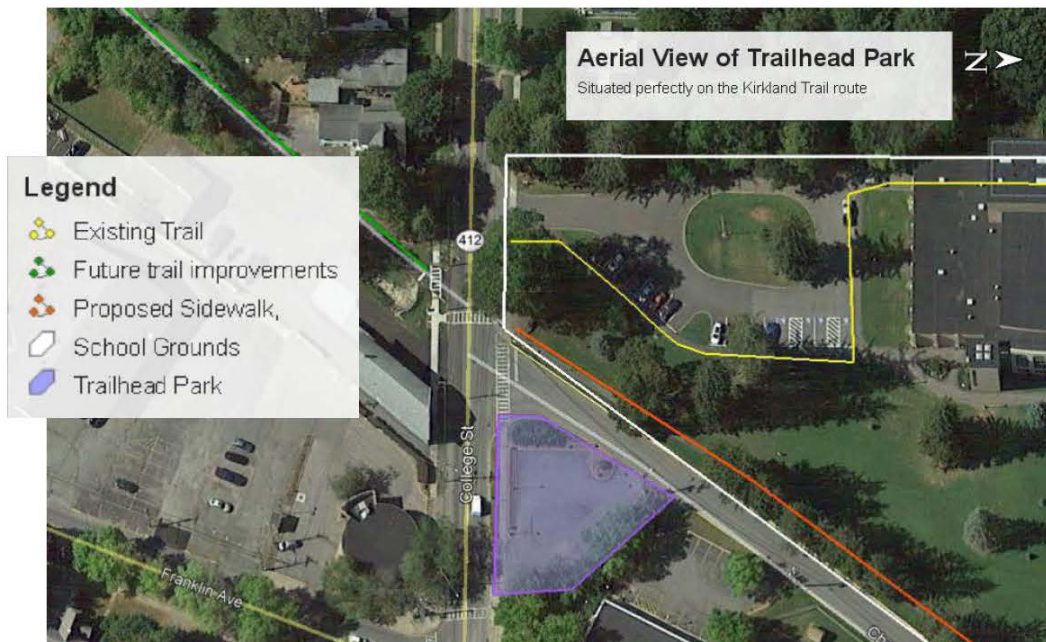


Estimated Cost for Proposal 1B (School Ground Sidewalks, 8 ft wide)

Distance (feet)	Total \$80/ft
2240	\$179,200

Ref.: Sustainable Streets Sidewalks Reference Manual of Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (2014), smtcmpto.org

APPENDIX C Trailhead Park



Trailhead Park Amenities



Estimated Cost for Proposal 2: Appendix C

Amenity	Cost
Kiosk: Timberhomes Four-Sided Kiosk, with natural wood and 64 sq. ft. of display area	\$10,000
Global Industries: Bottle Filling Station with Bi-Level Drinking Fountain and Pet Station, item # T9F761221GN	\$3,300
Global Industries: 8 ft. Outdoor Park Bench with Back-Steel Slat, T9F694855	\$800
Park Warehouse: Deluxe Public Work Stand (Bicycle Repair Station), SKU:537br120-42	\$1,700
Park Warehouse: 7 Bike Wave Bike Rack – ParkTastic, SKU:766br110-111	\$500
Total	\$16,300

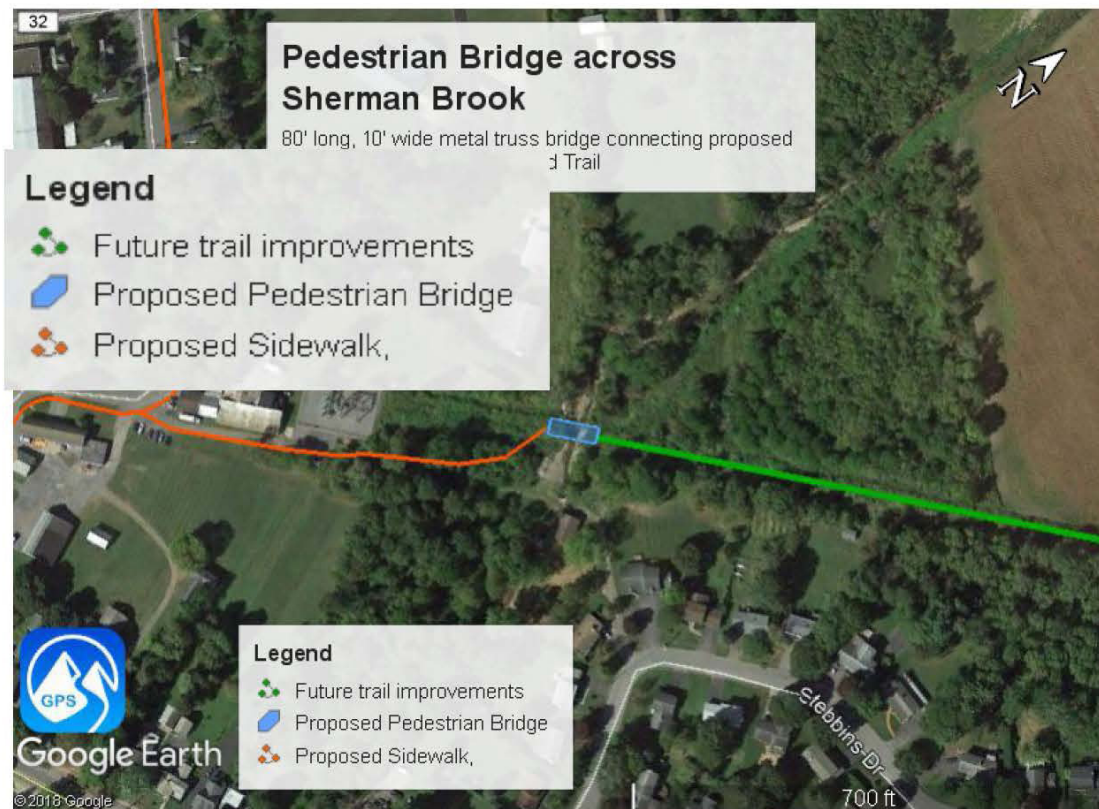
APPENDIX D

Estimated Cost for Proposal 3, Chenango Canal Trail Corridor (10 ft wide)



APPENDIX E

Chenango Canal Trail Corridor	Distance (Feet)	Total \$100/ft
	1800	\$180,000





Estimated Cost for Proposal 4, Pedestrian Bridge over Sherman Brook

	Length	Width	Estimated Cost
	80'	10'	\$300,000

Proposal	Description	Estimated Cost
1A	Street-side Sidewalks	\$412,500
1B	School Grounds Sidewalks	\$179,200
2	Trailhead Park	\$16,300
3	Chenango Canal Trail Corridor	\$180,000
4	Pedestrian Bridge	\$300,000
Grand Total		\$1,088,000

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2021 Clinton DRI Request for Project Consideration

Project Name:

Submitted by: **Clinton Kirkland Climate Smart Community**

Company/Organization Representing: Clinton-Kirkland Climate Task Force

Address:

Contact information: Carol Gable, cgable@hamilton.edu

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 placement of attractive, creative signs (perhaps designed by community youth) at the entrance(s) to the village and town proclaiming that they are Clean Energy and Climate Smart Communities. Also, small signs could be designed that businesses could choose to display at their store/office. These signs could magnify the identity of our community climate related and sustainability efforts by stating how each has been addressing these challenges: examples, "reducing our energy usage", installed solar panels", using electric delivery vehicles", "reducing waste", etc. Being a village and town that is climate conscious and is working to do their part to meet New York State's climate goals is a very important position that we should celebrate.

The Project

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

Total cost of the project: \$150,000

Amount requested from DRI: \$100,000

Other funding sources: Grants, businesses

Steps needed prior to project being started: *Climate Smart Community designation attained by Village and Town. Engage Village and Town officials and business community. Develop plan to engage Clinton HS students to help create sign designs*

Timeline for completion: *Possibly two years (or when the Village and Town attain Climate Smart Community designation)*

Partnerships served with other groups in the community: *Village, Town, Hamilton College, businesses, community citizens*

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. Explain the impact of Covid-19 on your business since March 2020 and how this project can assist your recovery and growth.

The benefits to Clinton and Kirkland would be the demonstration of a welcoming forward-thinking, climate conscious community which could draw the community together in support of municipal actions and attract both visitors and those who want to locate in such a community.

Sustainability Goals

Please describe energy and carbon reduction initiatives your project provides

Visible reminders of community climate actions could prompt community members to take carbon reduction actions in their homes and businesses and support further actions by the village and town to make our community more sustainable.

January 2020-present

Outline changes to your business since the last proposal, including expansion of facilities, employee growth and new offerings for customers.

The Clinton-Kirkland Task Force has coordinated the efforts by the town and village to become more climate smart. We had led steps to earn that official designation by the state. This fall we will begin (Covid conditions allowing) outreach to the community on education so that people can take actions in their own homes and businesses.

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2021 Clinton DRI Request for Project Consideration

Project Name: **Sidewalks/Bike Lane**

Submitted by: Several community groups in partnership

Company/Organization Representing: Clinton Kirkland Climate Smart Community Taskforce/Kirkland Trails/Town of Kirkland/Village of Clinton/Clinton Central School District

Address:

Contact information: cgable1959@gmail.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.

The CSC taskforce was created several years ago and assisted both the village and town in earning the Clean Energy Community designation, pass Complete Streets resolutions, and Climate Smart Community (CSC) resolutions. The taskforce is currently assisting with actions required to earn the CSC designation.

Projects Recommended

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

Total cost of the project: \$200,000

Amount requested from DRI: 50 percent

Other funding sources: CFA, in-kind from town and village, Oneida County, DOT

Steps needed prior to project being started: Identify most needed areas (project will likely be in phases)

Timeline for completion: Less than a year

Partnerships served with other groups in the community: Assists Clinton Central School students for safe travels and others in community for non-motorized travel

1. Increase and improve sidewalks throughout the village/town and use permeable materials rather than concrete. This will allow all residents, and especially the young and disabled, to safely walk rather than drive to nearby destinations and for recreation. Total cost depends on scope of sidewalk construction and repair. Cooperation of and efforts by the town and village boards is required. Other

funding sources include Oneida County's Main Street program, the state's Climate Smart Community Program and Department of Transportation.

2. Develop bike lanes and connect with existing trails such as those along Route 12. Total cost depends on scope of sidewalk construction and repair. Cooperation of the town and village boards is required. Other funding sources include Oneida County's Main Street program and the state's Climate Smart Community Program and Department of Transportation. Kirkland Trails and Clinton School would likely be good partners for this.
3. Create a fund for organizations and businesses to apply for grant funds to reduce their energy use and/or move to renewable energy. Funded projects may include forced air heat/cooling pumps, solar panels, improved insulation and windows, etc. Install EV charging stations on municipal property or make funds available for local businesses to install on their properties. Total cost depends on scope of project. Other funding sources include state's Climate Smart Community Program as well as several other programs funded by NYSERDA.

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. Explain the impact of Covid-19 on your business since March 2020 and how this project can assist your recovery and growth.

1. Benefits of more walkable communities include strengthening community relations, improving residents' health, increasing easy access to shopping. Vibrant communities in which people want to live, work, and shop tend to be very walkable. Great nearby examples include Hamilton and Cazenovia.
2. Developed bike lanes/trails provide similar benefits as sidewalks and would also help make Clinton/Kirkland a destination stop for touring and recreational bicyclists. With the recent completion of the 750 mile [Empire Trail system](#) through Central NY, tourism bicycling throughout the area is expected to grow. Other communities have seen more tourist dollars brought in when a bike path goes through their area or close by.
3. Assisting businesses and organizations in reducing their energy use and converting to renewable energy will provide cost savings which make their business more profitable. Studies indicate younger people in particular are concerned about climate change and want to support "green businesses". Creating a green business community in Clinton would draw many visitors, residents, and businesses interested in such a community.



Sustainability Goals

Please describe energy and carbon reduction initiatives your project provides

If people can walk and bike more easily and safely, they will drive less which will reduce community carbon emissions. Using permeable products rather than concrete will allow water to be absorbed in the ground and reduce flooding situations we have seen in the community.

EV charging stations will promote more electric cars which is a New York priority to meet its goals of carbon reduction. Assisting businesses to reduce their energy use and convert to renewable energy such as solar will also reduce carbon emissions. All of these projects are in alignment with the state's sustainability goals.

January 2020-present

Since the start of the pandemic people have sought safe and close by places for exercise, recreation and relaxation. Kirkland Trails has seen a big uptick in use. It is almost impossible to find a selection of bikes in a bike store because supply is limited after high demand. Adding to the recreational pathways, and connecting them to each other and the great New York State trail system, would be a huge benefit for physical and mental well being. When people choose to walk or bike instead of drive, it also benefits the environment.

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2021 Clinton DRI Request for Project Consideration

Project Name: Jack Boynton Pool and Pool House Renovation

Submitted by: Clinton Youth Foundation

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 typically offer two swim lesson sessions each summer and provide instruction from Water Babies (a toddler/parent class) to Stroke Refinement. We typically have more than 100 swimmers enrolled in lessons each summer. This year, because of COVID restrictions last summer, we offered multiple sections for beginning swimmers and almost all of them were at capacity. We have traditionally offered space to summer recreation programs, including the Clinton Early Learning Center, the Thea Bowman House, Heritage Farms, and the Oriskany Falls and Deansboro summer recreation programs. We also provide additional programming and special events when we can, ranging from a competitive swim team to Craft Days to outdoor movies. In past years, we’ve organized Season Kick-Off parties, a talent night, and a solar eclipse watch party. These activities build community among regular Pool users and offer new arrivals to Clinton with an easy way to make connections.

Prior to the COVID pandemic, the Pool 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. During the 2019 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 Rome, Utica, New Hartford, Westmoreland, Deansboro, and other near-by communities. 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 standard 10-week season.

In 2020, with the COVID pandemic, the Pool was faced with a difficult decision. Although the state allowed outdoor pools to open, COVID protocols would be complicated and expensive. We also knew that we would not be able to accommodate nearly as many users as normal, reducing our revenue, but would have to maintain a full complement of lifeguards to ensure that our users were safe. After much deliberation, we decided that the Pool could provide a much needed recreational outlet for our youth and chose to open with a significantly reduced capacity, masking requirements, and social distancing measures to keep our patrons safe. For the 2021 season, we retained some of these measures to ensure that young children who make up a large percentage of our users and cannot yet be vaccinated remained safe. We are grateful that we have had no cases of COVID transmission tied to the Pool and that our membership numbers remained solid throughout the pandemic. In fact, the Pool continued to draw a significant percentage of its visitors – more than one-third of our members and day pass users -- from neighboring communities.

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 eight years, we have raised almost \$140,000 with approximately \$27,000 coming from major grants. We have invested more than \$30,000 in infrastructure repairs and improvements over that same time frame.

The Pool employs approximately 15 lifeguards, 2 front desk staffers, a pool manager and an assistant 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 front desk staff typically work around 20 hours per week and learn to manage customers, money, and computer records. Our annual payroll expenses, including taxes and payroll related services, totaled \$34,381 in 2018, \$33,907 in 2019, and \$33,960 in 2020. Payroll



costs have roughly doubled since 2013 (\$17,761) due to increases in staffing and increased pay rates due to minimum wage hikes and guard retention.


The Projects

The CYF is proposing four specific projects for inclusion in the DRI grant application: renovation/reconstruction of the Pool and diving area and installation of a solar or heat pump water heater; reconstruction of the Pool House; addition of a Splash Pad to the Pool facilities; and construction of a retractable enclosure for the main pool. The first two projects are driven by the age of our facility; the third would expand our appeal to families with young children and non-swimmers; and the last project, in conjunction with the proposed pool heater and pool house heater, would significantly extend our season, allowing us to work with the Clinton Central School District to expand our offerings. All four 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 or longer-lasting tile surface installed) within the next few 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 difficult to clean and only allowable because the Pool is older and has not had a major renovation. We propose replacing the concrete gutter with a stainless steel gutter to facilitate pool cleaning and meet the updated 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 and cannot operate beyond early September, limiting our season. We would like to install a solar or heat pump pool heater to extend our season in an environmentally responsible manner.

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, upgrading our pump, and adding a heating system) would total approximately \$550,000 - \$600,000. The CYF would commit to raising \$100,000 toward this work on its own and would seek the remainder through the DRI

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grant. We anticipate that our primary funding sources would be individual donors and local

corporate sponsors, although we continue to seek major grant funding.


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 and for the community. Other area pools that are heated are able to open in May and can remain open into September. Without a heater, we typically open in mid- to late-June and close in August. If we were able to adopt a May-September schedule, the Pool could expand its offerings. We could provide training space for CCSD athletic teams. Swim lessons could be incorporated into physical education classes or provided as an after-school program. We could extend our open swim time into the fall, drawing additional users to the area. We could also expand swim instruction options to include regular water safety and lifeguarding certification courses, which are currently difficult, if not impossible, to fit into our already very full summer schedule.

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(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. The Pool was recently awarded a grant to purchase an ADA-compliant lift, which we expect to have installed before the beginning of next season. While this addition will open the Pool itself to patrons with physical disabilities, barriers remain. An outside gate allows entry to the Pool, but is not a welcoming option and the Pool House is not accessible for visitors who rely on 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. Even the concession window is too high to accommodate seated patrons.

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 water heater sufficient to provide warm water for showers and hand washing; upgrade the electrical panel and outlets and add other facilities needed to support an expanded concessions operation; and incorporate the insulation, ventilation and heater (ideally, a heat pump to reduce environmental impacts) necessary to allow three-season use of the building. At minimum, we would ask for funding to retrofit our current pool house to be more accessible by widening doorways, adjusting “privacy walls” to allow wheelchair or walker passage, and making at least one toilet stall in each changing room accessible.

Cost: Based on an estimate of \$125 per square foot for simple building construction plus the additional costs of the shower/toilet installations, and an appropriately sized heat pump water heater system, the CYF estimates the overall cost of a renovated/rebuilt Pool House to be \$250,000. We are requesting \$200,000 from the DRI and will commit to raising \$50,000 from individual donors and business sponsors. The retrofit would be less expensive, but we would estimate that cost to be approximately \$50,000, which we would request in its entirety from the DRI.

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-

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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.

Note: This will be a Phase 2 Project

(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.

(4) Three Season Pool Enclosure: As an entirely outdoor pool, our season is entirely weather dependent. Even with a pool heater, we could not open much earlier than May or remain open into the fall. During the summer, we lose swim time with every rainy day. A retractable pool enclosure, in combination with a pool heater, would allow us to substantially extend pool season, at least for the purposes of swim lessons, lap swimming, swim team use, or athletic training. Public swim would also be possible but limited, since

we would not be enclosing significant seating space around the pool. In addition, a

retractable enclosure could be rolled back during sunny summer days to allow us to continue to enjoy the pool as an outdoor space.

Cost: Based on cost per square foot from two providers of retractable pool enclosures, the estimated cost of a retractable pool enclosure would be between \$450,000 and \$700,000. Because of the unusual design of the pool and the need to adjust the typical height of these covers to accommodate both lifeguard chairs and our anticipated pool lift, we expect the costs to fall toward the upper end of this range. The CYF would seek the full cost of a retractable cover from the DRI grant.

Process/Timeline: The CYR would work with the CCSD to ensure that the retractable cover met safety guidelines. We anticipate that, from beginning design to construction, the process would take approximately a year.


Benefits/Collaboration Opportunities: As described above, a retractable cover in combination with a pool heater would expand our season considerably and allow the Pool to offer educational space for CCSD, training space for CCSD athletes, and continuing recreational spaces for area day cares or after school programs. In addition, the Pool could offer after-school or weekend swim lessons during the spring/fall seasons and might draw additional users to the area for spring/fall outdoor lap swimming or for limited public swimming opportunities.

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. In addition, a 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

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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.

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2021 Clinton DRI Request for Project Consideration

Project Name: Parking Expansion in Village of Clinton

Submitted by: **CKIC**

Company/Organization Representing: Village of Clinton

Address: Park Row

Contact information: Steve Bellona, 378sailor@gmail.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.

One of the few complaints, but it is consistent, is the lack of parking in Downtown Clinton. While years ago this used to be for special events, now that lack of parking can be a problem every day as people look to shop the local stores or enjoy time in the Village Green.

We know potential customers have been deterred from stopping in the village because they cannot find a place to park. This proposal also addresses unused space and beautification.

The Project

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

Total cost of the project: \$432,195 (See addendum for budget breakdown.)

Amount requested from DRI: \$432,195

Other funding sources: In-kind services from Village and Town, Oneida County Main Street program

Steps needed prior to project being started: Survey, engineering report, site preparation

Timeline for completion: Six to eight months

Partnerships served with other groups in the community: Businesses, residents, Hamilton College



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. Explain the impact of Covid-19 on your business since March 2020 and how this project can assist your recovery and growth.

As our businesses work to come back from the economic toll of the last year and a half, anything that can be done to increase their customer base will be of benefit. Feedback from surveys taken by the Clinton Chamber of Commerce over the last few years show parking as the No. 1 problem to be addressed. Store owners have listed examples of lost income due to limited parking.

Our outdoor celebrations - Art and Music Festival, Shoppers Stroll - attract hundreds of people from outside the community. People unfamiliar with the area do not know of parking places outside of downtown, so bypass our events. As a Route 12B major thoroughfare, it would be possible to attract more tourists as they drive through, if parking were available.

Sustainability Goals

Please describe energy and carbon reduction initiatives your project provides

Having available parking will encourage people to come to Clinton to use the walking/bike trails. Also, people can park and then visit the village on foot or with stops on the Hockeyville Trolley.

January 2020-present

Outline changes to your business since the last proposal, including expansion of facilities, employee growth and new offerings for customers.

Additional parking would benefit all businesses and activities in the village. Even with a pandemic, our downtown has continued to serve customers and as 2021 turns into 2022, those businesses are looking at growth and expansion. Parking would be an essential element for that.



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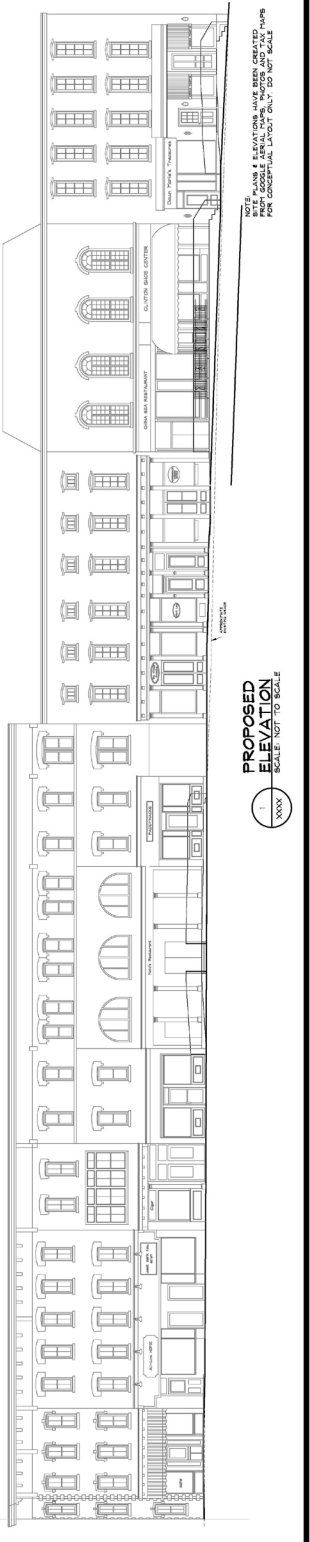
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2021 Clinton DRI Request for Project Consideration

Project Name: **Kirkland Town Library Community Space**

Submitted by: **Anne Debraggio**

Company/Organization Representing: Kirkland Town Library

Address: 55 ½ College Street, Clinton, NY 13323

Contact information: Anne Debraggio, ADebraggio@midyork.org

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 Kirkland Town Library is the Clinton and Town of Kirkland's "adhesive," bringing together people of all ages, cultures, interests, educational and economic statuses. Along with Hamilton College and the Clinton Central School district, we are an educational institution that provides life-long learning, dynamic programming for all ages and interests, and are recognized for our collaborations with other organizations, contributing to a stronger community.

Over 60% of the residents of the Town of Kirkland hold a library card, with an additional 1,040 non-residents – we definitely bring people to the community. In 2020, even with a pandemic forcing us be entirely closed for three months and then re-opened with limited hours, we continued to offer programs for youth and adults, assisted patrons with digital technology and saw close to 20,000 visits. We were a lifeline for many during this challenging time.

The Project

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

Total cost of the project: \$400,000

Amount requested from DRI: \$350,000

Other funding sources: State Construction Grant; donations

Steps needed prior to project being started: architectural plans, appropriate permissions from Town and Village

Timeline for completion –

Meeting Space: 18 months- two years.

Signage: within six months of receiving monies

Bike Share Program: within six months of receiving monies

Partnerships served with other groups in the community: all businesses and community organizations

1) Additional Office/Meeting Space - \$350,000

Adding 2nd floor for offices above the current staff space, allowing the existing staff spaces on the first floor to be converted into meeting space/small business incubator/maker space/ after school space. The space could include items like a 3D printer, video and recording equipment etc. The project would involve reinforcing the existing foundation and redoing the roof line on the rear of the building (possibly addition of dormers) (using est. of \$400 sq. ft)

2) Signage - \$35,000

Replace the current information board on the Village Green to a permanent “gateway/welcome” stand more in keeping with the historical ambience on the green while keeping its role in advertising community events.

3) Bike Program - \$50,000

In 2020, the library installed a bike repair tower and bike rack. Located slightly over 500 feet from the school and a possible extension of the Kirkland Trails, our location is ideal for housing such a program. Bikes would allow people to enjoy our community on two wheels! Similar to a bike share program, people could obtain a bike at the library, use it for a length of time, and then return to us. We would like to start with eight bikes, four adult and four kid size. This can serve as an initial step to gauge if there would be enough interest within the community for a municipal Bike Share Program.

This project would be partnered with Kirkland Trails, Clinton Central School and Hamilton College. Other dropoff/pickup locations would be the Kiosk Park and College. Our local bike shop would be used for maintenance and replacements, adding to his customer base. We would also work with Soul Stop for rentals/purchases of helmets and other bike accessories.

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2021 Clinton DRI Request for Project Consideration

Project Name: Kiosk Park

Submitted by: **Owners, the Fehlners**

Company/Organization Representing: Private property to be donated

Address: 42 College St., Clinton

Contact information: 315-853-5756

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.

42 College Street is located in the heart of the village of Clinton, on the corner of College Street

and Chenango Avenue, directly across from the Clinton Central School property and on the

opposite corner of the Chenango canal park at 43 College Street. The property was most

recently a bank drive thru and kiosk.

The Fehlners have recently purchased the property having several ideas to improve the neglected parcel. The Fehlners are currently having discussions with other groups to do a low

key upgrade to the property. They are hoping to partner with groups such as Hamilton Town


Gown, Kirkland Trail Group, Clinton Chamber of Commerce, Village of Clinton and/or the Town

of Kirkland to establish a more attractive parcel that could house a small kiosk that might be

used to display information about community groups, businesses, places to eat, churches,

charitable groups, Hamilton College and municipal authorities. The parcel is at the beginning of

a proposed connection point for the canal towpath walking and bike route.



Improvements would include, repaving, bike racks, benches, landscaping, painting of existing iron fence, trash receptacles, electrical service, electrical service panel with enclosure and parking spaces.

The Project

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

Total cost of the project: \$200,000

Amount requested from DRI: \$100,000

Other funding sources: Private, in-kind with Town and Village, Hamilton College Town-Gown

Steps needed prior to project being started: Site work, Design plans

Timeline for completion: Two months

Partnerships served with other groups in the community: The Library and College for the bike share program, Oneida County Tourism, Clinton Chamber of Commerce, Kirkland Trails, local businesses

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. Explain the impact of Covid-19 on your business since March 2020 and how this project can assist your recovery and growth.

The area would quickly become a very attractive introduction site for visitors and residents, and

would contribute to the quality of life as well as potential sales tax revenue for the surrounding area.

Sustainability Goals

Please describe energy and carbon reduction initiatives your project provides

Encourage biking rather than driving. Turn an used space into something viable and better looking. Encourage people to stop and walk around.



January 2020-present

Outline changes to your business since the last proposal, including expansion of facilities, employee growth and new offerings for customers.

This proposal was included in the 2019 DRI from Clinton and Kirkland and is similar with the addition of the bike share program. As a parcel in a highly visible spot we would be excited to see this used to attract more people to the community for a visit.

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2021 Clinton DRI Request for Project Consideration

Project Name: Kirkland Art Center, Raise the Roof and Expansion

Submitted by: **David Fitzgerald, executive director**

Company/Organization Representing: Kirkland Art Center

Address: 9 East Park Row, Clinton

Contact information: 315-853-8871, director@kacny.org

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 Kirkland Art Center (KAC), the cultural anchor of the Village of Clinton and Town of Kirkland for the past 60 years, is a community arts organization in the center of the Village of Clinton on East Park Row. The KAC connects with other local and regional art organizations and individual artists that create cultural opportunities, which inspire and energize the community. The Kirkland Art Center has a rich history of providing arts education to our children and a place that supports life long learning in the arts (painting, dance, music, drawing, printmaking and pottery) to all members of the community.

Throughout this past year during the COVID-19 pandemic, the KAC continued to strive in its efforts to bring art to the community, support regional artist through its Snowed-In artist in residence program, obtained a Town of Kirkland grant to replace its aging theatrical lighting system (completed April 2021), developed a long term strategic plan for growth, hired a new executive director and kicked off a capital campaign to assist in funding major capital improvements to its facilities.

These efforts require the Kirkland Art Center to continue to maintain and upgrade its building to meet the needs of an evolving and vibrant cultural arts program. With this in mind, the Kirkland Art Center is pleased to submit this project to meet its commitment to the community in the arts.

The Project

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

Total cost of the project: \$1,075,000

Amount requested from DRI: \$600,000

Other funding sources: Capital campaign, other grants, fund raisers

Steps needed prior to project being started: Designs

Timeline for completion: One year

Partnerships served with other groups in the community: See below

The Project

1. Capital Improvements.
 - a. Upgrade the structural integrity of the main roof, replace the main roof and cladding on the steeple and install solar panels on the south-facing roof.
 - b. In keeping with the historical nature of the facility within the Historic District of the Village of Clinton, replace the existing soffits, which will need to be replaced with the upgrades to the main roof. In addition, the original building facing the Village Green requires restoration of its western exterior façade, and its north and south veneers, which are closely located to adjacent structures. These efforts include exterior siding and dental work restoration, remediation of lead paint from the 19th century building, and installation of a new paint coating in keeping with its historical presence within the district.
 - c. Replace all the windows with the old barn and 1994 addition to support energy conservation efforts and reduce our carbon footprint. Barn windows are single pane and the connecting addition windows are maintenance intensive, have difficulty closing and have lost their insulating capacity.
 - d. Restore the stained glass windows on the historic main building in keeping with historic preservation guidelines.
 - e. Renovate interior space within the old barn to install a catering and teaching kitchen to cater for special events and provide for development of culinary classes.
 - f. Renovate interior space within the old barn to provide for a 2-bedroom, 1-bath apartment for artists in residence. These artists would have private studio space, teach classes in their specialty and act as Community Art Ambassadors.
2. Estimated Cost of Capital Improvements: \$775,000
 - a. Architect Fees: \$95,000
 - b. Roofing replacement and structural upgrades: \$160,000
 - c. Solar Panel Installation: \$40,000
 - d. Soffit Replacement and exterior restoration: \$100,000
 - e. Window Replacement and historic window restoration: \$80,000
 - f. New Catering and Teaching Kitchen: \$140,000
 - g. Two-bedroom, One-bath apartment: \$80,000
 - h. Project Contingency: \$80,000
3. Phase II Project – Art & History Corridor and Sculpture Trail
 - a. In concert with the Village of Clinton Historic Preservation Commission, Clinton Historical Society, Kirkland Town Library, Clinton-Kirkland Climate Smart Task Force and Kirkland Trails, establish an Art & History Corridor from the Chenango Canal Trail (Kirkland Trails) through the Village of Clinton to the open lot east of East Park Row and the Kirkland Art Center.
 - b. Estimated Cost: \$300,000



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. Explain the impact of Covid-19 on your business since March 2020 and how this project can assist your recovery and growth.

Covid forced us to close our doors for months until we could find a way to provide programming virtually. We have begun more in-person exhibits and plan to resume classes - regulations permitting - this fall, along with other indoor programming.

People come from all over the Mohawk Valley to use the Kirkland Art Center in some form. The culinary school has long been a request of our patrons and would add to our revenue and the number of people finding a use for the KAC.

This is our 60th year and with these improvements we can remain strong for at least 60 more!

Sustainability Goals

Please describe energy and carbon reduction initiatives your project provides

All of the work on the building would contribute to energy savings. Lower heating bills will allow us to divert that money into programming.

The Sculpture Trail would encourage people to walk and explore the area in a non-motorized method. It is a way to enhance outdoor activities in our area.

January 2020-present

Outline changes to your business since the last proposal, including expansion of facilities, employee growth and new offerings for customers.

People have stuck by us with support of all kinds - attending programs and financial - to help us weather the pandemic. We have had people asking when classes will return and we hope to do that this fall. Despite the pandemic, our Raise the Roof campaign is off to a strong start and we feel confident we will make our deadline of June 2022 for all the funds. With the return of classes and more programming we can add to our staff base, after we had to close for some months last year and this year.

The Kirkland Art Center is a major draw around the Mohawk Valley and helping us would be a boost to all of the area.

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2021 Clinton DRI Request for Project Consideration

Project Name: Clinton Cider Mill

Submitted by: **John Fehlner**

Company/Organization Representing: Fehlner family

Address: 28 Elm St., Clinton

Contact information: John Fehlner, 315-853-5756, clintoncidermill1@gmail.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.

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 129 years old, having been moved to the Elm Street location from Madison county, N.Y. The Mill currently employs 17-20 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 94 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 Project

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

Total cost of the project: \$381,500

Amount requested from DRI: \$190,750

Other funding sources: bank financing

Steps needed prior to project being started: Architect work, some site work

Timeline for completion: 6 months

Partnerships served with other groups in the community: Everyone. Brings in many more new customers and better serves our loyal ones who have visited here for years.

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. Explain the impact of Covid-19 on your business since March 2020 and how this project can assist your recovery and growth.

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.

During last year's restrictions we made modifications to our building to decrease interaction among customers and have a better flow. We were unable to do some features to allow more people to watch the process. This year we will follow all guidelines.

We worked with Hamilton College to provide our products to students in different ways when they were unable to visit. We tried to offer as many NY state products to help our fellow producers out as best we could.

PROJECTS AND RELATIVE COSTS:

Painting of Mill exterior: \$18,500*

Repaving of the driveway: \$24,000*

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 500 square feet to include a kitchen, ADA compliant bathroom,


\$52,000

Kitchen equipment \$142,000

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

Original

installation cost is \$110,000.



There currently is ramp access to the interior of the Mill but may not meet ADA standards. We

are investigating options to possibly meet those standards. Relative cost estimates to accomplish this are in the \$35,000 price range.

TOTAL PROJECTED COSTS:\$381,500

Bank financing will be sought for \$190,750

Sustainability Goals

See above. We will use energy efficient materials and look for ways to increase energy efficiency in our building built in 1903.

January 2020-present

We have gone ahead last year with our commitment to expand some of our facility. We also made modifications to the flow of customers to meet guidelines. We went to an online ordering system for grab and go orders, something new for us. While all of that met state requirements, we hope to return to the more leisurely visit to the Clinton Cider Mill that people for generations have come to enjoy.

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2021 Clinton DRI Request for Project Consideration

Project Name: Canal Place

Submitted by: **John Fehlner**

Company/Organization Representing: Fehlner family

Address: 43 College Street

Contact information: John Fehlner 315-853-5756, clintoncidermill1@gmail.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.

Built in 1844 as a warehouse on the historic Chenango canal and later flanked on the north side by the railroad, 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 wooden walls were repurposed as window sills and window jambs.

43 College Street is now a mixed use building located in the heart of the Clinton village.

The Project

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

Total cost of the project: \$217,600

Amount requested from DRI: \$108,800

Other funding sources: Bank financing, look for a historic grant

Steps needed prior to project being started: Renovations, design

Timeline for completion: 8 months

Partnerships served with other groups in the community: Businesses, Hamilton College, Village of Clinton, Kirkland Trails

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. Explain the impact of Covid-19 on your business since March 2020 and how this project can assist your recovery and growth. There currently is one apartment, a lodging suite, a short or long term lodging apartment, a 9 room office suite which is partially rented and partially available for incubator business development. 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 a restaurant , additional lodging or offices. The current office spaces and the lodging spaces have been recently updated and need little improvement.

The apartment is in excellent condition, as it has been recently updated and remodeled. New insulation is the final improvement which needs to be added.

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 a recommendation.

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 runoff caused by the blacktop surfaces of the neighboring properties.

COSTS:

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

Insulation replacement expense: \$23,000.

Completion of Black top driveway paving: \$23,500

Building roof: \$17,000

Solar System: \$ 42,000

Hedge Row \$2,900



Decorative Berm: \$9,200

TOTAL COST OF PROJECT: \$217,600

Bank financing would be sought for \$108,800. Fine tuning of all estimates would be needed before the start of the project.

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 the end of the project. Depending on the determination of occupancy of new tenant, 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.

Sustainability Goals

Explained above. Keeping existing historic building in use.

January 2020-present

The Project would be an immediate enhancement to the already attractive and popular Kirkland area. The additional business will create a rollover effect to other businesses in the Area. We had done some work that was finished right before covid hit so have been unable to proceed with plans for the full use of the space.

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2021 Clinton DRI Request for Project Consideration

Project Name: Hockeyville Trolley

Submitted by: **Village of Clinton/Clinton Chamber of Commerce, CKIC**

Company/Organization Representing: **Village of Clinton/Clinton Chamber of Commerce, CKIC**

Address: 21 W. Park Row, Clinton

Contact information: Jackie Walters, Executive Director, Clinton Chamber of Commerce, info@clintonnychamber.org

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.

One of, if not the biggest, complaints we hear is the lack of parking in Downtown Clinton for shopping and events on the Village Green. The village and town does have parking areas outside of downtown but fall too far for easily walking to Park Row and College Street businesses.

A trolley would allow people to park at Clinton Central School, Clinton Arena, Hamilton College and even farther out and have access to the central downtown area.

The trolley would also have other benefits. It would provide a nice boost for tourists to enjoy when spending time in Clinton and Kirkland. An open car trolley would be a treat to ride on for adults and children alike.

Also, transporting several people in one vehicle would have a positive impact on the environment. Our proposal is for a hybrid trolley (see chart) that would be powered by both electric and natural gas.

This trolley would be handicapped accessible to allow for better mobility by those who might need assistance reaching downtown.

At this time we are proposing the trolley be free of charge for users. We have had informal support from both the NHL and Kraft Heinz for financial contributions which would be used toward maintenance and operations.

The Project

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

Total cost of the project: \$700,000

Amount requested from DRI: \$500,000

Other funding sources: NHL, Kraft Heinz, Hamilton College

Steps needed prior to project being started: Outline specs and put in order

Timeline for completion: A year to year and a half (time constraints on supplies and back orders)

Partnerships served with other groups in the community: Businesses, Hamilton College, Oneida County Tourism, Clinton Chamber of Commerce

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.

This would enhance our tourist draw by expanding parking options and providing a fun experience. Job growth would be 3 to 5 for drivers during times of use. Our plan is to hire bus drivers from Clinton Central School who are unemployed during the summer. We also will work with Hale's Transportation, a local business, to supply drivers and training.

Sustainability Goals

We found this study done recently Downstate:

Technologies	Feasibility for study
Diesel	No further evaluation similar to hybrids, with greater environmental impact
Diesel-electric hybrid	Evaluate reworked to accommodate grades
Electric trolley	Evaluate with propulsion backup
Electric battery	No further evaluation not commercially available; reduced travel range



Compressed natural gas	No further evaluation high costs; greater environmental impacts than hybrids
Hydrogen fuel cell	No further evaluation not commercially available; high costs; reduced travel range; reduced reliability

Unfortunately at this time solar trolleys are non-existent and a fully electric powered one is cost prohibitive at \$1 million pricetag.

January 2020-present

Outline changes to your business since the last proposal, including expansion of facilities, employee growth and new offerings for customers.

This proposal was included in the 2019 Clinton-Kirkland DRI application. It generated a lot of excitement and it will again. It will also solve a problem we have seen in the community for years and is growing as our downtown builds on its success.

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2021 Clinton DRI Request for Project Consideration

Project Name: Walking Tour/Streetscape Improvements

Submitted by: **Numerous groups**

Company/Organization Representing: Clinton Kirkland Climate Task Force, Kirkland Town Library, Kirkland Trails, Clinton Historical Society, Kirkland Art Center

Address:

Contact information: Anne Debraggio, Carol Gable, Sharon Williams

Contact information: Adebraggio@midyork.org

Overview

The Town of Kirkland and Village of Clinton are rich in history that reflects the experience of smalltown America. We want to tell and celebrate our unique story through a multi-stop walking tour that includes approximately 15 significant locations. The tour illustrates our slogan “A Community of Everyone, for Everyone” and showcases the area’s beauty. It also connects the many worthwhile projects of our 2021 DRI application into a single narrative, unifying and amplifying DRI themes of walkability, accessibility, tourism, revitalization.

Over the years the Clinton Historical Society has conducted walking tours and issued some excellent publications; many individuals and members are knowledgeable about local history. This self-guided walking tour will make that knowledge readily available to the general public, whether visitors to Hamilton College, tourists, locals or school groups.

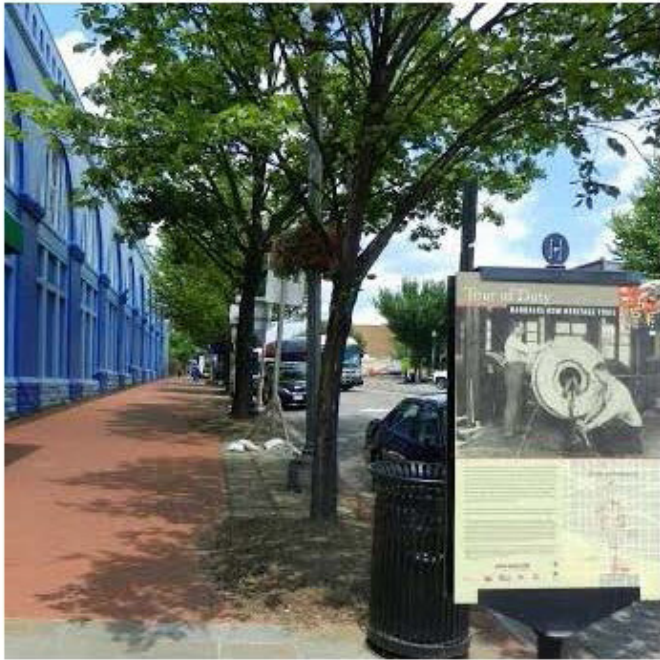
The tour begins with the indigenous peoples first here, and continues through the American Revolution and the town’s founding, the Civil War, the Industrial Revolution and more recently, the area’s rich tradition of figure skating and youth hockey.

Signposts at major attractions will consist of texts, historical photos and maps. The signposts will be in keeping with the historical character of the Town and Village and coordinated with other improvements to the streetscape, for example benches.

The tour can begin and end at any one of the signposts but always leads visitors past the Village Green and downtown restaurants, shops and cafes, benefiting local merchants with increased foot traffic.

Print copies of the tour will be available at the Chamber of Commerce and Kirkland Town Library. The tour will also be available as a PDF and accessible via mobile phone. We will also train volunteers to lead visitors on the tour.

A number of cities and towns have excellent walking tours that will serve as models. Photos below show signage from the Barracks Row Heritage Trail Walking Tour in Washington, DC.



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2021 Clinton DRI Request for Project Consideration

Project Name: Clinton-Kirkland Business Fund

Submitted by: **Clinton Chamber of Commerce, CKIC**

Company/Organization Representing: Clinton Chamber of Commerce

Address: 21 West Park Row, Clinton

Contact information: Clinton Chamber of Commerce, 315-853-1735

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.

Businesses all struggled during the pandemic. No matter how they operated revenue was down and financial forecasts say it will take a decade or more to recover.

This fund, perceived as a grant program, would provide financing for businesses to do maintenance on their buildings, expand their storefront and add to their employee staffing. Especially over the next several years, small business owners will not have discretionary funds for these enhancements to their businesses.

The Project

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

Total cost of the project: \$750,000

Amount requested from DRI: \$600,000

Other funding sources: Hamilton College Town-Gown, Village of Clinton, Town of Kirkland

Steps needed prior to project being started: Establish Board of Directors for the fund, work with Town and Village to establish criteria and qualifications of fund, set up investment fund for grant

Timeline for completion: 6 months

Partnerships served with other groups in the community: Clinton Chamber of Commerce, Hamilton College, Village of Clinton, Town of Kirkland



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. Explain the impact of Covid-19 on your business since March 2020 and how this project can assist your recovery and growth.

This will be a significant boost for businesses to come out of the hole created by the pandemic, a hole that continues to grow. This will also add to the sales tax if businesses can offer more product lines. We anticipate while this will be a grant program, businesses will go beyond the grant with private capital or bank loans. This program will limit their risk as they recover from the economic impact of the pandemic.

Sustainability Goals

Please describe energy and carbon reduction initiatives your project provides

Projects that add to energy efficiency and climate impact reduction will receive high priority. We are close to receiving our state designation as a Smart Climate Community and will work with the Clinton-Kirkland Climate Task Force on educating local businesses on how to be more energy efficient.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Kirkland held at the Town of Kirkland Municipal Building, 3699 State Route 12-B, Clinton, Oneida County, New York on August 9, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION # 67

Upon motion by Councilman Colarusso, seconded by Councilwoman Yando, the following resolution was ADOPTED:

TOWN OF KIRKLAND

COUNTY OF ONEIDA, STATE OF NEW YORK

RESOLUTION NO.: 67

RE: Downtown Revitalization Grant

WHEREAS, the Village of Clinton (the “Village”) is municipal corporation located within the geographical boundaries of the Town of Kirkland (the “Town”); and

WHEREAS, there is located within the Village and Town a downtown commercial district incorporating, and surrounded by, historic buildings, parks, cultural, educational and recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Clinton and Town of Kirkland are eligible to apply for a 2021 State of New York Downtown Revitalization Grant (the “DRI Grant”) in an amount up to Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00), which DRI Grant would benefit recreational facilities, organizations and residences within the community; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board for the Town of Kirkland supports such endeavors to improve the infrastructure and physical appearance of the Village and Town within an area designated as eligible for the DRI Grant; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED that the Kirkland Town Board, in conjunction and cooperation with the Village of Clinton Trustees, consents to the formation of an advisory committee (the “Advisory Committee”) to assist in the preparation and submission of the DRI Grant; and it is further

RESOLVED that the Kirkland Town Board shall have representation on that Advisory Committee equivalent to the number of appointees by the Village of Clinton; and it is further

RESOLVED that the Town Supervisor shall be authorized to appoint members to the Advisory Committee on behalf of the Town of Kirkland; and it is further

RESOLVED that the Advisory Committee shall be authorized to compile the information required to apply for the DRI Grant and prepare the application; and it is further

RESOLVED that, subject to the final approval of the grant application by the Village and Town, either the Kirkland Town Supervisor or the Mayor for the Village of Clinton are authorized to sign the DRI Grant application; and it is further

VILLAGE OF CLINTON

Dated: September 8, 2021

Adopted: September 8, 2021

RESOLUTION: APPROVAL OF PROJECTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE DRI GRANT APPLICATION 2021

WHEREAS, by resolution dated September 8, 2021, the Village Board of Trustees, in cooperation with the Town of Kirkland Board, through the Clinton-Kirkland Improvement Commission (known as CKIC hereafter) assisted in the preparation of an application for a grant up to Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.) for the State of New York Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) to benefit recreational facilities, businesses, infrastructure within the defined downtown district located within the Town and Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village's representatives in CKIC have assisted in the development of recommendations which includes twenty (20) separate projects to be included in the DRI grant application. These projects were set forth in the CKIC written recommendations which are incorporated within the application; and

WHEREAS, the Village Trustees have reviewed the recommendations of CKIC and are of the opinion that the proposed projects would be beneficial to the revitalization of the Village and Town;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of Trustees consent and otherwise endorse, in principle, the recommendation of the projects submitted by CKIC which are to be included in the 2021 State of New York DRI on behalf of the Village and Town.

Elizabeth C. Tantillo

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Mayor, Village of Clinton



ONEIDA COUNTY OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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

September 9, 2021

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

Dear Mr. Reese,

I am writing this letter to extend my support for the Town of Kirkland and Village of Clinton's application for the state's Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant.

Kirkland and Clinton have taken what they have learned from their past DRI application to focus their needs and refine their plan to address them. I believe what they have devised will greatly enhance their community, Oneida County and the region. It is expected to include:

- Expansion of the historic Clinton Arena.
- New York State hockey museum.
- An apartment complex.
- Expansion of a historic business to bring in more customers.
- Streetscape improvements of lighting, benches and bike racks.
- A thinkubator for small businesses.
- Expansion of the Kirkland Art Center.
- A Business Improvement Fund to address exterior and infrastructure needs.
- A downtown greenspace with kiosk highlighting local history and businesses.
- A connection of Clinton/Kirkland with existing recreation trails to the north and south.
- Expansion and repairs to the Clinton Pool.
- A trolley to address limited parking during events in the village.

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

Thank you for your consideration of this application that will certainly add to our tax base, create jobs and bring in outside dollars to our existing businesses. Please feel free to contact my office for further assistance.

Sincerely,



Anthony J. Picente Jr.
County Executive

CLINTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Clinton, New York 13323-1395
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August 30, 2021

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 32 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 a 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 is also recognized in our Vision 2025 plan. 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



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August 28, 2021

Hon. Robert J. Meelan, Kirkland Town Supervisor, and,
Hon. Elizabeth C. Tantillo, Mayor of Clinton, and,
The Clinton-Kirkland Improvement Committee
Kirkland Town Hall, 3699 NYS Route 12B
Clinton, New York 13323

Dear Supervisor Meelan, Mayor Tantillo and Members of the Clinton-Kirkland Improvement Committee:

Thank you for your due diligence, review and examination of the many proposed projects that have come forward for this year's joint municipal application by the Town and Village to the 2021 NYS Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant program.

The planning and vetting process is never easy, and, it takes a great commitment on the part of many stakeholders, concerned citizens and community leaders to put in place a great number of outstanding community projects and initiatives to make a real difference, as you have done!

The vision to keep and sustain a vibrant community is evident with the many wonderful ideas for the core and heart of Clinton. For example, the proposed funding to assist the Kirkland Art Center, the Kirkland Town Library, the Clinton Pool and the Clinton Arena with certain necessary improvements to sustain their respective futures is, in my humble opinion, just a plain-smart approach towards sustaining the community's great character and its continued local economic vitality.

I am also thrilled to see that this year's DRI application includes a plan to add sidewalks in some critical areas of need in order to make everyone safer in town as they walk and bike from place to place. And, as a former member of the Kirkland Trails organization, I know how popular trails have become – not only locally but throughout New York State; but, the challenge to navigate a trail over natural waterways is very, very costly. Therefore, I know that if the Kirkland Trails group were to be awarded some funds, the monies could be used to help transform the existing trail and even help turn many dreams into reality, e.g., by helping to foster a faster connection to the Rayhill Trail and beyond!

I believe that the joint, municipal 2021 DRI application by the Town of Kirkland and the Village of Clinton is dynamic, stimulative and good, and, I enthusiastically endorse it! Good luck this year!

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Chad Davis'.

Chad Davis
Oneida County Board of Legislators – 14th District

Clinton Chamber of Commerce, Inc.



Monday, August 16, 2021

Mr. Robert Meelan, Supervisor, Town of Kirkland
Ms. Elizabeth Tantillo, Mayor, Village of Clinton
3699 Route 12B
Clinton, NY 13323

Letter of Support

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.

The Clinton Chamber hosts a number of events throughout the year which have a significant and positive impact on the community's revenue and awareness building efforts. 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 those 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Karen Ostinett'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter 'K' being particularly large and stylized.

Karen Ostinett, President
Clinton Chamber Board of Directors

August 19, 2021

Downtown Revitalization Initiative Committee:

I am writing on behalf of the Climate Smart Community Taskforce for Kirkland and Clinton to express our strong support for the proposal being developed for a Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant that would greatly benefit both the village and the town. The task force assisted both municipalities in earning the state's Clean Energy Community designation, adopting Complete Streets and Climate Smart Communities resolutions, and is currently assisting with various actions so that both may earn the Climate Smart Community designation in the near future.

The task force is especially supportive of proposed projects which support improved environmental sustainability and awareness. These include projects which provide more means of non-motorized travel, encourage reduction of carbon emissions and use of more renewable energy, address flooding concerns, and increase awareness of climate change and actions the village and town have taken to adapt and mitigate the effects.

We appreciate the efforts members of the community have put into soliciting ideas and feedback from the community on the DRI grant proposal and feel the process has already helped garner great input and feedback as to what sort of improvements residents would like to see in the village and town. We look forward to continuing these efforts to build stronger, more resilient and vibrant communities.

Regards,

Carol Gable

Coordinator for CSC Task Force for Kirkland and Clinton

<https://kirklandclintonclimatesmart.org/>



September 3, 2021

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 pleased 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 diverse non-profit, municipal, and volunteer organizations, such as the Clinton Arena, Kirkland Art Center, Kirkland Town Library, and the CYF's own Jack Boynton Community Pool, along with a strong local business community. 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.

In addition, the Kirkland-Clinton community has a history of working closely with each other to raise funds for and deliver programming to our residents. This spring, for example, the CYF was able to draw on local business sponsorship to support a silent auction fundraiser. The Kirkland Town Library and the Kirkland Art Center participated as "clue stops" in a family-friendly Treasure Hunt. In turn, the Clinton Pool worked with the Town Library to create a circulating "pool pass" that allowed families to visit the Pool free of charge. The CYF has sponsored field trips to

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the Wellin Museum at Hamilton College and has hosted art classes taught by Wellin staff at the Pool. This collaborative approach helps our community provide a wide range of services and amenities for its residents, its neighbors, and beyond and ensures that we can make the most of the funding and other resources available to us.

That spirit of cooperation and collaboration is reflected in the Town of Kirkland and Village of Clinton's current DRI application. Some of the proposed projects will provide needed support and expansion opportunities for existing organizations, like the Clinton Arena and the Jack Boynton Community Pool, to ensure that they remain strong anchors for a thriving community. Others will support newer enterprises, such as an expanded series of recreational trails, 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

George Joseph, Majority Leader
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Aug. 19, 2021

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

RECEIVED AUG 23 2021

Dear Supervisor Meelan and Mayor Tantillo:

I am writing to convey my strong endorsement for the joint application from the Town of Kirkland and Village of Clinton for the next round of the state's Downtown Revitalization Initiative grants.

This project can play a vital role in expanding housing stock, boosting retailing, strengthening quality of life amenities for young and old alike, and improving transit, walking and bicycling. Such enhancements will contribute to the community's core anchors, bringing new life to the Clinton-Kirkland community and beyond.

It will also spur further development from private investors looking to commit to a vibrant and healthy community.

I have complete confidence in the will and abilities of the village and town ability to successfully achieve the laudable goals of this proposed Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Joseph".

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



August 16, 2021

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

I am pleased to provide a letter of support for the 2021 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 included in the application would provide economic benefits to the village, town, the rest of Oneida County, and the entire Mohawk Valley. The addition to the tax base, creation of new jobs, and increase in tourism would spur economic activity and act as a catalyst for private investors seeking development opportunities in an increasingly vibrant community.

As a foundation that supports many nonprofit groups in Oneida and Herkimer counties, we are pleased to see the DRI application's inclusion of funding for such organizations in Clinton, including the Kirkland Art Center and Jack Boynton Community Pool. Such investments will enhance these community assets and strengthen the cultural and recreational fabric so necessary to revitalization.

Your commitment to months of community engagement and the resulting feedback have amply demonstrated widespread community support for these projects, and we are happy to add our organizational voice to those, in this formal letter of support.

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alicia Dicks', is written over a light blue circular scribble.

Alicia Dicks
President & CEO



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Aug. 20, 2021

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

RECEIVED AUG 25 2021

Dear Mayor Tantilla and Supervisor Meelan:

I am pleased to support the request from the Village of Clinton and Town of Kirkland for funding assistance to move forward transformational projects under the New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

I urge New York state to invest in this exemplary project. I believe a DRI grant would greatly benefit to our community in a number of ways, as well as provide added benefits to Oneida County and the region.

The application would include funding for an array of components such as:

- Expansion of the historic Clinton Arena
- An apartment complex
- Expansion of a historic business to bring in more customers
- Streetscape improvements of lighting, benches, bike racks
- A thinkubator for small businesses
- Expansion of the Kirkland Art Center
- A Business Improvement Fund to address exterior and infrastructure needs
- Connecting Clinton/Kirkland with existing recreation trails to the north and south
- Expansion and repairs to the Clinton Pool
- A trolley to address limited parking during events in the village

Such a multifaceted undertaking would add to the tax base and create jobs, and bring in outside dollars to our existing businesses. It will also attract investments from the private sector in the future of our community.

Sincerely yours.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Colin Idzi".

Colin Idzi
Oneida County Legislator, 2nd District

September 3, 2021

Mr. Robert Meelan, Town of Kirkland Supervisor
Ms. Elizabeth Tantillo, Village of Clinton Mayor
3699 Route 12B
Clinton, NY 13323

Dear Mr. Meelan and Ms. Tantillo:

As a trustee of Hamilton College and a native of Clinton, New York, 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, and earlier this year we reached a milestone - \$1 million in grants given to dozens of local organizations.

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.

On behalf of my colleagues on the Board, I encourage a favorable outcome for our wonderful town and village and wish you well with this important initiative.

Sincerely,


Amy Goodfriend



KEN BLANKENBUSH
Assemblyman 117th District

THE ASSEMBLY
STATE OF NEW YORK
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August 31st, 2021

Town of Kirkland Supervisor Meelan
Mayor Tantillo of Clinton
3699 Route 12B
Clinton, NY 13323

RE: Letter in Support of the Joint Application for the 2021 DRI Grant Application

Dear Mayor Tantillo and Supervisor Meelan:

I would like to express my strong support for your joint application for the New York State 2021 Downtown Revitalization Initiative Grant. Sharing the grant could address many items that would benefit from improvement in the Town of Kirkland and the Village of Clinton.

Some of these projects could include the 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, streetscape improvements of lighting, benches and bike racks, a Thinkubator for small businesses, expansion of the Kirkland Art Center, a Business Improvement Fund to address exterior and infrastructure needs, a downtown greenspace with kiosk highlighting local history and businesses, the connection of Clinton/Kirkland with existing recreation trails to the North and South, expansion and repair to the Clinton pool as well as a trolley to help address the limited parking during village events.

These two municipalities are already wonderful parts of the Mohawk Valley and of New York State. Receiving the 2021 Downtown Revitalization Initiative Grant would allow Clinton and Kirkland to add to that value further. For any further questions regarding my support of this request, please contact my district office at 315-493-3909. Thank you for your time and consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ken Blankenbush'.

Ken Blankenbush
Member of Assembly – District 117



Hamilton

Office of the President

August 11, 2021

Mr. Robert Meelan, Town of Kirkland Supervisor
Ms. Elizabeth Tantillo, Village of Clinton Mayor
Downtown Revitalization Initiative
3699 Route 12B
Clinton, NY 13323

Dear Bob and Elizabeth,

I am aware that the Village and the Town are working together to secure a Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant and am writing to express Hamilton College's enthusiastic and unqualified support of this effort.

Hamilton's success in attracting some of the finest students and employees to this region is tied directly to our ability to offer quality programs and an attractive and safe quality of life, both on campus and off. For more than 200 years, the Village, the Town, and the College have partnered to protect the characteristics that make Clinton, Kirkland, and Hamilton such desirable places to live, work, and learn. We know, however, that we cannot take for granted the features that draw people to our community and our College, so I'm grateful for the leadership you are providing to ensure our future economic health, vitality, and overall quality of life.

Hamilton will continue to support local efforts to strengthen our community, including through direct voluntary contributions outlined in the Municipal Contributions Agreement, and through grants awarded annually from the Hamilton College Town-Gown Fund. As a nonprofit, however, Hamilton is unable to make the large investments that can transform a community and spur further economic development and growth. The Downtown Revitalization Initiative offers that promise, and I applaud your pursuit of this opportunity. If successful, the DRI grant will benefit not just Clinton and Kirkland, but Oneida County as well.

I look forward with great anticipation to what this grant will make possible for our community.

Sincerely,



David Wippman
President



Robert Meelan, Town of Kirkland Supervisor
Elizabeth Tantillo, Mayor, Village of Clinton

David Fitzgerald
Executive Director

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Dear Robert and Elizabeth,

We would like to provide a letter to be included with our DRI proposal, offering support on how these projects would positively impact the Kirkland Art Center (KAC) for many years to come.

The KAC is a 60-year-old Arts nonprofit residing in a 100-year-old historical building in the center of the village of Clinton. The roof and the windows of the KAC are in desperate need of repair. The benefit of these type of repairs would be felt immediately in our energy consumption. The weatherproofing of the building with better insulation and better windows will greatly reduce the operating cost. The addition of solar panels would also go a long way to stabilizing our energy costs well into the future. If we are successful, these repairs would easily help sustain the KAC's facilities for the next 60 years.

The proposed culinary art kitchen will provide us the ability to offer the community healthy cooking and eating classes in addition to having many different and various local Chefs and restaurant owners teach and demonstrate their talents and promote their business. This will have an overall positive economic impact on our area.

Last but certainly not least the trail project is a great example of how our town and village agencies collaborate and work together for the good of all. In addition to this project being the epitome of our collaborative energy, by connecting the trails to the different areas in the village and town the trail system would provide exercise and nature viewing opportunities. By connecting our area by foot paths we will be reducing the carbon footprint and promoting healthy lifestyles, arts and nature.

In conclusion the impact of this DRI grant to the Kirkland Art Center and the Clinton and Kirkland area would greatly improve the quality of life, have a positive economic impact for local business. This would help cultivate and invigorate the arts, culture and nature for people of all ages in our community. On behalf of the board of directors and all members thank you for your time and effort on this valuable opportunity.

Sincerely,

David Fitzgerald
Executive Director



Kiwanis Club of Clinton

Changing Tomorrows: One Child & One Community at a Time

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Mr. Robert Meelan, Supervisor, Town of Kirkland
Ms. Elizabeth Tantillo, Mayor, Village of Clinton
3699 Route 12B
Clinton, NY 13323

Letter of Support

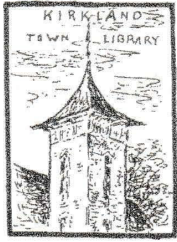
On behalf of the membership of the Kiwanis Club of Clinton, I wish to extend our support for the efforts of the Village of Clinton and the Town of Kirkland in putting forth an application for funding through New York State's Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI). We see the DRI as an exceptional opportunity 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, expansion and improvement of our recreational and green 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 and 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



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September 3, 2021

Mr. Robert Meelan, Town of Kirkland Supervisor
Mrs. Elizabeth Tantillo, Village of Clinton Mayor
Downtown Revitalization Initiative
3699 Route 12B
Clinton, NY, 13323

Dear Bob and Elizabeth,

On behalf of those associated with The Kirkland Town Library, I am excited about the many benefits that would accrue to our community, as well as to Oneida County and to the region, proposed in the application for a New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant. As an organization that strives to actively increase the overall quality of life for residents of Clinton and Kirkland, we wholeheartedly support your efforts.

Furthermore, the library will continue to foster an environment where lifelong learning can occur, offer vibrant and dynamic programming, and seek out collaborations that build a stronger community; efforts that dovetail with and support the goals of the grant.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne M. Debraggio". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Anne M. Debraggio
Director
Kirkland Town Library



Clinton Lions Club

PO Box 61
Clinton, New York 13323

Robert Meelan, Town of Kirkland Supervisor, and
Elizabeth Tantillo, Mayor of Clinton
3699 Route 12B
Clinton, NY, 13323

Dear Supervisor Meelan, and
Mayor Tantillo,

Our organization, has been an integral part of the Town of Kirkland/Village of Clinton since 1958. We are currently comprised of 22 members who continue to serve the many needs of our community in accordance with our international motto **WE SERVE**.

Congratulations for once again initiating the application for the state's Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant to preserve our community's historic infrastructure and improve future growth opportunities for all people in the area. All residents will benefit from the rekindling of this application through future economic benefits and increased awareness in our village and town.

Our Board of Directors discussed our involvement in your process and as we agreed to with your initial application, we once again unanimously agreed to extend our whole-hearted support to this endeavor.

We wish you every success as you continue the application process and hope to hear a positive response this time from the decision makers at the state level. Being awarded this grant can only improve the Town of Kirkland/Village of Clinton.

Sincerely yours in our continued service to the community,

Bob Maxam, President
maxam60@gmail.com

Jim Winkler, Secretary
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Bill O'Mara, Treasurer
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August 16, 2021

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

Dear Mr. Meelan and Ms. Tantillo:

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

August 16, 2021

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

Dear Mr. Meelan and Ms. Tantillo:

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 143-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

CLAUDIA TENNEY
MEMBER OF CONGRESS
NEW YORK
22ND DISTRICT
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House Foreign Affairs Committee

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3222

August 25, 2021

Robert Meelan
Supervisor, Town of Kirkland

Elizabeth Tantillo
Mayor, Village of Clinton

3699 Route 12B
Clinton, NY 13323

Dear Supervisor Meelan and Mayor Tantillo:

I am writing today in strong support of application by the Town of Kirkland and Village of Clinton for the state's Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant. I firmly believe this would greatly enhance our community in numerous ways and help create growth and prosperity within Oneida County.

The Village of Clinton and Town of Kirkland applied for the DRI grant in 2019 and were unsuccessful in attaining funding. When the program returned this year, the two municipalities have come together again with a stronger application and greater need of the funding. These two municipalities coming together in partnership shows the community's strength and resilience. The projects they have outlined have show benefits to the welfare of the community.

The DRI funds communities around the state with \$10 million to improve business structure, housing stock and quality of life for residents and visitors. The application this year suggests for smaller municipalities to partner together. The Town and Village was the first to have such a partnership between two municipalities for their previous application and are continuing to work together for the benefit of their communities.

The municipalities plan to address housing, business development, infrastructure, green spaces, art/cultural centers, and expand historical buildings for community use. With Hamilton College just up the hill from the village, the possibilities on economic development for both the village and the town are limitless. After a difficult year of COVID-19, these communities are ready to get right back to it and deliver economic progress that will last for years to come.

For these reasons I fully support the application by the Town of Kirkland and the Village of Clinton. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact my at my Utica District Office, 315-732-0713.

Sincerely,

CLAUDIA TENNEY
Member of Congress



To whom it may Concern:

The Clinton Comets Youth Hockey Association is writing is to you on behalf of our members to be considered to receive the N.Y. State DRI initiative. We are a local hockey association comprised of children between the ages of 3 – 18 in the surrounding areas of Oneida and Madison counties. We are a volunteer organization who's main goal is to teach our kids the game of hockey, being part of a family and a community. The Clinton Arena has been in our existence since the beginning. We fully support any plan to make our arena better in order to grow an organization that will make all kids, parents, and especially our community a better place to live. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
CYH Board of Directors



THANK YOU.

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