



# LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE (LPC)

Meeting #5 | October 8, 2024



NY Forward







# WELCOME & CODE OF CONDUCT REMINDER



# NY FORWARD PREAMBLE

Each Local Planning Committee Member is reminded of their obligation to disclose potential conflicts of interest with respect to projects that may be discussed at today's meeting. If you have a potential conflict of interest regarding a project you believe will be discussed during the meeting, please disclose it now and recuse yourself from any discussion or vote on that project. For example, you may state that you, or a family member, have a financial interest in the project, or you are on the board of the organization proposing the project. At this time, are there any recusals that need to be noted?

Please inform the LPC co-chairs during the meeting if the need to disclose a conflict arises unexpectedly, and then recuse yourself from discussion or voting on the project.

As we continue through the planning process, recusal forms will be required from anyone with an identified potential conflict to be kept on file with the Department of State.

# AGENDA

Welcome & Code of Conduct Reminder

Public Comment

Project Schedule Update

Community Engagement Update

Refined Project List Discussion

Vote on Slate of Projects

Pipeline Project Discussion

Next Steps

***Thank you for serving  
on the Local Planning  
Committee for your  
community!***

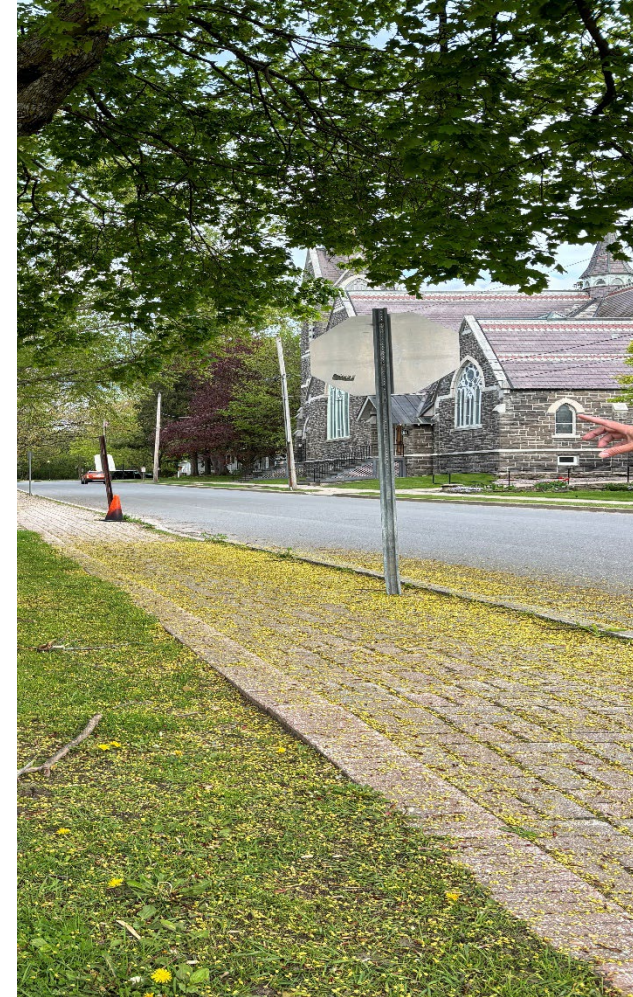






PUBLIC COMMENT  
(3 MINUTES PER PERSON)

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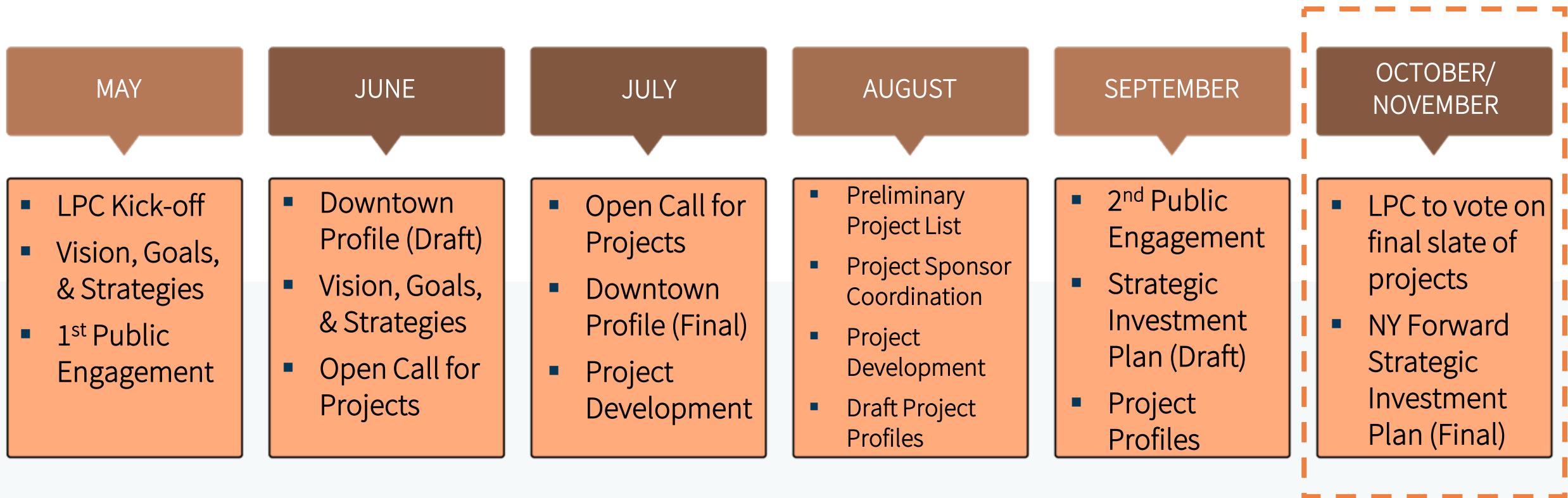




# PROJECT SCHEDULE UPDATE



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# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE



## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT #2

- Village Hall, 60 Main Street, September 26, 5:30 – 7:30 PM
- Approximately 25 attendees
- Interactive stations for the public to learn about proposed projects being evaluated by the LPC and to share their thoughts on transformational impact





# PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT #2



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## NY FORWARD PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

**JOIN THE REVITALIZATION OF DOWNTOWN CANTON**

The Local Planning Committee (LPC) is evaluating a number of project proposals for potential NY Forward funding consideration.

Which projects do you think would have the most transformative impact in Downtown Canton? We want to hear from you!

**Public Open House**  
**September 26, 2024**  
**5:30 - 7:30 PM**  
**Village Hall, 60 Main Street**

Drop in anytime!  
Interactive stations to learn about proposed projects and share your thoughts!

Scan QR code for more information on your mobile device or visit the project website below

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# PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT #2

How transformative do you think this project could be to Downtown Canton?

Project Name	High	Medium	Low
Upgrade Riverside Drive Streetscape and Gouverneur Street Gateway Signage			
Enhance Park Amenities in the Village Green			
Renovate 11 and 11 ½ Riverside Drive into a Commercial Fitness Center and Two Dance Studios			
Redevelopment of the Former Midtown Plaza			
Nature's Storehouse Expansion			
The Tick Tock Revival			
Renovations & Upgrades to the TAUNY Center			
Establish a Small Project Fund			
Canton Branding and Marketing Initiative			





# REFINED PROJECT LIST DISCUSSION



# EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Does the project sponsor have capacity to implement the project?
- How do the project scope's compare in terms of downtown impact?
- Would the project be the best use of NY Forward Funding?
- Does a project's location make it more or less competitive?
- Does a project's budget clearly identify costs and estimates?
- Is the project ready to proceed?



# DOWNTOWN CANTON VISION

“Nestled along the Grasse River, Canton’s historic downtown is the crossroads connecting the St. Lawrence River Valley. As the heart of Canton, downtown is an accessible, year-round economic hub and regional destination centered around its walkable streets, diverse housing options, art and cultural attractions, variety of local businesses, recreational offerings and community events. Abundant educational opportunities and an active entrepreneurial spirit supports downtown Canton as a thriving, welcoming environment for all to live, learn, work and play.”



# DOWNTOWN CANTON GOALS

## GOAL 1: ECONOMIC VITALITY

Foster and preserve a strong, year-round economic environment with an interconnected, walkable downtown offering a mix of uses and amenities.

## GOAL 2: SOCIAL INCLUSION & CONNECTIONS

Enhance social inclusion and community connections through improved accessibility, expanded community collaboration, and varied housing options throughout downtown Canton.

## GOAL 3: RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT

Enhance community coordination and visibility for downtown events to create locally and regionally attractive entertainment and recreational opportunities.

## GOAL 4: HISTORY & CULTURE

Celebrate and expand Canton's historic and cultural presence.



# PROJECT UPDATES SINCE LPC #4

A01 – Upgrade Riverside Drive Streetscape and Gouverneur Street Gateway Signage

- Updated budget

A02 – Enhance Park Amenities in the Village Green

- Updated budget

B01 - Renovate 11 and 11 ½ Riverside Drive into a Commercial Fitness Center and Two Dance Studios

- Removal of hazardous material (asbestos, mold, lead paint) is included within the 'Construction' line item in the budget.

B03 - Redevelopment of the Former Midtown Plaza

- Reduced NY Forward funding request to \$2,000,000



# PRELIMINARY PROJECTS LIST FROM LPC #4

- 9 Projects Ready to Advance
- 6 Projects Not for NY Forward
- \$7.9 Million in NY Forward Requested Funds
- \$34.8 Million in Total Project Costs

\*Costs do not include Projects Not for NY Forward

- LPC to develop a slate of recommended projects for inclusion in the Strategic Investment Plan
- This slate of projects should represent a NYF request of between \$6 - \$8 Million

# PROJECTS READY TO ADVANCE

- A01 - Upgrade Riverside Drive Streetscape and Gouverneur Street Gateway Signage
- A02 - Enhance Park Amenities in the Village Green
- B01 - Renovate 11 and 11 ½ Riverside Drive into a Commercial Fitness Center and Two Dance Studios
- B03 - Redevelopment of the Former Midtown Plaza
- B04 - Nature's Storehouse Expansion
- B07 – The Tick Tock Revival
- B08 - Renovations & Upgrades to The TAUNY Center
- C01 - Establish a Small Project Fund
- D01 - Canton Branding and Marketing Initiative

TOTAL NYF REQUEST

\$7,981,000



This map was prepared for illustrative purposes only and is not suitable for engineering, surveying, or legal purposes.



# Proposed Projects

## September 2024

### Public Improvement Projects

- A01 – Riverside Drive Streetscaping (No Address – See Location on Map)
- A02 – Village Green Upgrades (17 Park St)

### New Development and/or Rehabilitation

- B01 – 11 and 11 ½ Riverside Dr Fitness Center (11 and 11 ½ Riverside Dr)
- B03 – Midtown Plaza Redevelopment (19 Miner Rd)
- B04 – Nature’s Storehouse Expansion (19 & 21 Main St)
- B07 – The Tick Tock Revival (9-11 Hodskin St)
- B08 – TAUNY Center Upgrades: (53 Main St)

### Small Project Fund

- \*C01 – Establish a Small Project Fund

### Branding & Marketing

- \*D01 – Canton Branding and Marketing Initiative

\* Not Site Specific - No label on map

Sources:  
Village of Canton,  
St. Lawrence County  
USGS, Esri, NYS ITS



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Architecture  
Landscape Architecture  
and Land Surveying, P.C.

# PROJECTS NOT FOR NY FORWARD/ POTENTIAL PIPELINE PROJECTS

- A03 – Enhancements to Willow Island
- B02 – Renovate 95 Main Street to Become Accessible, Historic, and Energy Efficient
- B05 – Renovate 51 Main Street to Make More Desirable for Customers and Provide Affordable Housing
- B06 – Upgrade the Frozen Spoon
- B09 – Mix-Use Redevelopment of 15 Gouverneur Street
- B10 – Third Floor Renovation of 75 Main Street into 3 Apartments





# VOTE ON SLATE OF PROJECTS

- LPC votes on final slate of projects to be recommended for inclusion in the Strategic Investment Plan.
- This slate of projects should represent a NYF request of between \$6 - \$8 million.



# FINAL SLATE OF PROJECTS

- A01 - Upgrade Riverside Drive Streetscape and Gouverneur Street Gateway Signage
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## Project Totals

- Total Project Cost: \$34,815,000
- Total NYF Request: \$7,981,000

# VOTE ON SLATE OF PROJECTS

## BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS

- Place a check mark in the box that represents your vote
- Place a check mark in the box next to the projects you have recused yourself from if applicable
- Sign ballot
- Submit





# PIPELINE PROJECT DISCUSSION



## PIPELINE PROJECTS DISCUSSION

- Pipeline/supporting are projects proposed in the NYF process that are great ideas but are not ready to receive NYF funding for a variety of reasons. For these projects, the LPC may elect to include these projects in the SIP as supporting pipeline projects. While not recommended for NYF funding, these projects are consistent with the goals of NYF and the community's vision and the LPC would like to include them as potential areas for revitalization within the downtown.



# PIPELINE PROJECTS DISCUSSION

## Potential Pipeline Projects:

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- Discussion of Pipeline Projects
- Complete, sign and submit Pipeline Projects Ballot





## NEXT STEPS



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Thank you to the LPC members! Your work here is DONE! 😊

- Project titles and descriptions will be updated by MJ to align with NYS guidance
- Draft Strategic Investment Plan completed by MJ – October/November
- Final Strategic Investment Plan due to NYS – December
- Project Award Announcements – anticipated Spring 2025

**Visit the Canton NY Forward website to stay up-to-date, view meeting summaries, presentations and materials, fill out a project form and get involved!**

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THANK YOU!

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