

# LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE (LPC)

Meeting #3 | August 13, 2024















### 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.



# Welcome & Code of Conduct Reminder

Project Schedule Update

Community Engagement Update

Preliminary Project List Discussion

LPC Project Recusals

**Next Steps** 

**Public Comment** 



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













## PROJECT SCHEDULE











# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

#### Canton NY Forward Community Survey

- Opened May 30<sup>th</sup> at Public Open House #1
- Closed June 30<sup>th</sup>
- Online version was made available at:

#### www.CantonNYForward.com

- Paper copies available at Village Hall
- 239 total responses recieved





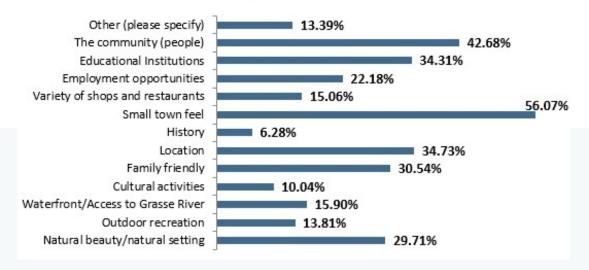


### COMMUNITY SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

#### Demographic and Background Information

- 67% of respondents are full-time residents
- 70% of respondents shop in Canton
- 59% of respondents own property in Canton
- 50% of respondents are age 40-64

(Q3) What are the top three reasons you choose to live, work, visit or shop in Downtown Canton? Please pick three.





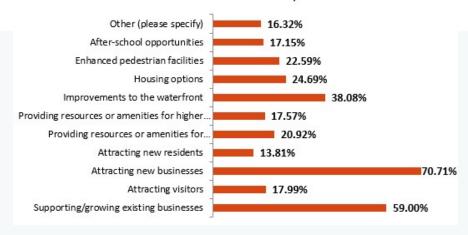


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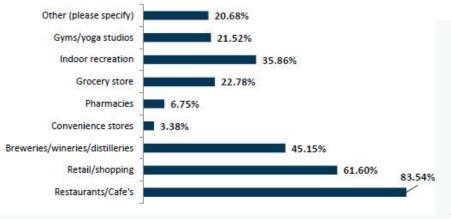
#### Opportunities and Business

- Majority of respondents would like to see attraction of new businesses and supporting/growing existing businesses
- Majority of respondents would like to see restaurants/cafes and retail/shopping downtown

#### (Q5) What are the greatest opportunities/issues for Downtown Canton? Please pick three.



#### (Q6) What types of businesses would you like to see Downtown? Please pick three.







# COMMUNITY SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

When you think about what Canton might be like in 15 years, what three words would you like to be able to use to describe the community to your friends/children/grandchildren?















## NY FORWARD PROGRAM GOALS



Create an active downtown with a mix of uses



Create diverse housing options for all income levels



Provide diverse employment opportunities for a variety of skill sets and salary levels



Grow the local property tax base



Enhance downtown living and quality of life



Provide enhanced public spaces that serve those of all ages and abilities



Encourage the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions





# WHAT ARE ELIGIBLE PROJECT TYPES?



# Public Improvement Projects

Streetscape and transportation improvements, recreational trails, new and upgraded parks, plazas, public art, green infrastructure, and other public realm projects.



#### New Development and/or Rehabilitation of Existing Downtown Buildings

Development and redevelopment of real property for mixed-use, commercial, residential, not for profit, or public uses. Development / redevelopment should result in employment opportunities, housing choices or other community services.



# Small Project Grant Fund

A locally managed matching small project fund (up to \$600,000) for small downtown projects, such as façade improvements, building renovations, business assistance, or public art.



#### Branding and Marketing

Downtown branding and marketing projects that target residents, tourists, investors, developers and visitors.





#### INELIGIBLE PROJECT TYPES/ACTIVITIES

- Planning Activities. All NYF funds must be used to implement projects.
- Operations and Maintenance. Funds cannot be used for on-going or routine expenses, such as staff salaries and wages, rent, utilities, and property up-keep.
- **Pre-award Costs.** Reimbursement for costs incurred before the completion of the Strategic Investment Plan and the announcement of funding awards is not permitted.
- Property Acquisition. NYF funds cannot be used for property acquisition.
- Training and Other Program Expenses. NYF funds cannot be used to cover continuous costs, such as training costs and expenses related to existing programs.
- Expenses related to Existing Programs. NYF funds cannot supplement existing programs or replace existing resources.
- Stand alone parking projects.





#### PROJECT MATCH AND DECARBONIZATION

- 25% minimum project match for <u>private projects</u> (per NY Forward Program)
  - \*Proposed projects with a greater sponsor match may be more competitive during the project evaluation process
- No match requirement for <u>public or non-profit projects</u>
- Total project cost must be a minimum of \$75,000 (except small project fund)
- New construction, building additions over 5,000 SF and some substantial renovation over 5,000 SF will be required to meet decarbonization standards





#### 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."



#### CANTON GOALS & STRATEGIES

#### **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.

- 1. Foster a supportive business environment through inclusive and cooperative event and development planning.
- 2. Attract a variety of retail offerings (e.g., shopping and dining) along Main Street to create a strong, year-round market.
- 3. Encourage diverse business offerings in the downtown to welcome development beyond traditional retail.
- 4. Enhance the aesthetics of downtown by supporting improvements to existing buildings.
- 5. Establish consistent branding and a marketing approach reflective of the Village's culture and history.

#### **GOAL 2: SOCIAL INCLUSION & CONNECTIONS**

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

- 1. Diversify the housing stock to attract and accommodate all abilities and a range of incomes through the activation of mixed-use buildings.
- 2. Improve connections to and within downtown by enhancing the pedestrian environment through the prioritization of streetscape, traffic control, parking, lighting, ADA accessibility enhancements, signage and wayfinding.
- Enhance collaboration and coordination among educational institutions, businesses, communitybased organizations and other community stakeholders.





### CANTON GOALS & STRATEGIES

#### **GOAL 3: RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT**

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

- 1. Facilitate regular, year-round recreational and entertainment offerings to attract a wide range of audiences.
- 2. Design new or enhanced existing recreational and entertainment spaces to include various amenities, green spaces, functional areas (i.e., café seating or activity platforms) that are accessible to people of all abilities.
- 3. Utilize inviting streetscaping or design elements to connect recreational opportunities within downtown Canton.

#### **GOAL 4: HISTORY & CULTURE**

Celebrate and expand Canton's historic and cultural presence.

- 1. Develop and promote year-round arts and cultural events to increase local and regional tourism.
- 2. Encourage businesses to sponsor and participate in events to create a vibrant atmosphere.
- 3. Improve key gateways into downtown Canton to create a welcoming environment reflective of local history and culture.
- 4. Celebrate local history, natural beauty, and cultural heritage to establish a consistent aesthetic and identity for downtown.





- Call for projects launched June 26<sup>th</sup> / Due by July 31<sup>st</sup>
- Office hours with consultant Team Virtual
  - July 9, 2024 9:00 10:00 AM
  - July 11, 2024 12:00 1:00 PM
  - July 24, 2024 3:00 4:00 PM
- All projects must have been submitted to be considered for NY

#### Forward

- Project Submittal Information and forms were available on Canton NY Forward website: <u>www.CantonNYForward.com</u>
- All submitted proposals included on preliminary project list
- All proposals will be reviewed by the LPC & consultant team







- 15 Proposed Projects Received
- \$14,169,904 NY Forward Requested
- \$41,269,111 Total Project Cost





Project ID, Sponsor, Project Name, Location, Description, Total Project Cost, NYF Request, % NYF Ask

CANTON			Canton NY Forward Preliminary Projects List		NEW YORK STATE OF OPPORTUNITY.  NY Forward  Last Revised: 8/7/2024		
ID	Sponsor	Project Name	Address	Description	Total Cost	NYF Funding Request	% NYF Ask
UBL	LIC IMPROVEMENT F	PROJECTS					
A01	Village of Canton	Upgrade Riverside Drive Streetscape	This project is located along Riverside Drive and extends to the Main Street and Riverside Drive intersection and the northern edge of the NY Forward boundary. This project also includes the State Street and Chapel Street intersection.	This project proposes to implement public streetscaping elements along the portion of Riverside Drive within the NY Forward boundary, and roadway improvements to the Riverside, State and Chapel Street intersection. The goals of this project is to improve pedestrian and vehicular experience, and promote safe connections to downtown Canton by applying complete street principles.	\$3,135,360	\$3,135,360	100%
A02	Village of Canton	Enhance Park Amenities in the Village Green	Village Green, Main Street, Canton NY	This project aims to renovate existing and incorporate new amenities to support existing and future programs within the Village Green. Spaces within the Green will have diverse types and scales to expand potential users and extend uses through the day and seasons. This project will also augment existing tree and lawn planting with a diverse perennial and low shrub palette that will support pollinators and create a soft edge at the street while preserving its existing historic character.	\$2,602,251	\$2,602,251	100%
A03	Village of Canton	Enhancements to Willow Island Park	1 W Main St, Canton, NY 13617	The proposed project for Willow Island Park aims to create a unique waterfront performance space to draw residents and visitors to downtown Canton. Improvements made to the Willow Island Park will help connect the park to the downtown area.	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	100%
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801	Susan Sears	Renovate 11 and 11 1/2 Riverside Drive, Canton, into a Commercial Fitness Center while adding a second story that will contain two dance studios.	11 and 11 1/2 Riverside Dr, Canton NY	Renovate an existing building into a commercial fitness center and add a second story that will house two leased dance studios.	\$1,089,000	\$807,000	74%





# A01 Upgrade Riverside Drive Streetscape and Gouverneur Street Gateway Signage | Municipal Project

This project proposes to implement public streetscaping elements along the portion of Riverside Drive within the NY Forward boundary, and roadway improvements to the Riverside, State and Chapel Street intersection, as well as gateway signage for Gouverneur Street. The goals of this project is to improve pedestrian and vehicular experience and promote safe connections to downtown Canton by applying complete street principles.

• Total Cost: \$3,135,360

• **NY Forward Request:** \$3,135,360

Sponsor Match: Not Required for Public Projects

• Decarbonization: Not Applicable







A01 Upgrade Riverside Drive Streetscape and Gouverneur Street Gateway Signage







#### A02 Enhance Park Amenities in the Village Green | Municipal Project

This project aims to renovate existing and incorporate new amenities to support existing and future programs within the Village Green. Spaces within the Green will have diverse types and scales to expand potential users and extend uses through the day and seasons. This project will also augment existing tree and lawn planting with a diverse perennial and low shrub palette that will support pollinators and create a soft edge at the street while preserving its existing historic character.

Total Cost: \$2,602,251

NY Forward Request: \$2,602,251

• Sponsor Match: Not Required for Public Projects

• Decarbonization: Not Applicable







#### A02 Enhance Park Amenities in the Village Green







HIERARCHY OF SPACES AND PATHS







NATURE-BASED PLAY ELEMENTS

VARIED SEATING OPTIONS

LOW PLANTINGS & SOFT EDGE AT STREET

#### VILLAGE GREEN













#### A03 Enhancements to Willow Island Park | Municipal Project

The proposed project for Willow Island Park aims to create a unique waterfront performance space to draw residents and visitors to downtown Canton. Improvements made to the Willow Island Park will help connect

the park to the downtown area.

Total Cost: \$1,200,000

NY Forward Request: \$1,200,000

Sponsor Match: Not Required for Public Projects

• Decarbonization: Not Applicable







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B01 Renovate 11 and 11 1/2 Riverside Drive, Canton, into a Commercial Fitness Center While Adding a Second Story That Will Contain Two Dance Studios | Private Project

Renovate an existing building into a commercial fitness center and add a second story that will house two leased dance studios.

• Total Cost: \$1,089,000

• NY Forward Request: \$807,000

Sponsor Match: 26%

Decarbonization: Required







B02 Renovate 95 Main Street to Become Accessible, Historic, and Energy-Efficient | Private Project

The goal of this project is to create an accessible, well-maintained, historic building at 95 Main Street in Canton to improve social inclusion and connections for all people, as well as restore the beautiful historic district of Canton. Improvements include installation of a handicapped-accessible entryway, lighting, facade, and window replacements.

• Total Cost: \$215,000

NY Forward Request: \$161,250

• Sponsor Match: 25%

• Decarbonization: Not Required







B03 Redevelopment of the Former Midtown Plaza to Establish New Affordable Housing and Sustainable Economic Development Opportunities for the Village and the Region | Private Project

The proposed use and vision for the former Midtown Plaza is a 3-story mixed-use development to include 56 residential units, a 10,350 sf SUNY Canton Entrepreneurship Center, 2,500 sf of commercial space, and a community garden and dog park, with about 105 parking spaces for tenants, customers and the community at large.

Total Cost: \$27,673,357

NY Forward Request: \$2,500,000

Sponsor Match: 91%

Decarbonization: Required





B04 Nature's Storehouse Expansion: Bridging Community & Commerce on Main St | Private Project

The Nature's Storehouse Expansion project aims to transform and unify the properties at 19 and 21 Main Street into a vibrant, multifunctional community hub. The expanded space will feature an enhanced deli, coffee bar, and a diverse range of health supplements and natural remedies. The expansion will also include a dedicated space for customers to sit and enjoy meals. This project also plans to renovate the upstairs apartments, creating two additional modern, comfortable, residential units.

Total Cost: \$662,205

NY Forward Request: \$496,654

• Sponsor Match: 25%

Decarbonization: Not Required







B05 Renovate 51 Main Street, Canton NY to Make More Desirable for Customers and also Provide Affordable Housing | Private Project

The proposed use of 51 Main Street is mixed-use (downstairs retail; upstairs residential). The improvements included in this project include repairs to the building exterior and renovations to the apartments.

Total Cost: \$181,500

NY Forward Request: \$136,125

Sponsor Match: 25%

Decarbonization: Not Required











#### B06 Upgrade the Frozen Spoon | Private Project

The work of this project is intended to be commercial, public improvement and mixed use. The goal is to continue operating a beloved staple of the Canton community, and complete needed structural and equipment upgrades. The scope of this project includes renovating the front porch, repairing and replacing flooring, and purchasing new soft serve equipment.

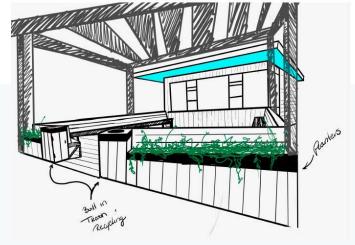
• Total Cost: \$167,710

NY Forward Request: \$125,783

• Sponsor Match: 25%

Decarbonization: Not Required







B07 The Tick Tock Revival: Modernizing a Historic Downtown Landmark | Private Project

The project aims to restore and modernize the Tick Tock restaurant/bar, as well as develop four professional apartments, transforming it into a vibrant, multi-generational dining, entertainment, and living space.

• Total Cost: \$1,510,000

NY Forward Request: \$950,000

• Sponsor Match: 35%

• Decarbonization: Required







#### B08 Renovations & Upgrades to The TAUNY Center at 53 Main Street | Non-Profit

This project aims to implement renovations including window replacements, door upgrades, façade repairs, and interior enhancements to improve accessibility and functionality. This project builds on previous upgrades, ensuring the TAUNY Center better serves the public with enhanced arts and cultural programming.

Total Cost: \$188,753

NY Forward Request: \$100,000

Sponsor Match: Not Required (Non-Profit)

• Decarbonization: Not Required



Joshua Vink





#### B09 Mixed-Use Redevelopment of 15 Gouverneur Street | Private Project

The Mixed-Use Redevelopment of 15 Gouverneur Street' proposes to redevelop the abandoned Triple A lumber yard site in downtown Canton. The proposed plan is to create a communal, natural waterfront space, build six waterfront residential townhouses and a multi-function office and event space overlooking the Grasse River.

Total Cost: \$1,660,000

NY Forward Request: \$1,147,500

• Sponsor Match: 31%

Decarbonization: Required







#### B10 Third Floor Renovation of 75 Main St into 3 Apartments | Private Project

The main goal of this project is to renovate the third floor to accommodate three one-bedroom apartments. Improvements include the replacement of the interior walls, ceilings, and floors. Electric subpanels and wiring will need to be done for each apartment as well as a new boiler.

• Total Cost: \$343,975

NY Forward Request: \$257,981

• Sponsor Match: 25%

Decarbonization: Not Required







#### C01 Establish a Small Project Fund | Municipal Project

This project will establish a locally managed matching fund to undertake a range of smaller downtown projects including façade enhancements, building renovation to commercial or mixed-use spaces, business assistance, and public art. Applicants to this small projects fund will be required to provide a minimum of 25% of the overall project cost as a matching contribution, leveraging private funds to achieve an even greater transformative impact in downtown Canton.

• Total Cost: \$390,000

• NY Forward Request: \$300,000

• Sponsor Match: Matching requirements must be no less than 25% if the total cost per project

Decarbonization: Not Applicable







#### C01 Establish a Small Project Fund

• 9 Letters of Support

ane W. Lammers	Public Art at 21 Miner Street	21 Miner Street, Suite 2	A public art project with two murals located at 21 Miner St. The public art project will be a "Community Coloring Book" project with the opportunity for schools and community members to assist in the painting process.	\$33,500	\$33,500	100%
Ralph Isabella	Paving Parking Lot at 11 and 11 1/2 Riverside DR	11 and 11 1/2 Riverside Dr, Canton NY	Paving of the parking lot located at 11 and 11 1/2 Riverside Dr.	\$22,400	\$22,400	100%
Alacia LaSala	Updating Equipment at 67 Main St	67 Main St	Purchasing updated and more efficient kitchen equipment as well as remodeling the front counter to provide additional space for dining.	\$14,836	\$14,836	1009
Patti Mason and Sharon Poole	Esatblishing One Steep At A Time in Downtown Canton	TBD but within the Downtown	Install a new business downtown that will create a space for people to connect, relax, and enjoy a cup of tea. The project includes interior upgrades and finishes to a rented commercial space that will operate as a tea shop and book store.	\$75,000	\$56,250	75%
Emily Hastings	Renovations to Improve Library Capacity	8 Park St.	Interior renovations to improve the library's capacity to host community groups and services by dividing an existing meeting room into a large meeting room and a small boardroom. The large room will be used for library programs and community events and the small room will be used for tutoring, early intervention/speech therapy/occupational therapy, and small groups/meetings that the library currently doesn't have comfortable space to host.	\$75,000	\$75,000	1009
Alexa Scanlin	Upgrade The Frozen Spoon	10 Park St. Canton, NY	The scope of this project includes renovating the front porch, roughly 25' x 25', to offer a safer flooring and seating area, and purchasing new soft serve and refrigeration equipment.	\$98,599	\$73,950	75%





#### C01 Establish a Small Project Fund

#### • 9 Letters of Support

Will Peña	The Tick Tock Revival: Modernizing a Historic Downtown Landmark	9-11 Hodskin Street, Canton, NY,13617	Facade of building, Updated signage and awning, Kitchen equipment	\$100,000	\$75,000	75%
J Bradshaw and Marilyn I. Mintener	Improvements to The Pear Tree, Mossemoss, and Personal Residence	77 Main Street	The project proposes façade improvements, window replacements, and exterior updates to two businesses.	\$50,000	\$50,000	100%
Carlene Bermann	SLCCHC Garden Project	3 E. Main Street, Canton NY	SLCCHC hopes to create a functional and ornamental Georgian-era garden space in the front and side yards of the Silas Wright Housein downtown Canton. The gardens will contain historic culinary, medicinal, and ornamental plant varieties that were once common in St. Lawrence County, as well as walking paths, seating, water features, and programming space. The garden will include sensory diverse plants, colors, shapes, smells, textures and patterns specifically designed to center neurodiverse populations.	\$20,000	\$15,000	75%

Total Project Cost: \$489,335 Total Small Project Fund Request: \$415,936





#### D01 Canton Branding and Marketing Initiative | Municipal Project

The marketing and branding initiative for the Village of Canton is a comprehensive strategy designed to enhance the visibility and appeal of the Village as both a prime tourist destination and an attractive place to live. This project will be executed in three phases to develop a cohesive brand that celebrates and promotes Canton's distinct identity.

• Total Cost: \$250,000

NY Forward Request: \$250,000

Sponsor Match: Not Required for Public Projects

• Decarbonization: Not Applicable







### REFINING THE PRELIMINARY PROJECTS LIST

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

- Project Evaluation Criteria
- Project Evaluation Worksheet
- Consultant Team Review
- LPC Meeting Discussion





## PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA

#### Examples

- Alignment with NYF Vision and Goals
- Transformative Potential
- Sponsor Capacity
- Project Readiness
- Community Benefits
- Site Control

#### Canton NY Forward **Project Evaluation** Worksheet





Instructions: The following worksheet is intended to assist the LPC in further refining the NY Forward

projects list. To the extent you can, please complete and be prepared to discuss each project. Note that not all criteria listed below may be ready for evaluation at this stage of the process but may be considerations moving forward. Criteria are based on guidance for decision-making provided by state

Evaluation Criteria		Evaluation Assessment			
STATE AND LOCAL GOALS					
1	Alignment with State goals	Yes	No	Need More Info	
2	Alignment with REDC goals	Yes	No	Need More Info	
3	Alignment with local vision and goals	Yes	No	Need More Info	
4	Alignment with ongoing local development initiatives	Yes	No	Need More Info_	
PR	DIECT READINESS			400	
5	Scope of work and project activities are clearly identified	Yes	No	Need More Info	
6	Capacity to implement the project and manage a state contract	Yes	No	Need More Info	
7	Ability to begin implementation in the near-term (~2 years from award)	Yes	No	Need More Info	
8	Project has other funding available needed to proceed	Yes	No	Need More Info	
9	Documented status of funds needed to complete the project	Yes	No	Need More Info	
10	Project sponsor has supplied backup documentation to support project readiness: ex. images of existing conditions, project renderings, etc.	Yes	No	Need More Info	
11	Sponsor can demonstrate site control If no, potential for resolution?	Yes	No	Need More Info	
12	Ability to proceed without any significant regulatory hurdles	Yes	No	Need More Info	





## PROJECT PROFILE COMPONENTS

- Title, Sponsor, Location
- Funding request, project cost
- Project description
- Capacity to implement
- Project partners
- Alignment with local and regional strategies
- Anticipated benefits
- Budget and funding sources
- Feasibility/cost justification
- Regulatory requirements
- Photos
- Proposed design, renderings, plans
- Implementation timeframe









## LPC EVALUATION GUIDANCE

- Proposed project materials will be shared through a OneDrive link
- Complete a Project Evaluation Worksheet for each proposed project
- Identify one of the following options for each project:
  - ✓ Project is Ready to Advance
  - ✓ Project Needs More Information
  - ✓ Project Not for NYF







## LPC EVALUATION GUIDANCE

- Share Evaluation Worksheets with MJ Team by August 26<sup>th</sup>
- LPC Work Session (In-person) August 28<sup>th</sup> 11 AM 1 PM
  - Purpose: to discuss proposed projects and gather any LPC questions or requests for clarification. No decisions will be made.
- LPC Meeting #4 September 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Identify Projects to Advance or that Need More Information
  - Discuss Refined List of Projects













### NEXT STEPS

- Consultant review of projects and communication with project
   sponsors August September
- LPC Project Review August 13<sup>th</sup> week of August 26<sup>th</sup>
- LPC Work Session (In-person) August 28<sup>th</sup> 11 AM 1 PM
- Schedule Open House #2
- LPC Meeting #4 September 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Discuss refined projects list
- LPC Meeting #5 October 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Potential vote on slate of projects to recommend for NY Forward

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!

www.CantonNYForward.com







# PUBLIC COMMENT THANK YOU!

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