

Downtown Revitalization Initiative Public Workshop



Welcome!

The City of Kingston’s Stockade District has historically been the city’s economic hub, containing county office buildings, financial and professional services offices, the city’s sole supermarket, and key recreational spaces. Within the past ten years, it has experienced a renaissance led by an influx of new investments and a resurgence of new cafes, restaurants, and boutique shops. Additional Downtown Revitalization Initiative investments in the area dubbed the “Stockade Business District” will continue the area’s economic revitalization and create new opportunities for the surrounding neighborhoods, towns, and counties.

We need your input! Please take a moment to explore the priority projects and give your opinion on which projects have the greatest potential to revitalize our community. You may turn in your feedback to any member of the project team before you leave tonight. **Thank you.**

Potential Projects for DRI Funding

The following projects were developed from input after the first two DRI public meetings. Please prioritize the projects from one to five, with five as your highest priority.

1) Incorporate Public Improvements into the Kingstonian Uptown Revitalization Project

At the junction of North Front and Wall Street is a city-owned, flat parking lot and a vacant warehouse. The City is working with a local developer and architect to design a mixed-use development which will include 132 residential units, 8,500 square feet of commercial space expected to include a mix of restaurants and retail shops, a 34-room hotel, a proposed pedestrian plaza with a walking bridge extending to Kingston Plaza, and a 420-space parking garage with 250 spaces dedicated for public use.

DRI funding would be used for the following work on this project:

- Construction of a pedestrian bridge and plaza
- Demolition of underground structures
- Utility relocation

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Total project costs: \$48 million (\$3.8 million in public improvements)
DRI Requests: \$3.8 million

2) Upgrade the Dietz Stadium and Andretta Pool

Dietz Stadium, a 2,500-seat venue, is a major organized sports facility adjacent to Forsyth Park, the Adirondack Trailways station and the Andretta Pool. The 2013 Parks and Recreation Master Plan recommends upgrades, including benches, water fountains, fencing, lighting, shade tree planting, bike racks, new lockers rooms and bathrooms, and a more modern food vending facility. Needed upgrades to the Andretta Pool are also being considered as part of this project.

DRI funding would be used for the following work on this project:

Dietz Stadium:

- New or refurbished locker rooms and bathrooms
- Outdoor water fountains
- Free Wi-Fi for visitors
- Bike racks
- Directional signage
- New sound and PA systems
- Refurbished press box
- Upgraded / modernized food vending facility
- New lighting for parking area
- Resurfaced parking lot
- Stadium signage

Andretta Pool:

- New pool filter equipment
- Remodel lobby and bathrooms at pool for ADA compliance
- Pool repairs, including a repaired liner
- Upgraded fencing and lights

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Total project costs: \$2.88 million
DRI Requests: \$2.5 million
Matching Funds: \$380,000

3) Repair the Firemen's Hall and Museum

This project will involve the restoration of the historic Wiltwyck Fire House, which is home to the Volunteer Fireman's Hall and Museum and is in need of repair. DRI funding will seek to restore and repair the exterior components of the building.

DRI funding would be used for the following work on this project:

- Replace metal roof and skylight
- Masonry restoration and repairs
- Replacement of windows

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Total project costs: \$560,000
DRI Request: \$560,000

4) Implement Key Recommendations of the Uptown Stockade Transportation Plan

This project involves the implementation of key recommendations of two documents in the 2009 City of Kingston Uptown Stockade Area Transportation Plan, first commissioned by the Ulster County Transportation Council. The plan addresses poor access to and circulation within the Stockade Business District (SBD). In addition, the 2011 I-587 at Albany Avenue/Broadway Intersection Study, proposes intersection improvements for the Albany Avenue/Clinton Avenue intersection within the SBD.

DRI funding would be used for the following work on this project:

- Upgrade Albany/Clinton Ave intersection
- Upgrade Westbrook Lane and Clinton Ave intersection
- Install and replace sidewalks on John Street from Green to Clinton Streets
- Install/replace sidewalks on Crown Street from North Front to Green Streets
- Reverse street directions along Wall and Fair Streets (includes improvements to six intersections)
- Reverse directions along John and Main Streets

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Total project costs: \$5.4 million
DRI Request: \$5.4 million

5) Implementation of the Kingston Wayfinding Plan in the Stockade

This project would involve implementation of the Kingston Wayfinding Plan, currently in the planning phase, to achieve three goals: enable visitors and residents to navigate safely, efficiently and easily through Kingston and the SBD; create a unifying visual identity for the City and its distinct districts; and encourage and support economic vitality by aiding the growth of motor vehicle, bicycle and foot traffic to local businesses.

DRI funding would be used for the following work on this project:

- Purchase and installation of signage that is recommended for the Uptown area within the proposed Kingston Wayfinding Plan

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Total project costs: \$430,000
DRI Request: \$430,000

6) Conduct a structural investigation and updated mapping procedure for the Kingston Uptown Levee

This project involves undertaking structural investigations and mapping procedures in coordination with FEMA. This project will provide relief to property owners in and around Kingston Plaza that have been impacted by the recategorization of the Kingston Uptown Levee as a non-accredited levee. Additional work includes the accreditation of Interstate 587.

DRI funding would be used towards the following work on this project:

- Inspect and model current Levee
- Fulfill FEMA requirements to recategorize properties

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Total project costs: \$260,000
DRI Request: \$260,000
Matching Funds: \$260,000

7) Academy Green Park

The project would improve the Park's connection to the neighborhood, making it more accessible and more frequently used as a gathering and event space. Improvements include new park furnishings and landscaping, sidewalk retrofits, and enhanced water and electrical connections.

DRI funding would be used for the following work on this project:

- Redesigning the sidewalks and intersections surrounding Academy Green to improve pedestrian circulation to and through the park
- Provide an appropriate location for a mobile stage with a hydraulically operated roof system and 30ft x 24ft deck
- Provide electrical and water improvements for plug and play events as well as additional landscape lighting
- New landscape plantings and planting replacement, as well as protocols for vegetation management/replacement; development of a low-maintenance horticulture plan
- Additional seating and visitor gathering areas, particularly more site benches

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Total project costs: \$560,000
DRI Request: \$560,000

8) Upgrade Frog Alley Park

This project entails stabilizing the remnants of the historic Louw-Bogardus House and creating a public open space along Frog Alley next to the ruins by adding interpretive signage, lighting and park amenities.

DRI funding would be used for the following work on this project:

- Preservation and restoration of the existing ruin
- Interpretative signage
- Landscaping, lights, and park furniture
- Utility upgrades
- Site grading and paving (partial)

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Total project costs: \$658,375
DRI Request: \$472,500
Matching Funds: \$185,875

9) Reconfigure Schwenk Drive into a Complete Street

This project would reconfigure Schwenk Drive between Washington Avenue and Fair Street into a complete street, which would allow for future linkage into the Kingston Greenline system by allowing for further connections at Westbrook Lane and Washington or Hurley Avenues. This complete street enhancement would temporarily bypass the missing greenway link that currently exists along the Ulster and Delaware Scenic Rail right-of-way between Westbrook Lane and Washington Avenue.

DRI funding would be used for the following work on this project:

- Development of a complete street along Schwenk Drive from the intersection of Washington Avenue to and including the intersection of Schwenk Drive and Fair Street. Work would include lane reconfiguration, signal upgrades, intersection upgrades (including ADA improvements and bulb-outs), the creation of a new two-way bicycle lane (westbound), and the creation of a new parking lane (eastbound).

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Total project costs: \$987,102
DRI Request: \$987,102

10) Help Businesses and Residents Finance Building Improvement

This project involves the expansion of two existing building improvement programs in the City of Kingston: the Residential Rehabilitation Program and the business gap financing and commercial façade improvement programs maintained through the Kingston Revolving Loan Fund. The City is also considering launching its own loan or grant program as well.

DRI funding would be used for the following work on this project:

- Use the funds to further capitalize its Residential Rehabilitation Program. The terms of this program would remain the same. The program would remain income restricted, eligible only to households making less than 80% of the area median income. Assistance would be capped at \$20,000 and residential buildings up to 10 units.
- The DRI funding will be used to create a commercial façade program that would offer grants up to a certain dollar value still to be determined to be used during exterior renovation projects.

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Total project costs: \$600,000
DRI Request: \$600,000

11) Launch Uptown Print and Digital Media Marketing Campaign

Develop a marketing campaign that seeks to improve the vitality of the Stockade Business District and all of Kingston more broadly by (1) advertising local businesses to current and prospective customers (2) attracting new businesses to Uptown (3) promoting Uptown as an architecturally unique and diverse tourist destination along the Hudson River and (4) encouraging a diversity of people to live in Uptown by distributing information about rental properties, homeownership opportunities, rehabilitation programs, and other housing support services.

DRI funding would be used for the following work on this project:

- Prepare a scope of work, hire a marketing firm and implementation of marketing campaign and its associated materials.

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Total project costs: \$250,000
DRI Request: \$250,000