



Downtown Revitalization Initiative



Western New York Downtown Revitalization Initiative:

Lockport Awards

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo

Project Name	Project Description	Award
Rehabilitate the Spalding Mill Building and Site	Implement improvements to the Spalding Mill building and adjacent grounds to reactivate downtown Lockport with a tourist and community destination celebrating the history of the mill and the Erie Canal. The project will be a public-private partnership between Historic Lockport Mill Race and the City of Lockport and include a new rooftop venue, flexible outdoor event space, a hillside amphitheater, and ADA accessible improvements to the surrounding site, laying the groundwork for access to future trail projects.	\$ 2,200,000
Breathe New Life into the Historic Post Office	Rehabilitate the underutilized Historic Post Office to create space for existing and emerging businesses, drawing activity to the downtown area, promoting future investment, and preserving the singular character of Lockport. The project will include interior and exterior rehabilitation to accommodate a restaurant or event space, a coffee shop, a boutique shop, and office space.	\$ 1,795,080
Rehabilitate the F&M Building as a Mixed-Use Development	Transform the vacant historical Farmers & Mechanics (F&M) Building, the tallest structure in downtown Lockport, and the adjacent Mall Building into a mixed-use development with ground-floor commercial space and upper-story residential units. This will provide opportunities for residents to live, work, and play downtown and serve as a symbol of Lockport's revitalization. The project includes the replacement of electrical, mechanical, and plumbing systems; conversion of the F&M Building's upper stories into market rate apartments; renovation of the F&M Building's first floor for retail, office, or commercial use; and repurposing of a portion of the Mall Building into covered parking.	\$ 1,350,890
Expand Harrison Place as a Business Community Hub	Continue the restoration of Harrison Place as a Western New York Innovation Hot Spot, a hub for entrepreneurial development, small business support, and community, through the addition of a food hall incubator, the build-out of micro offices, and the development of inviting shared spaces for community use.	\$ 955,000
Install Streetscape Enhancements on Pine Street	Create safer, clearer, and more attractive vehicular and pedestrian routes along Pine Street to enhance connectivity between Main Street and downtown destinations, transforming the area into a collection of walkable and accessible neighborhoods. Proposed improvements include the reconfiguration of the intersection between Pine Street, Lock Street, and Gooding Street to accommodate defined vehicular lanes and a community greenspace; installation of bump outs, highly-visible crosswalks, and ADA-accessible curb ramps; installation of planters and banner poles along the Pine Street Bridge; installation of benches, bike racks, and greenery along the Pine Street Corridor; and use of porous concrete sidewalks.	\$ 865,000

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Transform a Historic Landmark into a Mixed-Use Destination	Convert the former Tuscarora Club into a mixed-use facility with restaurant, bar, and event space in combination with residential units featuring both short- and long-term leases. The project will create a community and tourist destination, provide accommodations for Lockport visitors, and energize an underutilized stretch of Walnut Street.	\$ 800,000
Complete the Restoration of the Historic Palace Theatre	Complete the final phase of the Historic Palace Theatre's restoration and carry out complementary finishing touches, expanding the theatre's capacity to host larger audiences and ensuring the long-term sustainability of the building as a performing arts venue and center for arts education. The project includes installation of a new stage rigging system, renovations to the orchestra pit, restoration and addition of seats, roof replacement, installation of a solar panel system, and addition of box seat amenities.	\$ 600,000
Establish a Small Project Grant Fund Program	Establish a grant program for the redevelopment, rehabilitation, or historic preservation of vacant or underutilized properties in the DRI area, enabling the continued use of existing structures, improving the appearance of downtown, and drawing activity to the area. Examples of improvements covered under the grant fund include interior and exterior renovations; capital improvements including the purchase of machinery and equipment; mechanical, electrical, and plumbing infrastructure for vacant spaces within existing buildings; demolition of an existing unrepairable building and construction of new building; and signage.	\$ 629,030
Create a Lock Tender Tribute on the Steps of the Erie Canal	Launch the creation of a fourteen-figure monument on the steps of the Erie Canal between Locks 70 and 71 that recreates the scene captured in a historic C.J. Lewis photograph and celebrates the human aspect of canal life in Lockport's history. DRI funding will support the design, execution and installation of five bronze sculptures and the restoration of the stone steps on the Erie Canal.	\$ 275,000
Install Streetscape Enhancements on South Street	Implement streetscape improvements on South Street to create a safe environment for all modes of transportation and facilitate access to downtown Lockport from surrounding residential neighborhoods and employment hubs. Examples of proposed improvements include enhanced pedestrian crossings, defined on-street parking, and additional amenities such as greenery, benches, and bike racks.	\$ 230,000