

BASIC INFORMATION

Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) Region: [Western New York](#)

Municipality Name: [Village of Cattaraugus](#)

Downtown Name: [Cattaraugus Village Business District](#)

County: [Cattaraugus](#)

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Downtown Description - Provide an overview of the downtown and summarize the rationale behind nominating this downtown for a Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) award):



The downtown of Cattaraugus Village consists of 19 buildings clustered together to form a business district that is laid out in the form of a "T". The originals of these buildings were wood-framed structures that were completed in 1851 when the longest rail line in the entire world was completed through here. Due to the hilly terrain, this section of the railroad was the

last to be completed in this major effort to connect the Hudson River with Lake Erie. The current downtown was reconstructed out of brick after several fires took their toll. The existing buildings are nearly all in their original undeveloped condition. Dating to the 1880's. Please view historiccattaraugus.org which we would like to incorporate into this application. Also please note that this exact business section was accepted into nomination as an Historic Site by the National Trust. <http://www.nps.gov/nr/feature/places/13001113.htm>.

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DOWNTOWN IDENTIFICATION

In addition to the criteria set forth in the attached DRI Guidelines, applicants are strongly encouraged to nominate a target area with the following:

- Alignment with strategies and project criteria in the WNY Strategy for Prosperity
- High population density
- Demonstrated opportunity for revitalization that will create a diverse and vibrant community
- Established high impact leverage/matching funding within target area
- Capacity and ability to execute the strategic plan

Section I – The Downtown Community

Answer these questions to “paint a picture” of your vision for downtown renewal, including the economic development and quality of life improvements that you foresee.

- 1) Boundaries of the Downtown Neighborhood.** Detail the boundaries of the targeted neighborhood, keeping in mind that there is no minimum or maximum size, but that the neighborhood should be compact and well-defined. Core neighborhoods beyond a traditional downtown or central business district are eligible, if they can meet other criteria making them ripe for investment. *Attach a map of the target area, with streets and boundaries clearly marked.*

Our target area is the area shown at

<https://www.nps.gov/nr/feature/places/pdfs/13001113.pdf> on this site the best available map is illustrated. This site describes National Trust Approval which includes maps and a description of our target area. This National Trust area is 3.2 acres in size. We would add the 4.5 acre original footprint of the Village in 1849 which has an address of One Main Street and which adjoins the Trust Properties. Empty lots cannot be designated as trust

sites, only buildings. This acreage was recently donated to us and is the location of future



development plans.

- 2) **Size.** Outline why the downtown, or its catchment area, is of a size sufficient to support a vibrant, year-round downtown, with consideration of whether there is a sizeable existing, or increasing, population within easy reach for whom this would be the primary downtown. *Attach a brief report/map which provides the density, household income and identifies employment centers within the target area.*

The population density is 959.6 people per square mile. The 2010 census of the Village disclosed that there were 437 households and 1002 people in the Village. There exist today in the Trust area, a commercial bank (Bank of Cattaraugus, the oldest bank in Western New York), a drug store, a hardware store two restaurants, low income housing funded by The Federal Home Loan Bank of New York, a Hairdresser, a religious bookstore, and a food pantry. The largest employer is the Cattaraugus-Little Valley Central School. Also located in the Village is Chester-Jensen a stainless steel equipment fabricator, two auto repair shops, an auto restoration shop, a paper suckerstick manufacturing shop, and a plywood fabrication shop just south of the Village limits. We also have the head office of a regional CPA firm (R.A.Mercer & Co.,P.C.) who will be a critical asset. We have two museums in the target area: The American Museum of Cutlery (please visit amcut.org) which is part of New York State's Path Through History initiative, and the Cattaraugus Area Historical Society. According to census records the median family household income in the Village is 30,644 with \$27,434 for males and \$19,833 for females. Adjoining townships add approximately 20,000 in population with only one other small Village to consider in those towns, that being Little Valley whose school was consolidated into ours.

- 3) **Past Investments & Future Investment Potential.** Describe how this downtown will be able to capitalize on prior, and catalyze future, private and public investment in the neighborhood and its surrounding areas. *Attach a list of investments made in the target area over the last 5 years, including funding amounts and major sources of funding.*

There were three major sources of funding in the past 5 years within the Target area. The Corner Drug Store changed hands. This transaction is confidential, but was reported to us as being in excess of \$250,000. The lot at One Main Street (the original site of residences and businesses in 1849) was donated at a value of \$47,000. Bank of Cattaraugus has been contributing large sums for the structural maintenance and repair of Trust designated properties. In 2015 alone \$15,500 for the 1915 Ford Dealership building, \$12,020 for the 1890 Crawford Hotel, \$18,900 for the Larkin Building, \$8,200 for the low income housing building and \$6,450 for the 1909 Palace Theatre.

Future investment potential is planned to come from grants. The Historic Cattaraugus Corporation (501 ©3) has recently subscribed to Foundation Finder which is a service of

Metasoft Systems Inc. We intend to parlay any grant into a matching funds or in-kind service arrangements. \$10,000,000 to this Village will have a multiplier effect and achieve maximum results for this region.

- 4) **Job Growth.** Describe how recent or impending job growth within, or in close proximity to, the downtown will attract professionals to an active life in the downtown, support redevelopment, and make growth sustainable in the long-term. *Attach key statistics to describe job growth (by sector if possible) over the last five years.*

We have a need for housing within our School District. The 50 acre campus of the combined Cattaraugus-Little Valley Central School is located wholly within the Village of Cattaraugus. No quality apartments are available and few quality homes are for sale. We look to future job creation to come from the home construction sector and renovation of properties within the Target area for quality apartments. We have had some job growth within the school system, and the stick factory and local part time home improvement specialists, but nothing significant to report for a community that is down over 400 manufacturing jobs since 1980.

- 5) **Attractiveness of the Downtown.** Identify the properties or characteristics the downtown possesses that contribute or could contribute, if enhanced, to the attractiveness and livability of the downtown. Consider, for example, the presence of developable mixed-use spaces, housing at different levels of affordability and type, historic architecture or historic districts, healthy and affordable food markets, walkability and bikeability, and public parks and gathering spaces. *Attach relevant photos, rendering, or images to demonstrate key properties or characteristics of the downtown you want to feature.*

The downtown is constructed on a hillside. This is not a disadvantage but is a curious photogenic asset. This definitely encourages physical exercise. Please read our Village History for further explanation. All of the buildings in the target area are in the photos accompanying the Cattaraugus Village Commercial Historic District designation

<https://www.nps.gov/nr/feature/places/pdfs/13001113.pdf>

With the addition of the 4.5 acre "Patch" site, which was donated in December, we now have the potential for a park/farmers market/museum site/gathering space/walking and biking trail and festival ground directly adjoining the Historic District. The renovation of our 1909 Palace Theatre, would return a much needed cultural facility to this region. Cattaraugus County is nearly 2/3rds the size of Delaware. Our Village sits in the middle of the County and has the only potential cultural center in the region. Our sidewalks are excellent throughout the Village and are kept plowed throughout the Winter months. The hilly terrain of the downtown provides exercise opportunities as well as biking and hiking opportunities. Bicycle and motorcycle groups traverse our streets on weekends most of the year. They love the brick streets of our Historic District. The New York State DOT has designated our brick streets historic and worth saving and have mandated red concrete pavers if the streets ever need repair.

Section II – Local Support & Strategic Alignment:

Answer these questions to reassure us that New York State's investment will have a strong chance of success. We want to know that the municipality has the capacity to both lead and implement, and that local policies are aligned with downtown renewal.

- 6) Policies to Enhance Quality of Life.** Articulate the policies in place that increase the livability and quality of life of the downtown. Examples include the use of local land banks, modern zoning codes, complete-streets plans, transit-oriented development, and the use of historic districts or other designations to provide tax relief for private investors. If policies achieving this goal are not currently in place, describe the ability of the municipality to create and implement such policies. *Attach any relevant comprehensive planning documents highlighting policies that enhance the quality of life.* All of the above mentioned codes are in place. We have just been successfully awarded \$1,600,000 to improve our water system. We already have a sewer system servicing the Target Area. Please note the following which has been adopted by our Village and Town:

Joint Planning Board

Village of Cattaraugus, Town of New Albion

14 Main Street, Cattaraugus, New York 14719

Jan Bobseine, Chairman

Myra Johnston, Vice Chairman

Joseph Padgett

John Illig

Mission Statement

The mission of the Village of Cattaraugus and Town of New Albion Town governments is to celebrate, conserve and promote a quality residential and rural agricultural lifestyle, while encouraging job formation and maintenance of current and future businesses with an emphasis on historic preservation, education, and tourism. We embrace the rich local history and unique characteristics of our picturesque four seasons locale. We have championed past low income housing efforts and continue to encourage all new housing efforts. With the local Cattaraugus State Forest, an even larger Nature Conservancy property, the Pat McGee 20 mile Rails-To-Trails route originating here and the Western New York Snowmobile trail traversing within this village, this region has unrivaled opportunities for year round sports and activities for all to enjoy. Additionally, we celebrate our Old Order Amish Community, the New York State Amish Trail that passes through our Village, and the various Amish contributions to our region.

Additionally, we applaud the Historic Cattaraugus Corporation and The Historic Southwestern New York Foundation in their efforts to preserve our significant local historic architecture as well as their successfully achieving recognition of the buildings in our business section of the Village of Cattaraugus as National Trust Properties. The American Museum of

Cutlery, which chose to locate here, has attracted visitors from 41 states and numerous foreign countries and has been a wonderful addition to this Village. We encourage future museum creation and expansion.

The State Education Department's recent investment to modernize and improve our existing Cattaraugus Central School campus to include Little Valley into a new Cattaraugus-Little Valley centralized school facility of \$75,000,000 is groundbreaking for this region. This investment by the State has created the best educational facility in the County and has resulted in increased local housing demand.

Future development must include green energy and green space considerations. There is a need for local accessible Park areas, a local developer focused on appropriate housing and commercial space opportunities, and the successful opening of our long planned farmer's market.

Job Formation Through Historic Preservation

Our Past is our Future

Come Grow with Us !!!

- 7) Local Support and Capacity to Execute.** Set forth the local and community support that exists for the revitalization of this downtown and the commitment among local leaders and stakeholders to building and implementing a strategic investment plan. Identify an initial local lead for the program that will work with outside experts to convene a local DRI Planning Committee to oversee the plan. *Attach a plan for project implementation, including key team members and outline the team's applicable experience and skills to implement.*

The impetus for this downtown initiative is found in the personnel of Bank of Cattaraugus which is the oldest Bank in Western New York State. The Bank funded a "Survey of Historic Resources" in 1995 and followed this up with the incorporation of The Historic Cattaraugus Corporation in 2002. Also founded in 2002 by the Bank's Directors, personally, was the Historic Southwestern New York Foundation which is authorized to open and operate museums. The President of Bank of Cattaraugus is Patrick J. Cullen who is also the Village Historian and would be the initial local lead for the program. Cullen has been President of the Bank for 34 years and has implemented a policy of having the bank improve properties as they get them back. Few other banks do this. Cullen has contracted over \$2 million dollars in improvements to properties in the region. Cullen and the Bank are also the primary impetus of keeping a healthy downtown environment. Cullen has been featured in the New York Times as well as CBS evening news with Scott Pelly. Working with Cullen would be Colleen C. Young, President of the Historic Cattaraugus Corporation (501©3), Roger Lis CPA from R.A.Mercer & Co. P.C., and Mr. Richard Lee who was the aid to United States Congressman John LaFalce.

Section III – Strategic Alignment:

The Strategy for Prosperity was developed with the input of thousands of leaders and citizens across our region and every year we prioritize CFAs that advance the goals of this strategy. Your answers to the following questions will frame your vision for downtown renewal within the regional strategies.

8) Alignment with Regional Strategies. Describe how your vision and proposed investments will support the following core strategies, target industry sectors, and project criteria.

Core Strategies:

Prepare Our Workforce
Foster a Culture of Entrepreneurship
Implement Smart Growth

Industry Strategies:

Advanced manufacturing
Health & life sciences
Tourism and arts
Agriculture
Bi-national logistics
Energy
Professional services

Project Criteria:

Creates/Retains/Fills Jobs
Maximizes Return on Investment
Ready for Implementation
Is Inclusive
Promotes Smart Growth
Oriented to Young Adults
Builds upon Strengths
Regional Impact
Improves Region's Image

Our core strategy is to make available as many of the storefronts in the Historic Target Area to entrepreneurs at a reasonable or no initial cost such that the businesses have a chance to be successful . The Historic Cattaraugus Corporation (HCC) intends to retain ownership of any historic properties donated in order to assure their historic integrity and continued availability for business formation and operation within a low cost successful plan. Please consider historiccattaraugus.org as part of the information about this application. This is about jobs, services, education and tourism. It is not lost on us that we are within 3 1/2 hours of 26 million people.

We intend to form partnerships with any individual, government or agency to accomplish a successful transition to development goals. This includes local schools and colleges. The HCC runs periodic consumer budgeting classes in cooperation with the Bank of Cattaraugus, and would be conducting entrepreneurship classes in cooperation with the Cattaraugus County Business Development Corporation which is an arm of the County Government

The American Museum of Cutlery which is located at 9 Main Street in the Historic District has just completed 11 years of being open 4 days a week all staffed by volunteers. This museum is unique in all of the Americas and can be viewed at amcut.org. Visitors number into the thousands each year and plans are being made for two other important museums to locate here.

We are working with the Cattaraugus County Seneca Trail RC&D and Alfred University to locate a commercial woody fiber bio-refinery in the region. If the refinery is not located here, the byproducts, most notably biodegradable plastics will be available to us for commercial development into marketable "green" end products.

A key component to this entire effort is to include the youth of our region in its planning and implementation. The loss of population in our Village can be traced to houses being torn down or burned down and not replaced. Youth move away because of greater opportunity. The culture of this Village of Cattaraugus needs to encourage our citizens to live here, build here and embrace our good neighbors here. A vibrant down town with increased services and opportunities will be a magnet for future residents. This along with the new athletic opportunities of the enlarged school and expanded outdoor facilities will be a solid 1-2 argument for a successful community renewal project.

Please read the following to learn about our Village:



Cattaraugus Village 1883

An Introductory History of The First Rail Road Boomtown Cattaraugus Village and Rich Valley

The Battle of Cattaraugus

During the American Revolutionary War, in 1779, General George Washington adopted a strategy of reducing the assets of the British by attacking the American Indian tribe's villages who sided with them. Nearly all of New York State's Iroquois Indian Tribes fell into that category.

Washington sent two of his most trusted soldiers through Pennsylvania into New York State with significant forces, to punish the Seneca Indians both in the Genesee River Valley and also along the Allegany River. General Sullivan campaigned against the Seneca Indians in the Genesee Valley totally destroying many Indian villages and crops. The Seneca Indians fled to the Zoar Valley area between Springville and Lake Erie in northern Cattaraugus County just east of Chautauqua (This is verified by archeological and oral evidence of the Allen Family who owned the farm at the confluence of the main stream and the South Branch in what is known as the Valentine's Flats region), and to Fort Niagara on Lake Ontario; both under British protection. What is less well known is that at the same time as Sullivan's expedition, General Washington sent a force of 605 men under the command of Col. Daniel Brodhead up the Allegany into Western New York from Pittsburgh to test the resolve of the Seneca's, as well as the western defenses of the British. The soldiers destroyed many Indian villages and all crops of those tribes loyal to the British as they encountered them. Sullivan and Docksteder had a plan of joining forces and capturing Fort Niagara from the British.

A British force was encamped at the mouth of the Cattaraugus River at present day Sunset Bay under the command of John Docksteder. A Seneca Scout from Chief Cornplanter's Town in Pennsylvania arrived at Docksteder's outpost to alert the British of Brodhead's advance. Seneca Indians were well known for their long distance running skills. One or more runners covered this distance of nearly 75 miles in a matter of hours! The British Army force-marched to present day Cattaraugus Village to engage the advancing American Soldiers. Seneca Scouts were key in leading the British force against Revolutionary Soldiers and their Delaware Indian scouts within, and just south of, present day Cattaraugus Village. The British followed up their victory by pursuing and further engaging the Revolutionaries at the mouth of Bucktooth Creek where there were many casualties, all thought to be Delaware. Cattaraugus Village was the northernmost incursion of Brodhead's force into New York. His defeat at Cattaraugus Village dashed the possibility of joining forces with General Sullivan and attacking Fort Niagara. Col. Daniel Brodhead escaped with the remainder of his force back to Pittsburgh, but not without losses enroot from Chief Cornplanter's braves.

Settlement

After the American Revolution, many soldiers were granted tracts of land on the western frontier. In New York State that frontier was the finger lakes region. Many former soldiers chose to settle beyond that region in the Westfield, Chautauqua County area on the shores of Lake Erie. This Chautauqua area was of strategic importance in the late 1700's and early 1800's. Travelers on the Great Lakes could *portage* to Chautauqua Lake and then easily travel down the Allegheny River, the Ohio River, the Mississippi and beyond. It wasn't until the time of the War of 1812 that adventuresome pioneers ventured into the vast region just east of Chautauqua County that was known by the Seneca's as Cattaraugus. Cattaraugus, in terms of acreage, is nearly 2/3rds the size of the State of Delaware. ("Cattaraugus" is a Seneca word whose most ancient meaning is "Burning Springs" due to ancient lightning strikes in the natural gas rich banks of the river of the same name. The Seneca language often has several meanings for the same word. The Iroquois Gas Company has hundreds of leases and easements on acreage north of the Cattaraugus Creek which they use for underground storage of surplus natural gas. Yes they actually pump gas into the ground. The man made odor which was added to natural gas has been readily apparent to the numerous visitors to the Zoar Valley region thus "Cattaraugus" has come to be also referred to as "foul smelling banks". A French map printed in 1755 refers to Lake Ontario as "Catarauqui"...and on and on.).

The earliest recorded death in the Cattaraugus Village area was in 1810 when Captain Rosecrantz, an Indian trader, was found dead of mysterious causes. Then, William Dutton another merchant from neighboring Lodi (now Gowanda) traded too much alcohol to the Indians. Local merchants were incensed and bought him out, paying him in gold. As he left Lodi traveling though the northern Cattaraugus wilderness, he was never again seen alive. His body was found the next spring, without his gold or his fancy watch. In 1828, Brothers Calvin and Arad Rich courageously relocated their families to the valley and surrounding hills around what is now Cattaraugus Village. The area became well known as Rich Valley, not just for the prolific Richs, but also because of the fertile soil and the year round stream of water that coursed through the valley. The stream dropped well over 100 feet in elevation within a short distance, providing ideal conditions for future water-powered mills.

Boomtown

With the impending completion of the Erie Canal, President Andrew Jackson championed the effort to develop the country's interior with legislation that he supported. This effort led directly to the planning of a railroad to connect the Hudson River with Lake Erie, traversing through the southern-tier of New York State. When this *New York and Lake Erie Railroad* was completed in 1851, it wasn't merely a new railroad. It was the **longest rail line in the entire world!** It connected Piermont on the Hudson, with Dunkirk on Lake Erie.

In a last minute change in course, this railroad came through Rich Valley. The new rail town was not planned as other communities were along the line. It was not settled. It was not founded. It just happened!! The new village was quickly carved out of thick virgin forest. Three large crews of men were needed to cut trees, pull stumps, cut rails, construct massive stone culverts and excavate hillsides throughout the area. This involved intense manual labor and skilled stone masons many of whom apprenticed on the Erie Canal construction. Hard drinking Irishmen from County Cork, Ireland dominated the three work crews who were uprooted from other areas and suddenly and unexpectedly sent to set up housekeeping and small businesses next to the railroad tracks being constructed. The "Corkonians" set up their community in an area they called the "Patch" (as in "potato patch") on the north side of the tracks in the midst of what is now Cattaraugus Village. Some of their names were Carroll, Kelley, Crowley, Sweeney, and McCarthy. "Far Downers" were another separate Irish work crew that came from the southwest of Ireland and who spoke Gaelic. And then there was the German work crew. They kept to themselves and avoided the Irish fighting each other. The first telegraph line was installed in 1849 to provide communication facilities between construction crews.

In 1851, when the first train came through carrying President Millard Fillmore, his entire cabinet, and the Chief of the Seneca Nation; there were few communities in this country more proud than this new Village without a name. (It was referred to as "Albion" on President Fillmore's rail ticket.) The Village was named "Cattaraugus" by President

Millard Fillmore himself, in honor of the name of the County and the fact that the upstart village was already a center of commerce and needed its own post office and depot to serve the **most burgeoning economy in the State** at that time. The Postmaster General himself was on hand to interview the postmaster candidates. Economic growth intensified due to the new train depot and railroad sidings. Stage lines sprang up connecting Cattaraugus to areas with no rail service. One stage line went to New Albion, Leon, Conewango and on to Jamestown. Another stage line went to Otto, East Otto, Plato, West Valley, Springville and Arcade. Numerous cheese factories were constructed. Lumber, apples, potash, lath, leather, beer and whiskey (not necessarily in this order) were just a few of several dozen industries. Hotels, boarding houses, livery stables, and schools opened their doors. The town boasted a hospital, doctors, veterinarians, architects, and even a **medical college**. An important influence on the local economy was due to the fact that the railroad completion made the Erie Canal obsolete. For many years most of our nation's western commerce coursed through Cattaraugus Village. Locally produced goods could be available for sale on the streets of New York City, 450 miles away, within 24 hours on any one of the 4 trains a day that headed in that direction. Many of the laborers who helped complete this last section of railroad, decided to settle in Cattaraugus. After the last spike was driven and the construction crews moved on, over 1500 persons lived in the area. By 1860 the township boasted 305 dwellings, 1557 oxen, 383 horses, and 8 school districts with 649 children in school. Cattaraugus Village truly was a railroad **boomtown** on the way west, and most likely was the very first to fit that description.

Several fires swept through the village over the years. The most damaging was in September 1888. It destroyed nearly the entire business district. Almost all of the buildings in the Village were wood frame prior to 1888. After the fire, the buildings were reconstructed out of brick to reduce the possibility of a recurrence.

Today, visitors can attest to the unique feeling that they experience when discovering Cattaraugus Village. The Village does not have a crossroads. It has a "T". At the head of that "T" is the old Crawford Hotel (1890). Once the center of activity in the Village and the destination of thousands of salesmen and merchants, this hotel awaits rediscovery as if in suspended animation... still with the original light fixtures, tin ceilings and wall paper.

It is well documented that Abraham Lincoln visited Cattaraugus in 1860. Teddy Roosevelt gave his last speech prior to being elected

Governor of New York here in the "Patch" from the back of his Rough Rider Railcar. TR visited again as President. Daniel Webster and Commodore Perry were visitors. President Franklin D. Roosevelt visited here more than once. After Mark Twain visited, he named his housecat "Cattaraugus".

If you squint your eyes in the evening sunset, you can almost see them all conversing, beverage in hand, on the Hotel porches.

By 1874 the following businesses and trades were long established in Cattaraugus Village:

Agricultural implements	Dry Goods
Apples	Eating Houses
Architect	Engineer
Axe Manufacture	Express Agents
Bakery	Fancy Goods
Bank and Private Banks	Farming
Barbers	Cattaraugus Fire Company, Cattaraugus
Beer, homebrewing	Hook and Ladder Co.
Blacksmithing	Florists
Bookbinder	Flour, Feed, and Grain Mill
Boots and Shoes	Fork, Hoe, and Broom Handles
Brackets and Moldings	Fur Dealer
Broom Maker	Furniture Making, Furnishings
Building Mover	Furniture
Butter and Cheese Dealer	General Merchant
Butter Tub Manufacturer	General Store
Cabinet Making	Gent's Furnishings
Carpenter and Joiner	Glue Manufacturer
Carpet Weaving	Grist Mill
Carriage, Wagon, and Sleigh	Groceries and Provisions
Manufacturer	Gunsmith
Cattle Dealers	Hardware
Cheese Box Manufacturer	Harness Making
Cheese Making	Hoe manufacturer
Chestnut Harvesting	Hotels (at least 4) and Boarding Houses
Churches	(several)
Cider Mill	Insurance
Cigars and Tobacco	Justice of the Peace
Civil Engineer	Ladies Furnishings
Clergy	Lath and Shingle Manufacturer
Coal	Lawyers
Constable	Lightning Rods
Cooperages, Stave Mill	Lime, Plaster, and Cement
Creamery, Condensery	Liveries and Boarding Stables
Crockery, China, and Glassware	Livestock Dealer
Cutlery -- Knife works and Razor Manufacture	Logging
Dairy Apparatus Manufacture	Lumber Mills, Dealers, Roller Mills
Dairy Farmer	Marble Works
Dentists and Doctors	Masonry
Door, Sash, and Blind Manufacturer	Meat Market and Butchers
Dress and Cloak Making	Mechanic
Druggist	Medical College

Mercantile
Milk Pans and Coolers
Millinery
Millwright
Mine Speculators
Molding
Music and Instruments
Newspaper
Oil Speculators
Opera House
Painters
Pastor
Patent Medicine Manufacturer
Patent Right Agent
Peddlers
Photographers
Physician and Surgeon
Picture Framing
Planeing Mill
Postmaster (since 1851)
Potash
Printing
Produce Sales
Railroad (Erie - 1851 completed)
Railroad Agents
Railroad Engineer, Foreman
Real Estate Sales
Restaurants
Saloons
Schools
Seamstress
Sewing Machine Agent
Shoe Maker
Shoe Repair
Sign Painters
Stagecoach Proprietors
Station Agent
Stone Quarry
Stump Pulling
Surveyor
Tailoress
Tannery
Tavern
Tea Rooms
Teamster
Telegraph Company, Telegrapher (since 1849)
Thresher
Tinsmith & Sheet Iron Manufactory
Town Clerk
Town Supervisor
Toys
Trapping
Undertaking and Casket Manufacturer
Washing Machine Agent
Watches and Jewelry
Weaver

Well Driving
Whiskey Distilleries (2)
Wood Turning

Cattaraugus Village from 1849 to World War One, was one of the most vibrant and exciting communities in America. Pioneer adventurers transformed a wilderness company town from its beginnings, well into the industrial age. The study of Cattaraugus Village is an object lesson as to what life experiences were involved in developing the character and common fabric of what it meant to be an American. Generous individuals, businesses and governments separately and collectively gave of their fortunes and their time to create an American Dream that remains today as a prime example of what is right with America.

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TR whistle stops Cattaraugus 11/7/1898
Elected Governor 11/8/1898

- 9) Opportunity Agenda, Inclusivity and Context-Sensitive Planning.** In an effort to prevent unintended consequences of revitalization such as projects out of scale with the neighborhood and/or displacement of current residents or businesses, please explain how you will include existing residents and businesses, particularly the traditionally under-represented groups, in the planning process and highlight any policy action that would ensure equity, diversity and opportunity for those already living in or invested in your targeted downtown neighborhood. Refer to the WNY REDC Opportunity Agenda for more information on these regional priorities.

The Village of Cattaraugus has limited meeting facilities. (The Village and Town Offices are located within the Historic Target area). Bank of Cattaraugus has constructed a "Community Room" within the target area (and is working on a larger one) which should be more than adequate for all public meetings about this and future issues. Door to door communications will be developed and not just relying on taxpayer rolls which miss a large percentage of the populace. We will be equal housing compliant with all of our upper floor housing and other residential initiatives. We have identified minorities within our Village who we intend to include in all phases of the planning process. They include citizens who have identified themselves to us as Amish, Native-American, African-American, Women and Gays. A disabled veteran and Native American helped to organize our Historic Cattaraugus Corporation and they continue to serve. We intend to be exemplary with regard to inclusivity.

- 10) Other.** Provide any other information that informed the nomination of this downtown for a DRI award.

Cattaraugus Village from 1849 to World War One, was one of the most vibrant and exciting communities in America. Pioneer adventurers transformed a wilderness company town from its beginnings, well into the industrial age. The study of Cattaraugus Village is an object lesson as to what life experiences were involved in developing the character and common fabric of what it meant to be an American. Generous individuals, businesses and governments separately and collectively gave of their fortunes and their time to create an American Dream that remains today as a prime example of what is right with America. Please see the wisdom in giving our Village of Cattaraugus a helping hand in creating job opportunities and a totally revitalized downtown. Historic preservation efforts carried out in an educational atmosphere will undoubtedly result in citizens stepping forward to be part of the effort to meet housing demand. The renovation of the 1909 theatre and the expansion of the present museums will be a positive impetus to increased tourism, and employment.

The expansion of the American Museum of Cutlery (amcut.org) which is unique in the Western Hemisphere alone, will bring about jobs and tourism.

**Thank you for Your Consideration
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