



## Regional Economic Development Councils



# Long Island Downtown Revitalization Initiative: Westbury Awards



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Project Name	Project Description	Award
Create a Pedestrian Plaza through Post and Union Avenue Intersection Improvements	<b>Improve the connection between downtown Westbury and the LIRR Station.</b> Changes to both the roadway and pedestrian space at the intersection of Post and Union Avenues will improve traffic circulation and create a new pedestrian plaza that connects the train station to downtown Westbury.	\$785,000
Activate Post Avenue and in the Piazza Ernesto Strada Through Streetscape Improvements and Amenity Installations	<b>Implement streetscape improvements along Post Avenue from Northern State Parkway to Old Country Road.</b> Improvements will include new trees, benches, and bike racks; upgrading of lighting to LED; and expansion of the sidewalk at select intersections. Additional upgrades in the Piazza Ernesto Strada will include pedestrian amenities, landscaping, and power outlets to improve event logistics.	\$3,560,000
Rezone the Downtown	<b>Update the Village of Westbury downtown zoning to promote transit-oriented development, allow for a mix of residential and commercial uses, and encourage increased density near the LIRR Station.</b> To expedite future development, a Generic Environmental Impact Study (GEIS) will be conducted in conjunction with the rezoning to assess the impact of the maximum development scenario for the rezoned area. This project will have a transformative impact on the area directly adjacent to the LIRR Station and catalyze increased residential density that will spur further economic and business growth along Post Avenue.	\$970,000
Fund for Retail Capital Improvements	<b>Create a fund to offer grants and/or loans to retail spaces for facade and internal capital improvements.</b> Build on an existing retail incentive program and a previous façade improvement program to offer two types of grants and/or loans directly to targeted retail businesses: 1) a fit out grant and/or loan designed to attract new businesses that will diversify the retail mix; and 2) façade improvements designed to improve the aesthetics of the downtown	\$600,000
Open Space in the Maple/Union Area	<b>Purchase and develop open space to support new housing and retail development.</b> Twenty-five acres in the Maple/Union area will soon be rezoned to allow private sector residential and commercial development. The area is adjacent to the LIRR Station and within a quarter of a mile of the downtown. The Village will acquire a parcel of approximately 20,000 square feet at fair market value to develop open space to provide a place for passive and active recreation, and a venue for arts and cultural events.	\$2,000,000
Westbury Arts Council Space	<b>Provide a permanent location for the Westbury Arts Council.</b> The Westbury Arts Council is helping to further the goal of becoming one of Long Island's most arts-centric communities. A permanent location of approximately 2,000 to 3,000 square feet in the heart of the downtown will be acquired and developed for office space, gallery showcases, theater performances, concerts, classes, events, and meetings.	\$1,355,000
Recreation & Community Center Upgrades	<b>Upgrade the Westbury Recreation and Community Center complex.</b> The Village will upgrade the community, recreation, and sports center facilities, and will reconfigure the parking lot to increase capacity. The ability to serve the 300 youth, adults, and seniors that use the facility daily will be improved.	\$430,000



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