

**City of Ogdensburg
City Manager**

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May 30, 2019

Mr. James McKenna, Business Co-Chair and
Dr. Ty Stone, Academic Co-Chair
North Country Regional Economic Development Council
Watertown Regional Office
Dulles State Office Building
Watertown, NY 13601

Dear Mr. McKenna and Dr. Stone,

The City of Ogdensburg is eager to submit this application for New York State's 2019 Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) funding opportunity through the North Country Regional Economic Development Council.

Governor Cuomo and the New York State Legislature have shown over the last three years what an important planning and economic development tool the DRI is. Ogdensburg is pleased to follow the good work of Plattsburgh, Watertown and Saranac Lake in this catalytic process to boost our downtown.

This application advances the concepts of Ogdensburg's 2016 designated Brownfield Opportunity Area Plan, Local Waterfront Revitalization Program, and the collaborative Oswegatchie River Regional Blueway Trail plan. We believe in its fourth year, Ogdensburg is the North Country's opportunity to illustrate the Governor's DRI vision for how a downtown can be transformed into vibrant neighborhoods where the next generation of New Yorkers will want to live, work and raise a family.

Public engagement is paramount to our success and serves as the foundation of our application. A public meeting on May 13, 2019 solidified the need for this application and generated a broad list of projects. Additionally, we conducted round table discussions with the major employers and with students from the Ogdensburg School District. What is presented in this application is the culmination of these exciting ideas and input received.

On behalf of Ogdensburg, thank you for your consideration of our 2019 Downtown Revitalization Initiative Application.

Sincerely,

Sarah Purdy
Ogdensburg City Manager

2019 DRI Application

BASIC INFORMATION

- REDC Region – North Country Region
 - Municipality Name – City of Ogdensburg
 - Downtown Name – Downtown Riverfront
 - County Name – St. Lawrence County
 - Applicant Contact(s) Name and Title – Sarah Purdy, City Manager
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VISION FOR DOWNTOWN

Provide a brief statement of the municipality’s vision for downtown revitalization.

“Ogdensburg’s downtown riverfront is a destination in northern New York where individuals and families can live, work, visit, and stay. The downtown riverfront is an essential urban experience with a sustainable employment base, mixed-use corridors, and a vibrant collection of housing options. The St. Lawrence and Oswegatchie riverfronts offer a full spectrum of amenities and services to enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors alike.”

JUSTIFICATION

Provide an overview of the downtown area nominated for the DRI program, highlighting the area’s defining characteristics and the reasons for its selection. Explain why the downtown is ready for Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) investment, and how that investment would serve as a catalyst to bring about revitalization.

- Ogdensburg’s DRI application has strong public and private support.
- Ogdensburg’s downtown is located in a Federal Opportunity Zone.
- The downtown has the ability to be multi-functional, embracing a variety of uses, including housing options.
- The City’s Historic Library Park District is within our DRI boundary and has the potential to provide the framework from which to interpret our unique maritime heritage.
- Ogdensburg’s downtown is linked to the City’s waterfront through public parks and recreational trails.
- Downtown Ogdensburg is compact, walkable, and has the potential to be even more pedestrian and bicycle friendly.
- Ogdensburg has access to three New York State intrastate roads:
 - NY-37—An east-west route that runs along the southern edge of the City and parallel to the St. Lawrence River;
 - NY-68—An east-west route through the City that connects to Canton and points east; and
 - NY-812—A north-south route that connects to the Ogdensburg-Prescott International Bridge.



- Ogdensburg has available municipal parking to support activities and users within the downtown.

Ogdensburg stretches over seven miles along the southern shores of the St. Lawrence River, approximately midway along the river, which spans the area between Lake Ontario and the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The City itself is slightly over eight square miles in size, with a generally flat topography; it is a semi-rural city of approximately 11,000 residents, largely surrounded by farmlands. The City serves as an employment hub within St. Lawrence County providing health care, retail, and government services, while Commerce Park provides a U.S. home for several international manufacturing companies. The City’s scenic location, proximity to Canadian markets, and core employment base, position Ogdensburg well to capitalize on previous investments that catalyze public and private investment in our downtown riverfront through this DRI application.

Ogdensburg’s downtown riverfront is the City’s cultural, historical, political and geographic heart; a hidden gem waiting to be discovered. A short drive off highway 37, at the confluence of the St. Lawrence and Oswegatchie Rivers, is the historic fabric of a once thriving Port City. Today, Ogdensburg’s downtown maintains a compact network of grid pattern streets that promote walkability and reduce dependency on the automobile. The downtown is home to Ogdensburg’s primary cultural resources, including the Frederic Remington Art Museum, and War of 1812 battle field, now owned by Fort La Presentation Association. An investment of DRI funding in this concentrated area will ensure the preservation of Ogdensburg’s historic urban fabric while advancing the City’s previous planning initiatives. These include our brownfield opportunity area (BOA) plan, local waterfront revitalization program (LWRP), and regional Oswegatchie Blueway Trail plan.

Ogdensburg’s downtown riverfront revitalization is in motion; the foundation for success has been laid, community interest is high, and the potential for our downtown to become a magnet for future investment spurred by this \$10 million infusion from New York State is today. We are poised to realize a renewed vision of Downtown Ogdensburg.



Figure 1: 2012 LWRP Gateways and Corridors

DOWNTOWN IDENTIFICATION

1) Boundaries of the proposed DRI area. Detail the boundaries of the targeted downtown area or neighborhood, keeping in mind that there is no minimum or maximum size, but that the area should be concentrated and well-defined. Include a map that clearly delineates the area to be included in the downtown revitalization area.

The City of Ogdensburg's downtown riverfront is the **167-acre** centerpiece of our 2016 designated Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA). Our downtown situated on the banks of the St. Lawrence and Oswegatchie Rivers, includes our city center (City Hall, Dobisky Visitor Center, and Lockwood Arena) and three primary corridors (Route 68, New York Avenue, and State Street) presenting the greatest potential for corridor improvements and vacant property revitalization.



Figure 2: 167-Ac. DRI Boundary

This compact downtown area includes **235 parcels** featuring a collection of residential, commercial, and former industrial buildings. While this area has seen significant recent investment (see Page 4) GIS based analysis indicates that 29% of the downtown area is vacant (*Figure 3*), with nearly **125,000 square feet of underutilized building space** prime for reinvestment. Key sites within the downtown boundary are:

1. Ford Street Mall;
2. Lockwood Arena;
3. Frederic Remington Art Museum;
4. Eva Caten Remington Arts Education Center;
5. Fort La Presentation Historic Site;
6. Public Library and Library Park Historic District;
7. 1 Franklin Street, redevelopment opportunity (1.32 Ac. privately-owned);
8. 17 Main Street, redevelopment opportunity (.92 Ac. city-owned);
9. 119 West River Street, redevelopment opportunity (2.65 Ac. privately-owned);
10. Mill Pond Property, redevelopment opportunity (3.5 Ac. privately-owned);
11. 30 Main Street, redevelopment opportunity (2.92 Ac. city-owned);
12. Lake Street, redevelopment opportunity (.80 Ac. privately-owned);
13. U.S. Post Office; and
14. 58.39 Acres of Parks and open space, and the Maple City Trail.

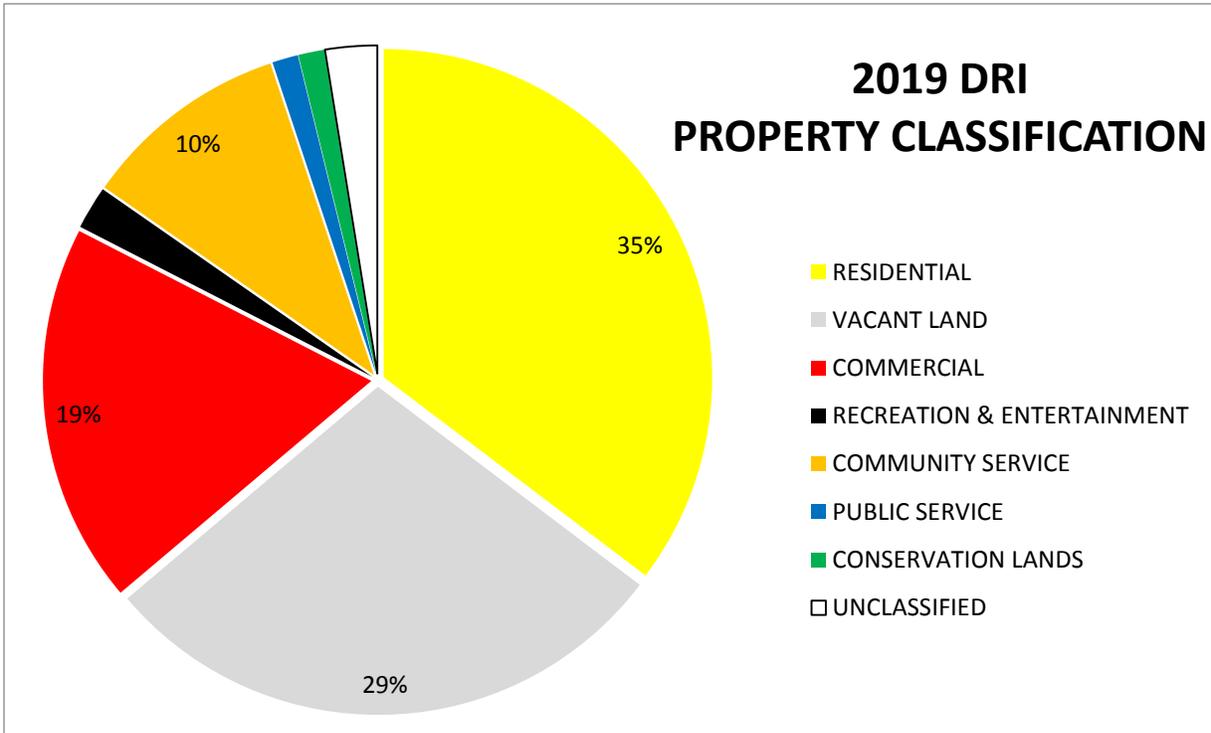


Figure 3: Property Class Code Analysis

In the 1999 article for the Brookings Institution entitled “Ten Steps to a Living Downtown” by Jennifer Moulton, four of the ten steps pertain to creating a downtown of character and quality in which people will want to live in. Ogdensburg’s downtown riverfront has zoning in place that supports residential growth, with 35% of the parcels currently classified as “residential” according to the New York State Assessor’s Manual of Property Type Classification Codes. Through this DRI award, the City will establish a well-defined and branded downtown that will be attractive to live in while simultaneously improving the viability of existing and adjacent neighborhoods downtown.

The proposed DRI area also includes the highest concentration of residents age 64 and older (see Map Appendix 1). This demographic represents an opportunity to include strategies in the downtown that advance the Governor’s Executive Order #190, Age-Friendly NY. Through this DRI the City will be able to explore becoming an Age-Friendly Community Certification through the World Health Organization (WHO). Census demographics indicate that Ogdensburg has an aging population. Therefore, exploring how to make Ogdensburg’s downtown age-friendly is one of the most effective policy approaches for responding to demographic ageing.

4) Past investment, future investment potential. Describe how this DRI area will be able to capitalize on prior private and public investment and catalyze future investments in the neighborhood and its surrounding areas. Describe recent planning efforts that support public and private investment in the proposed DRI area.

Over the past ten years the City of Ogdensburg and our partners have been investing in our future. Over **\$70 million** in public and private funds have been invested in downtown Ogdensburg and the immediate vicinity. Additionally, less than 2 miles from downtown, the Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority has invested over \$3.6 million in the terminal expansion at the Ogdensburg International Airport. The airport now offers direct flights to several destinations in Florida on Allegiant Air, as well as

Chicago, IL and Washington D.C. via SkyWest Airlines. The expanded terminal and new direct flight options to major international travel hubs provide a unique opportunity for Ogdensburg's downtown to serve not only local residents and regional visitors, but national and international travelers looking to unplug and experience the tranquil beauty of the North Country.

Since 2010, Ogdensburg has thoughtfully developed community-based plans and strategically implemented recommendations from our 2016 *designated* Brownfield Opportunity Area Plan, Local Waterfront Revitalization Program, and Oswegatchie Blueway Trail Plan. The City's own Planning Board, a five-member volunteer board, has taken on the recommendation to update the City's zoning ordinance that was last updated in 1992. The recommendation to overhaul the outdated ordinance was in both the BOA and LWRP short-term recommended actions as a way to support an urban pattern of development that protects the City's shoreline, preserves viewsheds to the waterfront, encourages mixed-use and establishes a predictable review process for developers. The consolidated draft ordinance is currently undergoing public review, with adoption anticipated by the close of 2019. One component not included in the current zoning amendment is the inclusion of Waterfront Design Guidelines. This, too, is among the short-term recommendations of various community-based plans and is of interest to the Planning Board, City Council and development community. Development of appropriate design guidelines is included in projects identified for funding as part of this DRI application to support future downtown development.

A list of past investments that have contributed to the readiness of Ogdensburg's downtown for this \$10 million investment are described by [Table 1](#) attached with this application. To maintain this momentum of public and private investment, the City of Ogdensburg has focused this application in three strategic areas:

- (1) Identify critical [public projects](#) that support and encourage private investment and beautification.
- (2) Strengthen [public-private partnerships](#) with key cultural institutions.
- (3) [Incentivize private investment](#) and mix-use development within downtown.

Through public engagement, the City has identified [14 projects](#) that have community support and are ready or can be ready within two years of this award for implementation. Following the DRI allocation, the Strategic Investment Planning process will refine and prioritize projects that will further the downtown vision. With additional private capital investment, the \$10 million DRI will ensure that Ogdensburg's downtown riverfront is a destination in northern New York where individuals and families can live, work, visit, and stay. Below is a map that illustrates the broad area-wide priorities within the downtown area, while [Figure 9](#) features site specific projects.

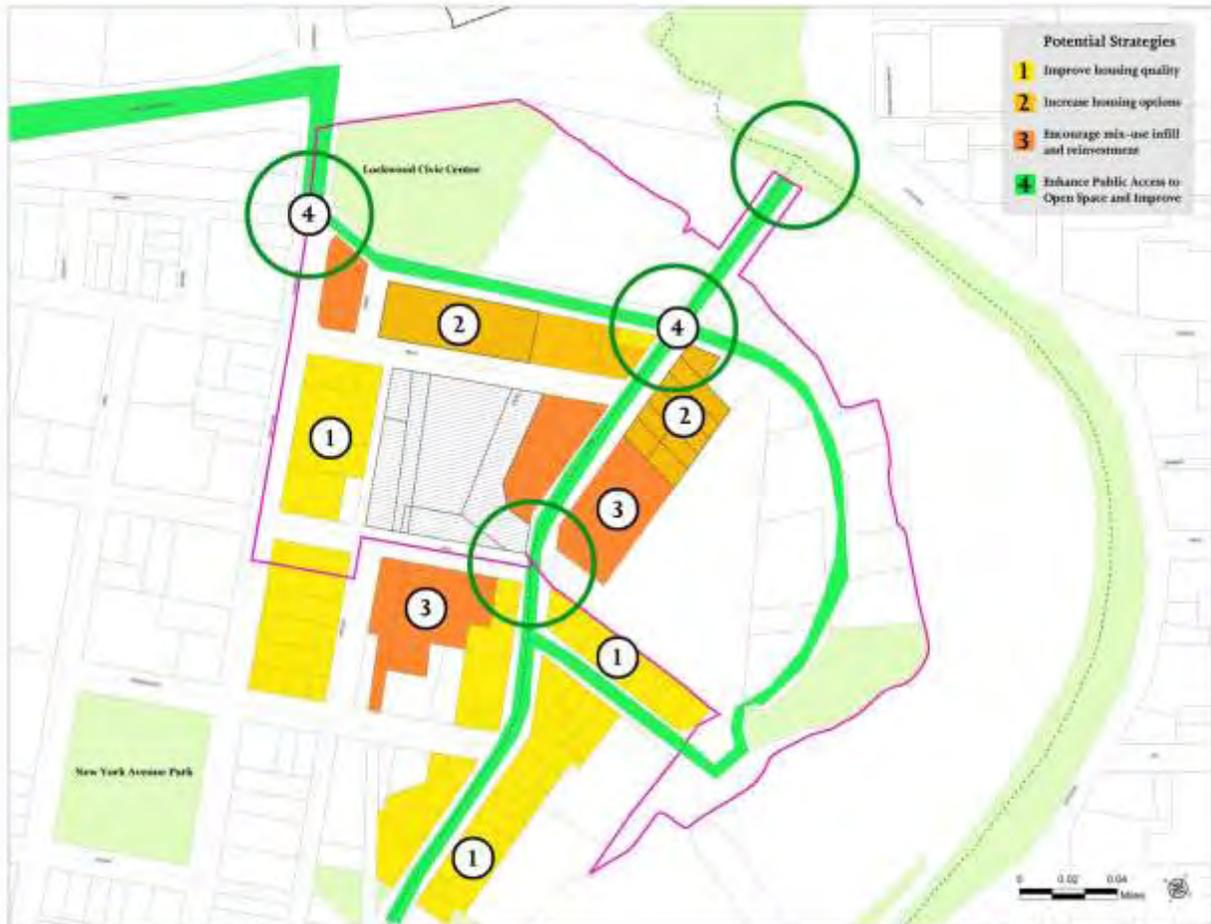


Figure 4: 2013 EPA Area Wide Plan, Marina District Reinvestment Strategy

Another tool in Ogdensburg’s downtown redevelopment toolbox is Opportunity Zone designation. The U.S. Treasury Department has designated 8,762 Census tracts as Opportunity Zones across the country, and Ogdensburg’s three census tracts have received this designation. The Opportunity Zone incentive encourages long-term investments in low-income urban and rural communities nationwide. Opportunity Zones provide a tax incentive for investors to re-invest their unrealized capital gains into dedicated Opportunity Funds. Projects identified through Ogdensburg’s DRI Strategic Planning Initiative can provide a pipeline for Opportunity Zone investors.

2) Recent or impending job growth. Describe how recent or impending job growth within or near the DRI area will attract professionals to an active life in the downtown, support redevelopment, and make growth sustainable in the long-term.

The City of Ogdensburg recognizes that downtown is an economic center for quality jobs as well as a recruitment tool for area employers. Conversations with the local business community to assemble this application reaffirmed that Ogdensburg’s location on the St. Lawrence and Oswegatchie Rivers, combined with our history, are our greatest assets for attracting employers and retaining employees and jobs within the City, specifically the downtown.

Many of Ogdensburg’s major employers are located in or adjacent to the downtown. Community Health Center of the North Country (CHCNC) purchased 102 Ford Street in 2015 and is presently completing a \$4.2 million dollar renovation, with plans to open in summer 2019. CHCNC acquired the vacant downtown building after discovering a need for quality, affordable healthcare in the Ogdensburg area. CHCNC has transformed this vacant building, exterior and interior, into an innovative, Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) to provide integrated primary and preventive care services, more specifically, primary care, dental care, behavioral health, and clinical case management. This new Health Center is the 4th FQHC, with other locations in Canton, Gouverneur, and Malone serving approximately 12,000 patients in 2018. This equates to about 44,000 visits, and \$13,000,000 dollars in economic impact which will be increased when the new Ogdensburg clinic comes online. The facility is expected to employ **40 full time employees**, including physicians, professional nursing and administrative personnel in the center of Ogdensburg’s DRI.



Figure 5: 102 Ford Street Community Health Center of the North Country

Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center campus is located immediately adjacent to our DRI at the corner of New York Avenue and King Streets, just west of the boundary. Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center is a private, not-for-profit, 115-bed community hospital and regional referral center. Claxton-Hepburn includes 67 acute-care beds, a 10-bed intensive care unit, a 10-bed birthing center, and a 28-bed mental health center. The medical center provides primary care to nearly 40,000 residents of Ogdensburg and surrounding communities, and regional services to the 108,000 people of St. Lawrence County. With over 850 employees, the Center is a major employer within the City. In a round table discussion with the Hospital, President and CEO Charles Gijanto remarked “the North County has not benefitted from the National economic development boon, but this DRI process presents that opportunity to create a reason to go downtown.” He added, “...as the community goes, the Hospital goes.” Executive Director of Human Resources & Staff Development, Lou-Ann McNally, added that the Hospital participates in a 3-year immigration program as a primary resource



for recruitment of physicians because the area lacks a solid pool of candidates for all jobs. While 55% of hospital employees live within Ogdensburg, nearly 400 choose to live in surrounding communities. Through this application, the City and hospital are optimistic these statics can be improved through strategic investments in downtown neighborhoods and the cultivation of a downtown atmosphere as a place for diversity of uses and activities.

These institutions, along with the City of Ogdensburg (located at the corner of Ford and Caroline Street within the downtown), State and Federal agencies including U.S. Customs and Border Patrol, U.S. Postal Service, and the State Office of Mental Health and Corrections rely on a vibrant downtown to support employee satisfaction and retention while providing confidence in an employer's future investments.

- 3) Attractiveness of physical environment.** Identify the properties or characteristics that the DRI area possesses that contribute, or could contribute if enhanced, to the attractiveness and livability of the downtown for a diverse population of varying ages, income, gender identity, ability, mobility, and cultural background. Consider, for example, the presence of developable mixed-use spaces, varied housing types at different levels of affordability, walkability and bikeability, healthy and affordable food markets, and public parks and gathering spaces.

Located on the southern shores of the St. Lawrence River, Ogdensburg's greatest asset remains our **7+ miles of riverfront**. The St. Lawrence and Oswegatchie Rivers provide an abundance of outdoor sports opportunities: paddling, hiking, biking, hunting, fishing, and camping. Ogdensburg's downtown has the potential to be an equal-opportunity recreation resource for all; a place for families, millennials, seniors, everyone. Our downtown has the unique opportunity to provide a place where you can swim, picnic and play by the water, or shop and dine with a river view. Within the downtown the City maintains two municipal boat launches that support recreational boaters as well as fishermen. The North Country has become a haven for the sports fishing industry, with several communities now hosting annual bass and walleye fishing tournaments. Ogdensburg has the potential to provide the needed services to traveling fishermen, their families and spectators through additional investment in our downtown.

The Oswegatchie Blueway Trail Plan identified Ogdensburg as one of six "primary nodes" along the 112 mile Oswegatchie River. The plan describes a primary node as "the main tourism and visitor support communities. These are the most urban crossings along the Oswegatchie River and present the greatest opportunity to celebrate the river and develop access for passive and active recreational use." The recommendations within the plan for Ogdensburg include development of boutique shops, restaurants, outdoor cafes and accommodation in the area defined in this application as the downtown riverfront. The downtown riverfront district will be defined by waterfront guidelines that contribute to a distinct and attractive destination downtown with quality design, walkable streetscapes, and innovative reuse of heritage architecture that remains throughout this district.

Ogdensburg's compact size and dense layout make it an ideal location for the Complete Streets program that was initiated in partnership with St. Lawrence County Health Initiative (SLCHI) in 2014. Through this partnership, the City adopted a complete streets ordinance that was **nationally recognized by Smart Growth America as the number one policy adopted in the nation that year**. Since adopting this ordinance, the City's Active Living Task Force has made a concerted effort to integrate pedestrian and bicyclist amenities into public works and recreation projects city-wide. This

DRI application recognizes the need to continue this effort integrating our street network with our growing trail system, while defining a downtown streetscape unique to Ogdensburg and our maritime past. Furthermore, this application has the ability to leverage the DOT's recent **\$2 million Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)** investment in the Maple City Trail Rail Connector project. This project is extending the City's multi-modal, pedestrian trail, the Maple City Trail (MCT) into the Town of Oswegatchie. The trail will be extended over an abandoned rail bridge, connecting to State Route 812 adjacent to the Ogdensburg Airport and nearby Ogdensburg Free Academy high school. The project will double the current length of our trail system and promote walking and cycling as a viable alternative to driving, while also providing improved access to recreational amenities for residents and visitors.

Ogdensburg's commitment to integrating complete streets and expanding our trail system has contributed to the recent success of the Hoswegatchie Duathlon Series, Mini-Maple kid's triathlon, and Remington Color Run series. The Hoswegatchie Duathlon Series, now in its 8th year, takes place one Wednesday a month in June, July and August, drawing over 100 athletes and supporters to the downtown riverfront. The Mini-Maple takes place in August, also in the downtown, starting and ending at the Dobisky Visitor Center. The event, now in its 3rd year, draws families from throughout St. Lawrence County and Canada, and continues to grow in popularity.

Located just 62 miles from Ottawa, Ontario and 119 miles from Montreal, Quebec, Ogdensburg is a convenient destination for many Canadians. Currently, market studies show that Canadians travel to Ogdensburg to take advantage of the U.S. Postal Service; many purchase PO Boxes and make regular trips to the Post Office located on State Street within the downtown area. Canadians also regularly purchase gas and groceries as part of their regular trip. The Ogdensburg Chamber of Commerce reports that Canadians inquire about where to eat and if there are nearby "shopping streets" within Ogdensburg. Revitalization of the downtown's vacant and underutilized sites offers the opportunity to fill this demand while also providing the amenities that residents desire.

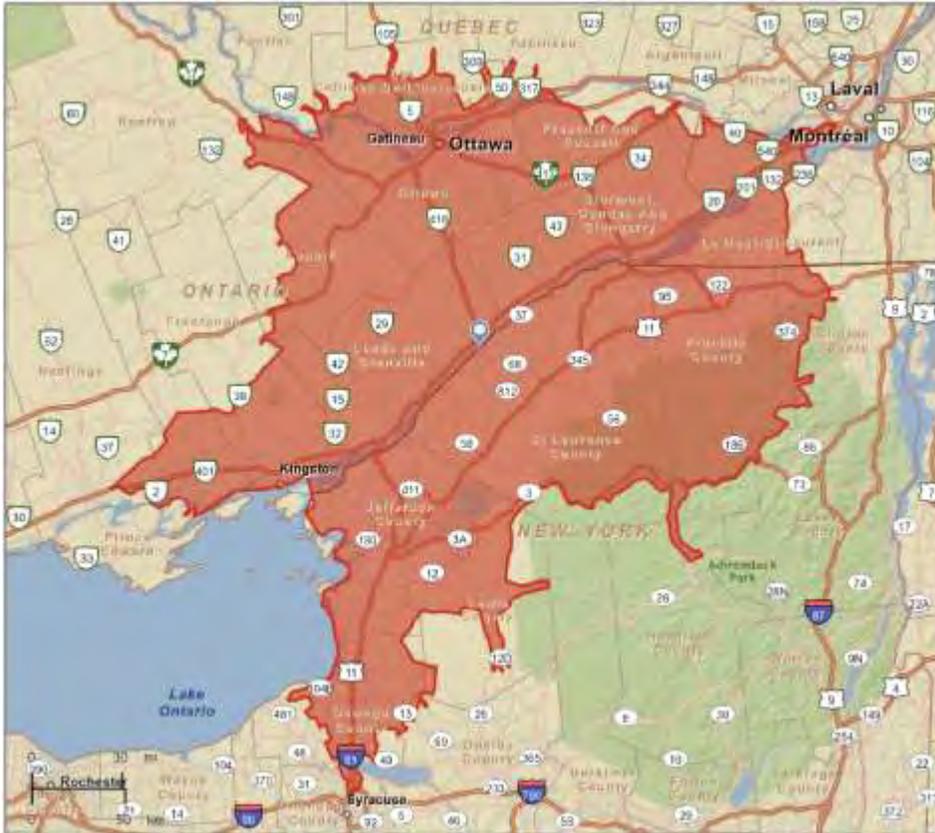


Figure 6: Two-Hour Drive Time Catchment Area

4) Quality of Life policies. 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, comprehensive plans, complete streets plan, transit-oriented development, non-discrimination laws, age-friendly policies, and a downtown management structure. If policies that support livability and quality of life in downtown are not currently in place, describe near-term efforts by the municipality to create and implement such policies.

Focused community planning and outreach over the last 10 years has provided the framework for the current revitalization within Ogdensburg’s downtown. The Ogdensburg City Council has supported and adopted policy documents and capital projects that encourage long-term resiliency, environmental stewardship and walkability. Since adopting our complete streets ordinance in February 2014 the City has completed a downtown sidewalk inventory and assessment of grade and condition within the center city from Paterson Street west to Ford Ave. The City in partnership with Clarkson University has cataloged:

- 35+ miles of Sidewalks
- 93 Crosswalks
- 25 Pedestrian Signals
- 889 Curb Ramps
- 198 Intersection Photographs

Additionally, the Parks and Recreation Department has procured and installed new bicycle storage facilities and the City has secured over \$2 million in DOT TAP funds to extend the existing Maple City Trail.



Figure 7: Downtown Sidewalk Condition Analysis

The City’s 2011 Downtown Improvement Strategy and 2016 Brownfield Opportunity Area Plan both note a need to increase code enforcement and design standards to “transform the city’s negative image”. In 2017 the City participated in the New York State Zombie Property Grant Initiative to bolster our code enforcement department to inventory vacant and abandoned properties, known as “zombie properties”. The City received \$150,000 in bank settlement funds through the New York State Attorney General’s Office to create our first GIS-based vacant, abandoned, and dilapidated building inventory. The City has been able to increase staffing levels in the code office to address the negative impacts of these blighted properties across the City and has drafted recommendations for policy adoption that City Council will review later this year. The efforts of the 2017 Zombie Grant Program enabled the City to successfully seek designation as the State’s 25th Land Bank. In May 2018 the Ogdensburg Land Bank Corporation was formally



established by Empire State Development (ESD). The Ogdensburg Land Bank is an independent, not-for-profit corporation, whose mission is to return vacant, blighted, tax delinquent, and otherwise underutilized property back to the tax roll as productive property. The scope and scale of vacancy and blight can undermine the quality of life and fiscal health of communities, but Ogdensburg has taken a proactive approach, utilizing the Land Bank as a tool to combat the challenge head on. The Ogdensburg Land Bank works in close partnership with the City's administrative staff to identify properties, conduct environmental and structural assessments, and classify properties as candidates for either demolition or rehabilitation. There is a seven member volunteer Board of Directors that works directly with the City's Department of Planning and Development and Comptroller to execute projects. In November of 2018, the Land Bank received \$600,000 in private funds to initiate acquisition of problem properties from the City's inventory of surplus tax delinquent properties. The Land Bank has acquired 12 properties, of which six have been condemned and will require demolition. Of the remaining six, four are being considered for demolition and two are good candidates for rehabilitation. The Land Bank is exploring options for partnering with Habitat for Humanity, St. Lawrence/Lewis County BOCES, and local banks to develop an innovative and cost effective approach to creating affordable housing options with rehabbed units. To promote productive reuse of vacant nonconforming lots, post demolition, the Land Bank is developing a side lot program. The side lot program will clear the title and sell vacant lots to adjacent property owners to combine with their parcels to encourage greater conformity with zoning and building codes. The Ogdensburg Land Bank is a unique entity within the North Country Region, created to acquire title to problem properties, eliminate the legal and financial barriers that render them unmarketable, and then transfer the property to new, responsible owners in a more predictable and deliberate manner consistent with community goals and priorities. The City of Ogdensburg is fortunate to have such a partner with the ability to provide innovative solutions to **improving housing quality and alleviating blight in the downtown**.

In addition to the need to address blight, the City's BOA and LWRP both recommend amending the City's zoning ordinance and map as an economic development tool that will increase certainty in the development process, and facilitate development of catalytic sites. The City Council and Planning Board have been actively working to complete this task over the last 5-years. The current ordinance, dating back to 1992, is an antiquated code lacking illustrations, design standards, and special districts. The *Consolidated Draft Ordinance*, which includes major revisions to the City's sign ordinance, is undergoing public review at this time and takes into consideration recommendations from the City's BOA, LWRP, and 2011 Downtown Investment Strategy. The revisions strive to "embrace" an urban character, preserve views to the waterfront, and promote dense mixed-use development within the central downtown riverfront. While updates to the zoning code are well underway, the City has yet to develop waterfront design standards, or standards for historic preservation, both of which were noted as opportunities by the public during the May 13th visioning meeting (see public support page 12).

- 5) Public support.** Describe the public participation and engagement process conducted to develop the DRI application, and the support of local leaders and stakeholders for pursuing a vision of downtown revitalization. Characterize the commitment among local leaders and stakeholders to preparing and implementing a strategic investment plan.

The City of Ogdensburg relied on adopted community plans, which were created with strong public support and feedback, to synthesize the downtown vision, goals and strategies that inform this application. Many of the DRI proposed projects come directly from these past plans.



- Greater access to the river, including a beach;
- Food vendors in the parks, and a café at the public library;
- Innovative ways to “experience” the City’s history; and
- More “running” and athletic events like the Hoswegatchie Duathlon.

In an effort to better understand the business perspective, specifically, what about downtown helps or detracts from job recruitment and employee retention, the City conducted round table discussions with major employers including Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center, Defelsko Corporation, Pepsi, and the local Chamber’s Business Committee. While there were several parallels between input from the general public, high school seniors, and the business community, business owners placed greater emphasis on the need for public improvements. Employers noted the need for a **downtown with attractive restaurants and shops to entertain international guests and investors**. However, greater emphasis was placed on transforming **pathways and streetscapes to access the downtown**, and **improvement within neighborhoods to retain employees locally**. All of the major employers recognize a need to rebrand the City’s image of downtown as something other than the “remnant” of Urban Renewal. **“A re-energized image should be the basis of the City’s efforts”**, noted one business owner, the **“framework from which we rebuild our downtown and our community”**.

Ogdensburg’s Round IV DRI application is the culmination of the City’s previous long-range community planning process, advancing the recommendations of the Waterfront BOA, Local Waterfront Revitalization Program, and Oswegatchie River Blueway Trail Plan. The public outreach undertaken as part of this application process and the input received has renewed a sense of community support for an innovative and strategic approach to downtown reinvestment. Ogdensburg is confident that we have what it takes to begin the next chapter in our downtown riverfront renaissance!

Broad community advocacy is further documented by the letters of support attached with this application.

6) Transformative opportunities. Describe opportunities to build on the strengths described above by providing a list of transformative projects that could be ready for implementation with an infusion of DRI funds within the first one to two years (depending on the scope and complexity of the project). Identify potential development opportunities, such as municipally-owned property that may be appropriate for redevelopment. Projects may be public or private, and could address economic development, transportation, housing, and community development needs. It should be recognized that if a DRI award is made to the downtown, the projects identified here, along with any others that may arise during the DRI planning process, will ultimately be vetted by the Local Planning Committee and the State to determine which projects receive DRI grants.

The City of Ogdensburg has engaged the public, civic and cultural institutions, and the business community on how to capitalize on Ogdensburg’s, strengths and transform our weaknesses into community assets. We have researched best practices for downtown development for small Cities, and are confident the projects within this application will revive Ogdensburg’s downtown within two years. Furthermore, each project advances recommendations in at least one adopted community plan in one of the three focus areas:

- (1) Public projects that support and encourage private investment;
- (2) Strengthen public private partnerships with cultural institutions;
- (3) Incentivize private investment and mix-use development within downtown.

DRI funding would be used to complete the following projects:

PUBLIC PROJECTS			
Project	Description	Total Budget	DRI Request
Transient Dockage & Marina Market Analysis and Feasibility Study	The purpose of this study is to verify the existing demand for and supply of transient docking and marina services in the local market place, generally described as the St. Lawrence River from Morristown to Lisbon, NY. If unmet demand exists, identify the demand for slip sizes, slip mix, rates, amenities, and location.	\$75,000	\$75,000
ReBrand Ogdensburg	Conduct a strategic community branding process designed to leverage community strengths, raise our profile among target audiences, increase recognition and unify the community behind a consistent brand and marketing campaign.	\$200,000	\$200,000
Downtown Wayfinding & Signage Implementation	Building off of the “new Ogdensburg image”, develop a comprehensive wayfinding plan for downtown and the historic sites that is attractive and accessible for vehicles and pedestrians.	\$125,000 wayfinding plan \$375,000 implementation	500,000
Greenbelt Park Masterplan	Develop an inventory of assets and identification of issues and gaps in service to design a 21 st century park system and policies to help achieve the goals of the plan. Strengthen safety and security in the Greenbelt, and adjacent public spaces by addressing flood, fire, drought, and other hazard issues.	\$150,000	\$150,000
Building Conditions Assessment: Lockwood Arena	In an effort to drive new visitation and economic impact, as well as enhancing facility alternatives available for local residents, a building condition and feasibility analysis will be completed for the Lockwood Arena. The report will provide research, analysis and findings to assist the City and other stakeholders in evaluating the viability of amateur sports and year-round recreation facility development and operation.	\$175,000	\$175,000
Marina District Streetscape and Transportation	In 2013 the City completed a concept for Green Infrastructure Techniques & Streetscape Improvements for the	\$525,000	\$325,000



Infrastructure Analysis (Included is the location and implementation of Alternative fuel transportation infrastructure, and lighting installations associated with pedestrian corridor improvements, site preparation, and building rehabilitation)	Marina District. Recommendations include establishing new circulation patterns to promote bicyclist and pedestrians in concert with vehicular traffic and the creation of pocket parks to harvest rainwater to reduce stormwater runoff.		
Develop Design Standards & Historic Preservation Guidelines	Develop design standards to enhance local character, strengthen established neighborhoods, shape the new downtown riverfront district, and protect and leverage the value of the historic built environment. This will complete a recommendation from the BOA and LWRP plans.	\$100,000	\$85,000
TOTAL		\$1,725,000	\$1,510,000

PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS			
Project	Description	Total Budget	DRI Request
Fort la Presentation Historical Interpretation	Development and construction of First Nation's Longhouse and 18 th century French Colonial Cabins.	\$1,500,000	\$990,000
Eva Caten Remington Education Center Restoration: 323 Washington Street	Located within the City's Historic District, and the National Registry: A complete Conditions Assessment Report has been developed along with drawings by Taylored Architecture. Funds would support critical renovations and the inclusion of an elevator to make the upper stories accessible to arts programming.	\$600,000	\$396,000
Lost Wax Bronze Casting Exhibit	Modernization of the exhibit. More on the process here: https://vimeo.com/145442386	\$40,000	\$26,400
TOTAL		\$2,140,000	\$1,412,400

INCENTIVIZE PRIVATE INVESTMENT: ESTABLISH REVOLVING LOAN/GRANT FUNDING			
Project	Description	Total Budget	DRI Request
Downtown Mixed-use Development Fund	To promote smart, compact, and mixed-use development through private sector investment in the downtown and commercial corridors that capitalizes on Ogdensburg’s distinct development potential. The City will provide matching grants. Applicants will be able to request funding for pre-construction documents that advance an existing community accepted design plan, site preparation, and construction of mixed-use, and adaptive re-use projects in the downtown.	\$13,255,200	\$6,627,600
Façade and Signage Program	60/40 grant program for façade and signage improvements within downtown.	\$750,000	\$300,000
Market Downtown Development Sites Campaign	The City will partner with National Grid to increase effective marketing and sales initiatives aimed at “strategic targets” with emphasis on attracting out of state economic development projects to the downtown.	\$200,000	\$100,000
Brewery/Brewpub Feasibility Study (Partnership with IDA and National Grid)	The City has two potential sites that could be marketed to this industry: the former Newell Manufacturing site and the former Cheese Manufacturing site. The public has shown a great interest in this type of development, but the question remains, is it feasible to open a brewery/Brewpub in Ogdensburg, NY? If so which of these two sites is best located for the City to market to the growing industry.	\$75,000	\$50,000
TOTAL		\$14,280,200	\$7,077,600

The 14 projects described above total \$18,145,200 in public and private investment into Ogdensburg’s riverfront downtown. Each project directly advances our BOA, LWRP, and/or Oswegatchie Blueway Trail Plan, and is directly connected to the results of the public engagement. Site specific projects are illustrated by *Figure 9* below, while area-wide projects are illustrated in *Figure 4*.

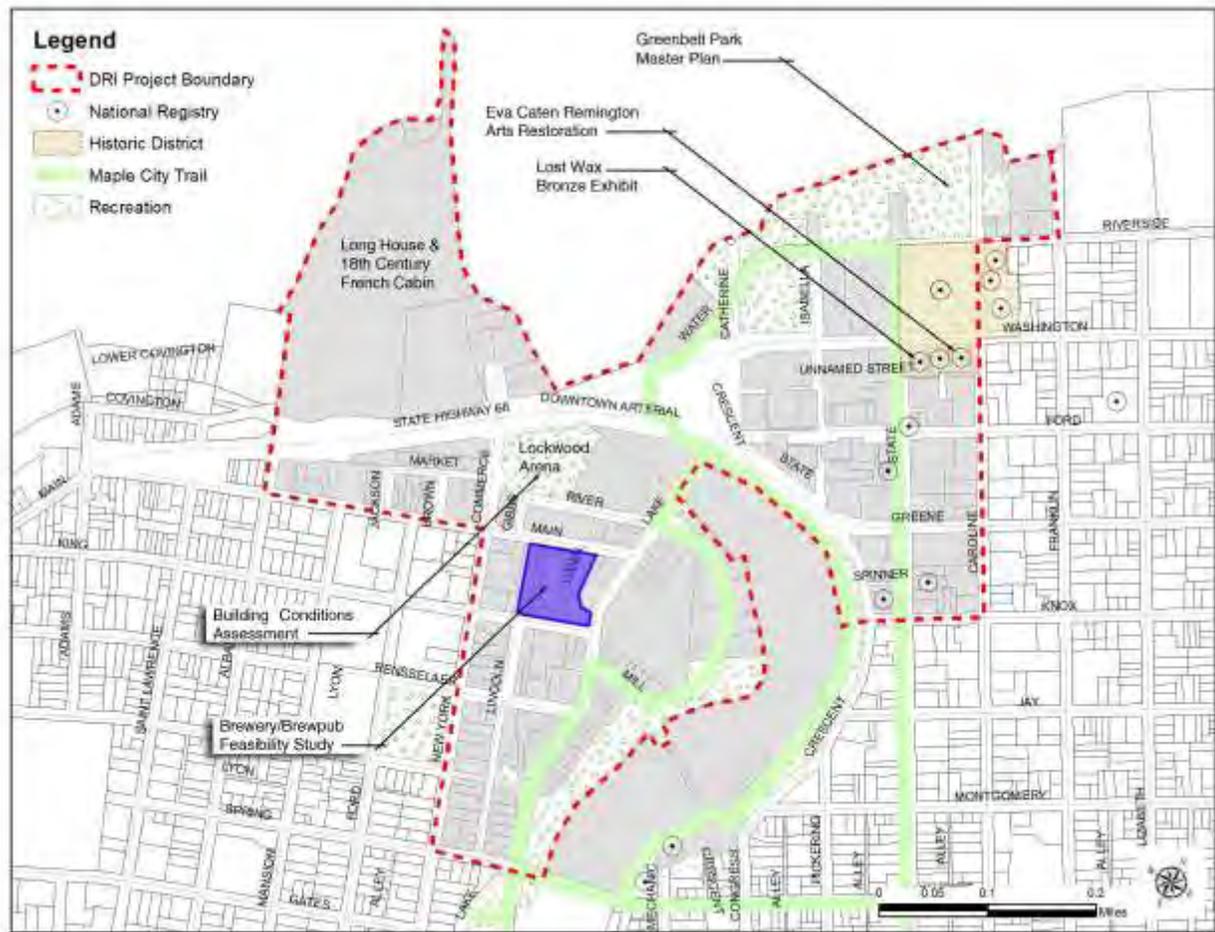


Figure 9: Site Specific Project Map

7) Administrative Capacity. Describe the existing local administrative capacity to manage this planning and implementation initiative, including the ability to oversee contracts for awarded municipal projects using existing staff and resources.

Ogdensburg City Manager, Sarah Purdy will serve as the primary Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) point of contact throughout the Strategic Planning Initiative and project contract process. Andrea Smith, Director of Planning and Community Development and Jennifer Ashley, Technical Specialist having a combined 40 years of grant management and local government service will provide support staffing and technical review of project submittals. Both have worked extensively with various New York State agencies and are familiar with the requirements of grant compliance for state-aid projects.

As evidenced by the list of past investments (*Table 1*) contributing to Ogdensburg’s readiness for this \$10 million investment, the City has demonstrated our capability to administer a variety of grant programs and leverage private investment. Furthermore, Ogdensburg’s success attracting grant funding for projects is a testament to the City’s commitment to community-driven and long-range planning strategy.

8) Other. Provide any other information that informs the nomination of this downtown for a DRI award.

Ogdensburg is one of three cities in the North Country along with Plattsburgh and Watertown, and is the only city in St. Lawrence County. The City's average tax base over the last three years is \$275 million. Unlike other successful downtowns, both large and small, in the North Country and outside of the region, Ogdensburg does not have a downtown university campus or nearby major industry to supplement or supply visitors to the central core. Therefore, there is a greater need for attractions and amenities to serve as pedestrian traffic generators that will result from this award (Ferguson, Gary. *Characteristics of Successful Downtowns: Shared Attributes of Outstanding Small & Mid-Sized Downtowns.* September 2005).

Despite our scenic location and proximity to Canadian metropolitan areas, Ogdensburg has several challenges to overcome:

- The population of Ogdensburg has declined over the past 10 years by a total of 10%; from 12,364 in 2000 to 11,128 in 2010. This trend is forecasted to continue, albeit at a much slower rate. From 2010 to 2016 the decline is estimated at only 0.15%.
- Ogdensburg has been designated a highly distressed community by the NYS Comptroller's Office.
 - Currently, over **20.8% of City residents live below the poverty level** and the poverty rate is even higher for children (2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates).
- The City's median income 38% less than households across New York State, and at \$38,901 is 19.6% lower than households in St. Lawrence County.
- Ogdensburg's DRI includes an Environmental Justice neighborhood (see Map Appendix 2).
- NYS Department of Labor reported that 2016 manufacturing employment accounted for 6.7% of the County's non-agricultural employment down from over 20% in the early 1980's.
- A recurring theme throughout public outreach was the poorly maintained exterior condition of the City's housing stock and need for "blight removal".
 - The housing stock is largely comprised of older homes, with the average year-built being 1938.
- Overall market rental rate in retail is \$6-\$11 Net-Net-Net (NNN).
- Retail leakage in full-service food and drinking, automotive sales and service, and clothing and accessories indicates an opportunity within the DRI.

Historically, Ogdensburg's waterfront was the industrial backbone of the City, providing economic prosperity and social vitality. However, the decline of industry, completion of the St. Lawrence Seaway and the impact of Urban Renewal have all contributed to significant population and job loss, while simultaneously increasing the number of abandoned, vacant, and underutilized properties in and around the downtown waterfront. These vacant and underutilized sites hold the promise of significant development opportunity to be unlocked with this \$10 million dollar infusion of DRI funds. The City of Ogdensburg and our residents look forward to this process and propelling the North Country Region forward in 2019.



SUBMISSION

Applications from interested communities must be submitted electronically to the relevant Regional Economic Development Council at the email address in the table below. Proposals for areas within New York City must be sent to the relevant Office of the Borough President, which will select two applications for submission to the NYC Regional Economic Development Council.

- Capital Region NYS-CapitalDist@esd.ny.gov

Counties: Albany, Columbia, Greene, Saratoga, Schenectady, Rensselaer, Warren, Washington

- Central New York NYS-CentralNY@esd.ny.gov

Counties: Cayuga, Cortland, Madison, Onondaga, Oswego

- Finger Lakes NYS-FingerLakes@esd.ny.gov

Counties: Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca, Wayne, Wyoming, Yates

- Long Island LIREDC@esd.ny.gov

Counties: Nassau, Suffolk

- Mid-Hudson NYS-MidHudson@esd.ny.gov

Counties: Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, Westchester

- Mohawk Valley NYS-MohawkVal@esd.ny.gov

Counties: Fulton, Herkimer, Montgomery, Oneida, Otsego, Schoharie

- North Country NYS-NorthCountry@esd.ny.gov

Counties: Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lewis, St. Lawrence

- Southern Tier NYS-SouthernTier@esd.ny.gov

Counties: Broome, Chemung, Chenango, Delaware, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins

- Western New York NYS-WNY-REDC@esd.ny.gov

Counties: Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Niagara

- New York City - Submit to the appropriate office below.
 - Bronx: James Rausse at JRausse@bronxbp.nyc.gov
 - Brooklyn: Josh Levin at JoshuaLevin@brooklynbp.nyc.gov
 - Manhattan: Elka Morety at EMorety@manhattanbp.nyc.gov
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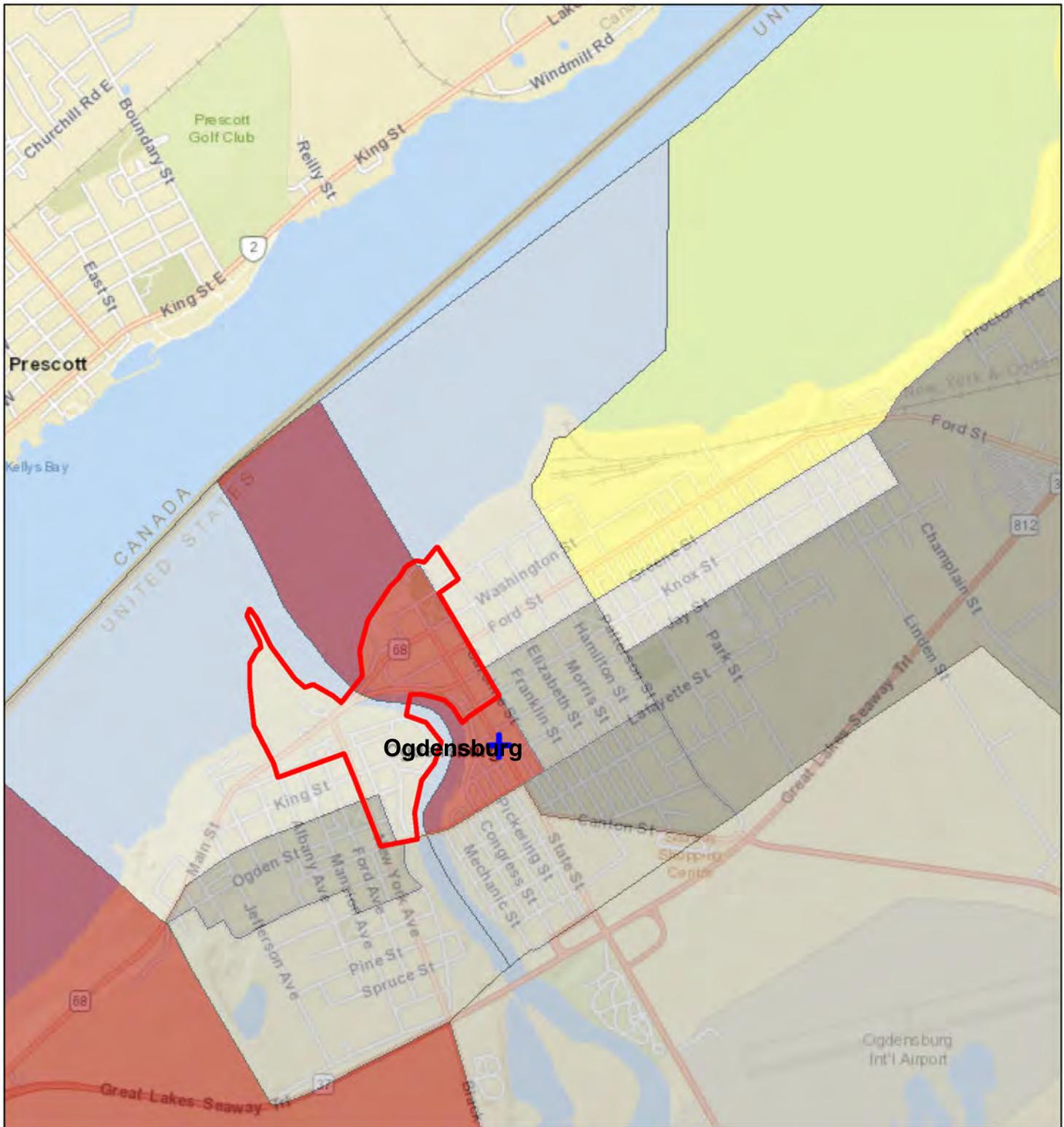
TABLE 1

Past Investment Projects	Total Project Cost	Description
PUBLIC INVESTMENT PROJECTS		
Paterson Street Reconstruction	\$7,297,294	Reconstruction of Paterson Street including water and storm separation
Marina District Complete Streets	\$15,000	Develop complete streets policy and implement new priority crosswalks
St. Lawrence Shores PEG	\$37,500	complete preliminary engineering report for new water service to Diamond site
St. Lawrence Shores	\$446,000	Final engineering and implementation, NBRC and SAM
Tree Inventory and Mgmt. Plan	\$50,486	City-wide tree inventory and management plan
Waterfront BOA (Step II)	\$395,000	Development of strategic brownfield reuse strategy (2016 designation)
LWRP Update	\$70,000	Update City's 1980s LWRP plan
City of Ogdensburg Neighborhood Stabilization Program	\$710,000	Neighborhood stabilization through acquisition and demolition or rehabilitation and subsequent subsidized sale of residential properties to Low/Mod families.
Ford Street: CDBG	\$400,000	Single-Family owner occupied housing rehabilitation
NewYork Ave Rehab	\$400,000	Single-Family owner occupied housing rehabilitation
Transient Docks	\$50,000	
Lake Street Bridge	\$2,500,000	Construction & replacement of bridge and pedestrian crossing over the Oswegatchie River
River Park	\$225,000	SAM grant to resurface maple city trail and address 2014 flood damage
Oswegatchie River Blueway Trail	\$50,000	Development of comprehensive plan for 5-counties on Oswegatchie River
Oswegatchie River Blueway Trail	\$100,000	Regional Signage, pending
St. Lawrence Seaway GIS	\$94,410	created GIS inventory and record of water and sewer infrastructure
Asbestos Removal - Shade Roller	\$1,421,130	Asbestos abatement and demolition of former industrial facility
Downtown Demolition of Blighted Properties	\$555,555	Use of Restore NY 4 to support abatement and demolition of 2 catlytic properties within BOA
Diamond National - cleanup	\$2,305,000	Abatement, demolition, and soil/groundwater remediation of former Paper Mill
NYS Main Street, 2009	\$200,000	Ford Street gateway façade improvements
NYS Main Street, 2010	\$200,000	Façade improvements within Marina District
EPA Revolving Loan Fund	\$1,365,000	Establishment of revolving loan fund to support brownfield cleanup
EPA Area-Wide Planning	\$145,000	Strategic Brownfield planning and reuse strategy
Shade Roller Clean-up	\$200,000	EPA supported removal of metals contaminated soils at former industrial site
Community-Wide Assessment	\$320,000	EPA supported environmental assessment for hazardous and petroleum contaminated sites
Stormwater Park	\$102,113	tree planting supported by GLRI to reduce stormwater run-off
Fishing Tournament Promotion	\$12,500	Marketing and promotion of fishing throughout St. Lawrence County
Fort LaPresentation Visitors Center Feasibility Study	\$37,500	Development of a Visitor Inperpretation Center feasibility plan, 2017
Downtown Gateway Tree Planting	\$24,000	Route 68 gateway tree planting
Zombie Grant 1.0	\$150,000	Development of a vacant property inventory and development of code enforcement
Zombie Grant 2.0	\$140,000	Pending
Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements	\$35,000,000	Critical improvements to the City's waterwater treatment plant and processing as a regional 4A facility
Water Plant Assessment	\$43,200	Preliminary assessment of water treatment plant and processing
Spring Street Bridge Improvements	\$385,000	Repairs to spawling concrete and decking surface
St. Lawrence River Boat Launch Repairs	\$221,796	Repairs to Boat Launches damaged during 2017 flood event
Marina Boardwalk Repairs	\$585,496	Repairs to municipal boardwalk damaged during 2017 flood event
2017 Imminent Threat Infrastructure Repairs	\$500,000	Repairs to critical infrastructure damaged during 2017 flood event
Maple City Rail Trail Extension	\$2,768,500	Extension of MCT and conversion of abandoned rail bridge for pedestrian crossing
PARTNERING ORGANIZATIONS PROJECTS		
Airport Terminal Expansion	\$3,600,000	Terminal Expansion
United Healthcare Rehabilitation	\$4,200,000	Community Health Center of the North Country (CHCNC) renovation of the 102 Ford Street, downtown mall
Claxton Hepburn	\$3,000,000	Boiler replacement
Frederic Remington Art Museum (FRAM)	\$1,788,780	Capital improvement and Restoration
Fort La Presentation	\$530,000	Outdoor recreation trail project
Fort La Presentation	\$25,000	Monument Plaza
Ogdensburg Land Bank	\$600,000	Designation of Land Bank and award to address vacant and tax delinquent residential properties
Ogdensburg Growth Fund	\$250,000	Establishment of revolving loan fund for business start-ups, NBRC
TOTAL	\$73,516,260	

MAP APPENDIX 1

Age 64+ Within Downtown

Demographic Data: Over Age 64



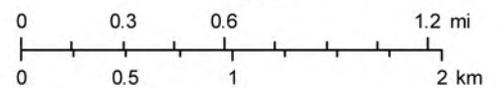
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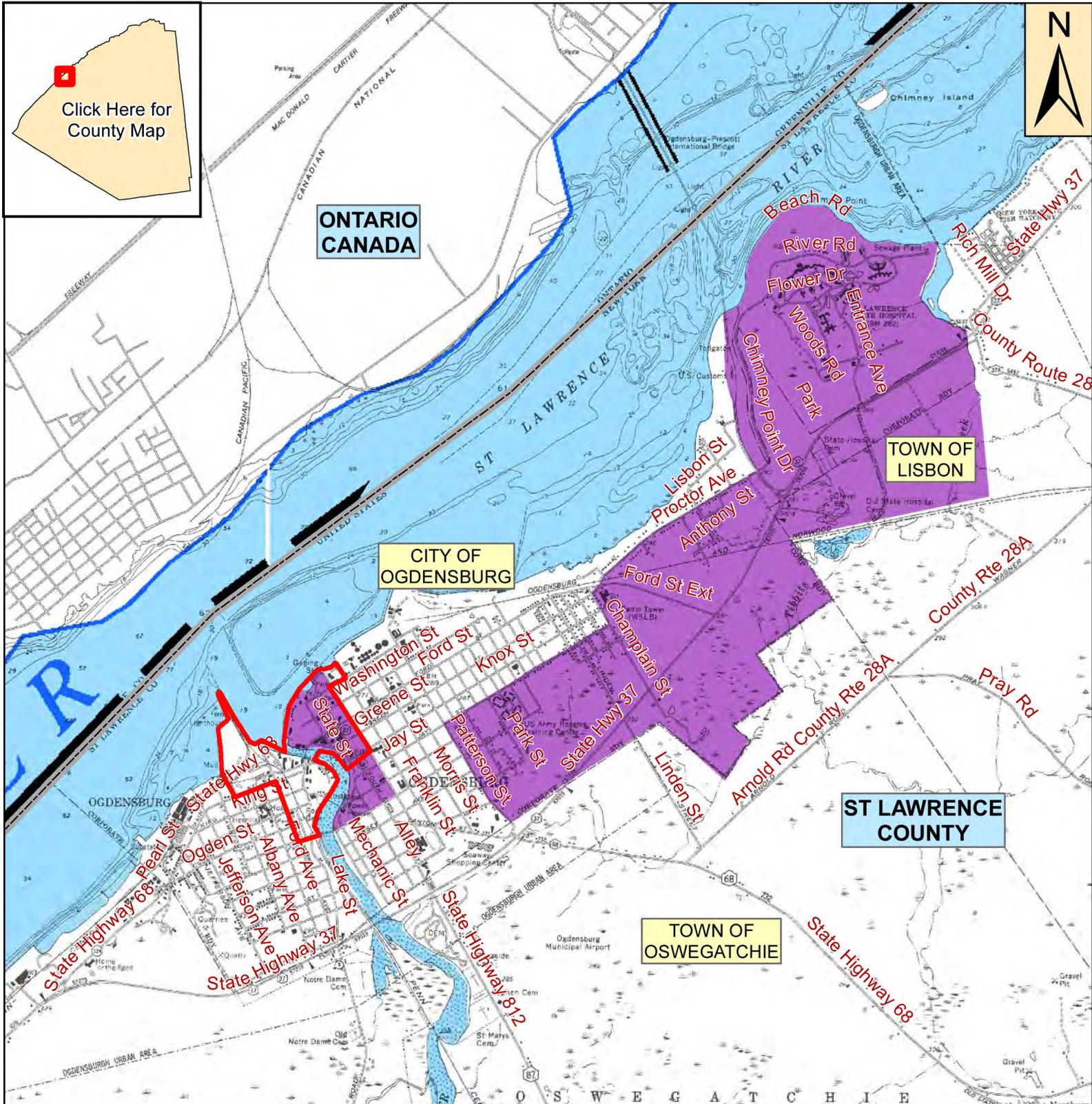
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MAP APPENDIX 2

Environmental Justice Neighborhood within Downtown

Potential Environmental Justice Areas in the City of Ogdensburg and Town of Lisbon, St. Lawrence County, New York

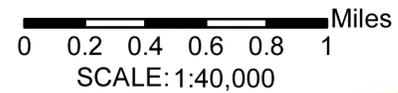


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Data Source for Potential Environmental Justice Areas: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 U.S. Census

- Legend**
- Potential EJ Area
 - County Boundary
 - Waterbodies



For questions about this map contact:
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LETTERS OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT

CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Ogdensburg, held on Monday, May 13, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Ogdensburg, New York, at which meeting the following were:

PRESENT: Mayor Ashley, Councillors Davis, Kennedy, Powers and Skamperle

ABSENT: Councillors Price and Stevenson

The attached resolution was introduced by Councillor Skamperle who moved its adoption, seconded by Councillor Kennedy to wit:

The vote on the roll call resulted as follows:

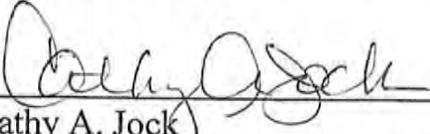
AYES: Mayor Ashley, Councillors Davis, Kennedy, Powers and Skamperle

NAYS: None

CARRIED, AYES ALL

State of New York)
County of St. Lawrence)

I, Cathy A. Jock, City Clerk of the City of Ogdensburg, New York, do hereby certify that the attached is a copy of a resolution passed by the City Council of the City of Ogdensburg, meeting in regular session, May 13, 2019, and do further certify that it is a true and correct copy of and the whole of said original resolution is on file in my office in the minutes of the Ogdensburg City Council Meeting.



Cathy A. Jock
City Clerk, City of Ogdensburg

DATED: May 14, 2019

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF A
DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) is a comprehensive approach to boosting local economies by transforming communities into vibrant neighborhoods where the next generation of New Yorkers will want to live, work and raise a family; and

WHEREAS, Governor Cuomo has announced Round Four of the DRI program will invest \$100 million into 10 additional downtown neighborhoods across the state; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with application requirements, the City of Ogdensburg has solicited public support via direct outreach to the business community, community based organizations, and held a formal public meeting at City Hall on May 13, 2019; and

WHEREAS, there is no specific local match requirement for DRI-funded projects and DRI funding *may* be used to cover the entire cost of a project; the City will articulate to the best of our ability leveraging of investment dollars from other sources, including, but not limited to private, local, federal, or other state sources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the community of Ogdensburg along with the City Council enthusiastically supports the submission of a DRI application seeking \$10 million to undertake a bottom-up community planning process and to implement key projects recommended by the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg City Manager is hereby authorized to submit a DRI Application, and if received, to enter into any necessary contracts to accept and administer said grant.

May 29, 2019

Ms. Sarah Purdy
City Manager
Ogdensburg City Hall
330 Ford Street
Ogdensburg, NY 13669

RE: 2019 North Country Downtown Revitalization Initiative Application City of Ogdensburg, NY

Dear Ms. Purdy and Mayor Ashley,

National Grid is pleased to support the City of Ogdensburg's request for funding assistance to advance transformational projects under the 2019 New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

We recognize that Ogdensburg's downtown riverfront is worthy of further investment, having funded projects there with our Economic Development Program. New York State has recognized Ogdensburg's rich history, culture and entrepreneurial spirit by investing in the Fort La Presentation site and providing funding from the Restore NY, and NY Main Street Programs. Ogdensburg is seeking to leverage these investments to ensure the transformation continues and the momentum ripples throughout the downtown.

Funding for Ogdensburg's Downtown Revitalization Initiative would provide critical assistance to the continued economic growth and success of Downtown Ogdensburg and St. Lawrence County. Proposed projects in this plan touch on a variety of the North Country Regional Economic Development Council priorities, in addition to aligning with the Ogdensburg BOA and LWRP strategies. This application includes projects that will help to maintain a high quality of life that attracts people to the urban center for businesses, jobs, and families, which is critically important as we address issues around workforce.

Our community also needs to be attractive to new residents relocating to fill open positions, as well as entice those who grew up here to either stay in or return to the area. Ogdensburg has made great strides in improving the quality of life in recent years, but a major investment like the DRI could truly move the City to a new level.

In closing, I would like to reiterate National Grid's strong support of Ogdensburg's application to the 2019 Downtown Revitalization Initiative. The proposed projects will help create a greater quality of life for the residents, workforce, and visitors alike. Please do not hesitate to contact me, if I can provide further assistance.

Sincerely,



Arthur W. Hamlin
Manager, Economic Development

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE MINORITY

RANKING MINORITY MEMBER
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May 16, 2019

SENATOR PATTY RITCHIE
48TH DISTRICT
OSWEGO, JEFFERSON, ST. LAWRENCE COUNTIES

Ms. Sarah Purdy
City Manager
Ogdensburg City Hall
330 Ford Street
Ogdensburg, NY 13669

RE: 2019 Downtown Revitalization Initiative - City of Ogdensburg, NY

Dear Ms. Purdy:

I would like to endorse the City of Ogdensburg's application for the 2019 New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative funding.

Ogdensburg's downtown riverfront is at a crossroads. Located on the banks of the St. Lawrence River, it possesses one of New York State's most beautiful waterfronts on the border with southern Ontario, Canada.

Less than an hour away is Canada's capital city Ottawa. An estimated 60 percent of Canada's population is within close proximity, along with seven of the U.S.'s top 10 markets.

In recent years, the city has made important strides with developments involving its rich history, culture, downtown and shoreline redevelopment.

Ogdensburg's Downtown Revitalization Initiative is poised to accelerate economic growth at a critical time when a new generation of local investors are breathing new life into its downtown and waterfronts. Over the next few years, the city has an opportunity to revitalize its downtown and waterfront assets to encourage growth, improve the quality of life and make the community more attractive to visitors.

Thank you for your consideration. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patty Ritchie".

Patty Ritchie
State Senator

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May 17, 2019

Ms. Sarah Purdy
City Manager
Ogdensburg City Hall
330 Ford Street
Ogdensburg, NY 13669

Dear Ms. Purdy,

I write to express my support for the City of Ogdensburg's request for funding assistance to advance transformational projects under the 2019 New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI).

Funding for Ogdensburg's Downtown Revitalization Initiative would provide critical assistance to the continued economic growth and success of Downtown Ogdensburg and St. Lawrence County as a whole. Proposed projects in this plan touch on a variety of the North Country Regional Economic Development Council priorities, in addition to aligning with the Ogdensburg BOA and LWRP strategies.

The application includes projects that will help to maintain a high quality of life that attracts people to the urban center for job creation and growth. This DRI funding would build upon previous investments by New York State, including projects like Fort La Presentation site, Restore NY, and NY Main Street Programs, which will keep our region a great place to live, work and raise a family for generations to come.

Again, I express my support for the City of Ogdensburg as they apply for funding assistance under the 2019 New York Downtown Revitalization Initiative. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark C. Walczyk', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark C. Walczyk
Assemblyman
Front Yard of America

cc: Mayor Wayne Ashley
Council Member Timothy Davis
Council Member Nichole Kennedy
Council Member Shawn Shaver
Council Member Daniel Skamperle
Council Member David Price
Council Member Jennifer Stevenson



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Industrial Development Agency

May 16, 2019

Ms. Sarah Purdy, City Manager
Ogdensburg City Hall
330 Ford Street
Ogdensburg, NY 13669

Dear Ms. Purdy and Mayor Ashley,

Please accept this letter of support for the City of Ogdensburg's request for funding assistance to advance transformational projects under the 2019 New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative ("DRI").

The St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency recognizes that Ogdensburg's downtown riverfront is a place worth investing in and is important to us. Funding for the city's DRI would provide critical assistance to the continued economic growth and success of Downtown Ogdensburg and St. Lawrence County as a whole. Proposed projects in this plan touch on a variety of the North Country Regional Economic Development Council priorities, in addition to aligning with the Ogdensburg BOA and LWRP strategies. This application includes projects that will help to maintain a high quality of life that attracts people to the urban center for businesses, jobs, and families.

This is critically important as we address issues around workforce. Companies say that they cannot find qualified workers, but training is only one part of the solution. The community also needs to be attractive to new residents relocating to fill open positions, as well as entice those who grew up here to either stay in or return to the area. Ogdensburg has made great strides in improving the quality of life in recent years, but a major investment like the DRI could truly move the City to a new level. This effort would help maintain existing business while encouraging new industry development, entice former residents to relocate back to the community and attract others to come here to take advantage of the quality of life in our area.

As noted in the North Country Regional Economic Development Plan, "vibrant communities are key assets identified in economic development and, therefore, assisting and encouraging North Country community development efforts is a vital component of the North Country Regional Council's Strategic Plan.

The St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency applauds the City of Ogdensburg for its efforts to secure DRI funds to continue to increase its downtown development efforts while supporting the region's Strategic Plan. Continued efforts to promote economic development through revitalization will make Ogdensburg an even more attractive place to live and work and will help to attract and keep people in the County.

Sincerely,

Patrick J. Kelly
Chief Executive Officer



Frederic Remington Art Museum

May 29th, 2019

Ms. Sarah Purdy, City Manager
Ogdensburg City Hall
330 Ford Street
Ogdensburg, NY 13669

RE: 2019 North Country Downtown Revitalization Initiative Application
City of Ogdensburg, NY

Dear Ms. Purdy and Mayor Ashley,

I am pleased to express our organization's enthusiastic support for the City of Ogdensburg's request for funding assistance to advance transformational projects under the 2019 New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

The Frederic Remington Art Museum recognizes that Ogdensburg's downtown riverfront is a place worth investing in and is important to us. New York State has already shown that it sees Ogdensburg's rich history, culture and entrepreneurial spirit through investment in the Fort La Presentation site, Restore NY, and NY Main Street Programs. Now we'd like to leverage those investments to make sure the transformation continues and the momentum ripples throughout the downtown.

Funding for Ogdensburg's Downtown Revitalization Initiative would provide critical assistance to the continued economic growth and success of Downtown Ogdensburg and St. Lawrence County as a whole. Proposed projects in this plan touch on a variety of the North Country Regional Economic Development Council priorities, in addition to aligning with the Ogdensburg BOA and LWRP strategies. This application includes projects that will help to maintain a high quality of life that attracts people to the urban center for businesses, jobs, and families.

Our museum has been a tourist destination for nearly 100 years, and we serve the community and beyond in partnership with museums, organizations and chambers of commerce. Our facilities have grown to include state of the art gallery space for our collection, and a children's museum based in our Eva Caten Remington Education Center. With investment in the historic district, the museum will be able to enrich the cultural lives of citizens, and improve the power of its tourism draw.

In closing, I would like to reiterate the Frederic Remington Art Museum's strong support of Ogdensburg's application to the 2019 Downtown Revitalization Initiative. All of the proposed projects will help to create a greater quality of life for the residents, workforce, and visitors alike. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Laura A. Foster
Executive Director



(315) 393-3324 info@hosmersmarina.com 54 East River Street, Ogdensburg, NY 13669

May 15, 2019

RE: 2019 North Country Downtown Revitalization Initiative Application
City of Ogdensburg, NY

Dear Ms. Purdy and Mayor Ashley,

I am pleased to express Hozmerica, LLC's support for the City of Ogdensburg's request for funding assistance to advance transformational projects under the 2019 New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

Hozmerica, LLC recognizes that Ogdensburg's downtown riverfront is a place worth investing in and is important to us. New York State has already shown that it sees Ogdensburg's rich history, culture and entrepreneurial spirit through investment in the Fort La Presentation site, Restore NY, and NY Main Street Programs. Now we'd like to leverage those investments to make sure the transformation continues and the momentum ripples throughout the downtown.

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In closing, I would like to reiterate Hozmerica, LLC's strong support of Ogdensburg's application to the 2019 Downtown Revitalization Initiative. All of the proposed projects will help to create a greater quality of life for the residents, workforce, and visitors alike. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 315-393-3324.

Sincerely,

Health. Wellness. Results.



May 28, 2019
Ms. Sarah Purdy, City Manager
Ogdensburg City Hall
330 Ford Street
Ogdensburg, NY 13669

RE: 2019 North Country Downtown Revitalization Initiative Application
City of Ogdensburg, NY

Dear Ms. Purdy and Mayor Ashley,

I am pleased to express our organization's support for the City of Ogdensburg's request for funding assistance to advance transformational projects under the 2019 New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

Northern Physical Therapy recognizes that Ogdensburg's downtown riverfront is a place worth investing in and is important to us. We have invested our own time, efforts and resources into renovating a historic structure into an updated healthcare facility to provide physical therapy services and fitness classes/equipment to improve the overall well-being of our community.

We would like New York State to leverage these investments to make sure the transformation continues and the momentum ripples throughout the downtown.

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This is critically important as we address issues around workforce. One of the biggest barriers for the expansion of Northern Physical Therapy is attracting licensed physical therapists to the area. Our community needs to be attractive to new residents relocating to fill open positions, as well as entice those who grew up here to either stay in or return to the area. Ogdensburg has made great strides in improving the quality of life in recent years, but a major investment like the DRI could truly move the City to a new level.

In closing, I would like to reiterate Northern Physical Therapy's strong support of Ogdensburg's application to the 2019 Downtown Revitalization Initiative. All of the proposed projects will help to create a greater quality of life for the residents, workforce, and visitors alike. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jeanine R. McLellan, PT, CEO
Northern Physical Therapy



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May 15, 2019

Ms. Sarah Purdy, City Manager
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RE: 2019 North Country Downtown Revitalization Initiative Application
City of Ogdensburg, NY -

Dear Ms. Purdy and Mayor Ashley,

I am pleased to express our organization's support for the City of Ogdensburg's request for funding assistance to advance transformational projects under the 2019 New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

The Greater Ogdensburg Chamber of Commerce recognizes that Ogdensburg's downtown riverfront is a place worth investing in and is important to us. New York State has already shown that it sees Ogdensburg's rich history, culture and entrepreneurial spirit through investment in the Fort La Presentation site, Restore NY, and NY Main Street Programs. Now we'd like to leverage those investments to make sure the transformation continues and the momentum ripples throughout the downtown.

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In closing, I would like to reiterate The Greater Ogdensburg Chamber of Commerce's strong support of Ogdensburg's application to the 2019 Downtown Revitalization Initiative. All of the proposed projects will help to create a greater quality of life for the residents, workforce, and visitors alike. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

John Wade, President



May 16, 2019
Ms. Sarah Purdy, City Manager
Ogdensburg City Hall
330 Ford Street
Ogdensburg, NY 13669

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City of Ogdensburg, NY

Dear Ms. Purdy and Mayor Ashley,

I am pleased to express our organization's support for the City of Ogdensburg's request for funding assistance to advance transformational projects under the 2019 New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center recognizes that Ogdensburg's downtown riverfront is a place worth investing in; harnessing its potential to spur an economic renaissance in a critically depressed area is of utmost importance to us. New York State has already shown that it sees Ogdensburg's rich history, culture and entrepreneurial spirit through investment in the Fort La Presentation site, Restore NY, and NY Main Street Programs. Now we'd like to leverage those investments to make sure the transformation continues and the momentum ripples throughout the heart of Ogdensburg: its downtown.

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The ability to attract new residents and retain young people is of vital importance. Recruitment for professional healthcare positions at Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center is an ongoing struggle, one in part driven by a lack of local amenities to attract professionals to move and remain in the area. Training programs for local residents can only go so far to fill the demand: our community also needs to be infused with new and attractive projects to continue the great strides Ogdensburg has made in improving the quality of life in recent years. With a major investment like the DRI, we can truly evolve the City to new levels of economic development and growth for all residents.

In closing, I would like to reiterate Claxton-Hepburn's strong support of Ogdensburg's application to the 2019 Downtown Revitalization Initiative. All of the proposed projects will help to create a greater quality of life for the residents, workforce, and visitors alike. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Amanda Hitterman
Executive Director



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May 16, 2019

Ms. Sarah Purdy, City Manager
Ogdensburg City Hall
330 Ford Street
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RE: 2019 North Country Downtown Revitalization Initiative Application
City of Ogdensburg, NY

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In closing, I would like to reiterate Fort La Présentation Association's strong support of Ogdensburg's application to the 2019 Downtown Revitalization Initiative. All the proposed projects will help to create a greater quality of life for the residents, workforce, and visitors alike. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Barbara J. O'Keefe
Fort La Présentation Association, President

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Thomas J. Duffy, *Proprietor*

May 28th, 2019

Ms. Sarah Purdy, City Manager
Ogdensburg City Hall
330 Ford Street
Ogdensburg, NY 13669

RE: 2019 North Country Downtown Revitalization Initiative Program
City of Ogdensburg, NY

Dear Ms. Purdy and Mayor Ashley,

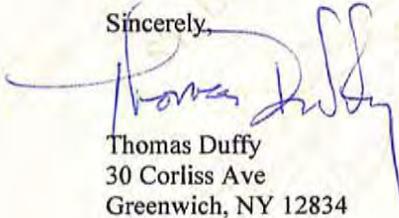
I am pleased to express my support for the City of Ogdensburg's request for funding assistance to advance transformational projects under the 2019 New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

I am writing to you on stationary for a business I established in 1981 in Ogdensburg and ran until 2002. I acquired property on Ogdensburg's waterfront starting in 1975 picking up 4 contiguous parcels over the next 11 years while working in a small cabinetmaking shop behind my residence on Commerce St and later at 52 E. River St. Our first commission on Commerce St was the 3-year restoration of a 50' yacht. In the summer of 1987-88 archeological digs discovered the location of Fort de la Presentation on my property; the first European settlement in Northern New York. Also discovered at that time was oil-contaminated soil. Plans for establishing a large boat works were effectively stopped. The soil remediation took 26 years to bring to completion. The property is now clean and ready to take it's rightful place in the rich history of the North Country towards a bright future for the City of Ogdensburg.

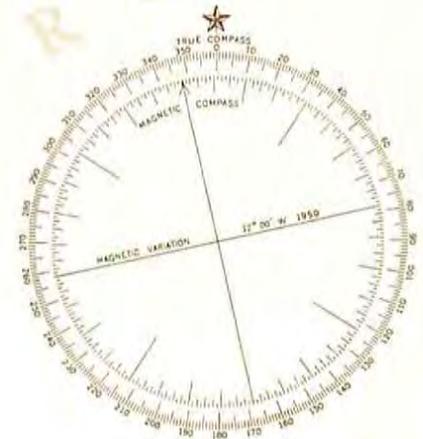
Ogdensburg is not stranger to the hard work necessary to bring about the conditions for growth, namely creating an attractive place to live, work and visit. Effective city government and dedicated citizens have produced and maintained the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program starting the 1980s and received designation for Opportunity Zones by the State of New York. With a solid core of such preparations over the last 45 years the City of Ogdensburg is poised to bring forward the quality of life its citizens envision and New York State deserves.

In closing, I would like to reiterate my strong support of Ogdensburg's application to the 2019 Downtown Revitalization Initiative. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Thomas Duffy
30 Corliss Ave
Greenwich, NY 12834





OGDENSBURG BRIDGE & PORT AUTHORITY

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May 22, 2019

Ms. Sarah Purdy, City Manager
Ogdensburg City Hall
330 Ford Street
Ogdensburg, NY 13669

RE: 2019 North Country Downtown Revitalization Initiative Application
City of Ogdensburg, NY

Dear Ms. Purdy and Mayor Ashley,

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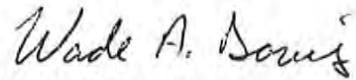
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In closing, I would like to reiterate the Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority's strong support of Ogdensburg's application to the 2019 Downtown Revitalization Initiative. All of the proposed projects will help to create a greater quality of life for the residents, workforce, and visitors alike. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wade A. Davis".

Wade A. Davis
Executive Director
Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority

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May 17, 2019

Ms. Sarah Purdy, City Manager
Ogdensburg City Hall
330 Ford Street
Ogdensburg, NY 13669

RE: 2019 North Country Downtown Revitalization Initiative Application
City of Ogdensburg, NY

Dear Ms. Purdy and Mayor Ashley,

I am pleased to express our organization's support for the City of Ogdensburg's request for funding assistance to advance transformational projects under the 2019 New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

The Town of Prescott and its Economic Development Department recognizes that Ogdensburg's downtown riverfront is a place worth investing in and is important to us. Prescott and Ogdensburg have a long history of cross-border relations through the former passenger ferry that shuttled between the two ports, and through the continued retail and dining opportunities both of our communities provide.

More recently, Prescott and Ogdensburg have joined together to conduct a feasibility study on the concept of reviving the ferry for cross-border transit of pedestrians and cyclists. This partnership is creating more synergies for joint tourism-related branding and marketing. Funding for Ogdensburg's Downtown Revitalization Initiative would provide critical assistance to the continued economic growth and success of Downtown Ogdensburg and the St Lawrence River region, which includes Prescott. A renewed vibrant downtown in Ogdensburg creates more synergies and opportunities for partnership on both sides of the river.

In closing, I would like to reiterate the Town of Prescott's strong support of Ogdensburg's application to the 2019 Downtown Revitalization Initiative. Creating a greater quality of life for the residents, workforce, and visitors in Ogdensburg will have a positive ripple effect on our Prescott community as well. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Dana Valentyne,
Economic Development Officer
Town of Prescott

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May 17, 2019

Ms. Sarah Purdy, City Manager
Ogdensburg City Hall
330 Ford Street
Ogdensburg, NY 13669

RE: 2019 North Country Downtown Revitalization Initiative Application
City of Ogdensburg, NY

Dear Ms. Purdy and Mayor Ashley,

I am pleased to express our organization's support for the City of Ogdensburg's request for funding assistance to advance transformational projects under the 2019 New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

The St. Lawrence Federal Credit Union recognizes that Ogdensburg's downtown riverfront is a place worth investing in and is important to us. New York State has already shown that it sees Ogdensburg's rich history, culture and entrepreneurial spirit through investment in the Fort La Presentation site, Restore NY, and NY Main Street Programs. Now we'd like to leverage those investments to make sure the transformation continues and the momentum ripples throughout the downtown.

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In closing, I would like to reiterate St. Lawrence Federal Credit Union's strong support of Ogdensburg's application to the 2019 Downtown Revitalization Initiative. All of the proposed projects will help to create a greater quality of life for the residents, workforce, and visitors alike. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Wednesday, May 28th, 2019
Ms. Sarah Purdy
Ogdensburg City Hall
330 Ford St.
Ogdensburg, NY 13669

Dear Mayor Ashley and Ms. Purdy,

I am writing this letter to express the Town of Prescott's wholehearted backing for the City of Ogdensburg's request for funding assistance to advance transformational projects under the 2019 New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

As Ogdensburg's closest Canadian neighbour just a mile to the north on the other side of the world's longest undefended border, Prescott knows the importance of Ogdensburg's downtown riverfront. Prescott and Ogdensburg share the St. Lawrence River along with an enduring cross-border bond. This relationship was best exemplified by the former passenger ferry that shuttled between the two ports for much of the past century, although it remains strong today through the continued shared retail, dining, and cultural opportunities provided on both sides of the border.

Prescott and Ogdensburg have taken steps to work even more closely together of late. We are conducting a feasibility study on reviving the aforementioned ferry for cross-border transit of pedestrians and cyclists. This partnership is creating more synergies for joint international tourism-related branding and marketing. Funding for Ogdensburg's Downtown Revitalization Initiative would provide critical assistance to the ferry as well as the continued economic growth of Downtown Ogdensburg and the St. Lawrence River region. A renewed vibrant downtown in Ogdensburg will create synergies and opportunities on both sides of the river.

Thank you for reading. While the Town of Prescott and the City of Ogdensburg may be in separate countries, our long shared history tells us that whatever benefits one of us benefits us both. Enhancing the quality of life of our friends in Ogdensburg will have a positive ripple effect on Prescott, so we enthusiastically support the city's 2019 Downtown Revitalization Initiative. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

W. B. (Brett) Todd
Mayor, Town of Prescott / Vice-Chair, Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus (EOMC)



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May 17, 2019

Ms. Sarah Purdy, City Manager
Ogdensburg City Hall
330 Ford Street
Ogdensburg, NY 13669

RE: 2019 North Country Downtown Revitalization Initiative Application
City of Ogdensburg, NY

Dear Ms. Purdy and Mayor Ashley,

I am pleased to express our organization's support for the City of Ogdensburg's request for funding assistance to advance transformational projects under the 2019 New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

All of us at the St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival in Prescott, Ontario recognize that Ogdensburg's downtown riverfront is a place worth investing in and is important to us. Our two towns have a long history of cross-border relations through the former passenger ferry that shuttled between the two ports, and through the continued retail and dining opportunities both of our communities provide.

Recently, Prescott and Ogdensburg have joined together to conduct a feasibility study on the concept of reviving the ferry for cross-border transit of pedestrians and cyclists. This partnership is creating more synergies for joint tourism-related branding and marketing. Funding for Ogdensburg's Downtown Revitalization Initiative would provide critical assistance to the continued economic growth and success of Downtown Ogdensburg and the St Lawrence River region, which includes Prescott. A renewed vibrant downtown in Ogdensburg creates more synergies and opportunities for partnership on both sides of the river.

In closing, I would like to reiterate the St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival's strong support of Ogdensburg's application to the 2019 Downtown Revitalization Initiative. Creating a greater quality of life for the residents, workforce, and visitors in Ogdensburg will have a positive ripple effect on our Prescott community as well. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Richardson".

James Richardson
General Manager
gm@stlawrenceshakespeare.ca

Ogdensburg Land Bank Corporation

330 Ford Street - Suite 11
Ogdensburg, New York 13669



May 22, 2019

Ms. Sarah Purdy, City Manager
Ogdensburg City Hall
330 Ford Street
Ogdensburg, NY 13669

RE: 2019 North Country Downtown Revitalization Initiative Application
City of Ogdensburg, NY

Dear Ms. Purdy and Mayor Ashley,

On behalf of the Ogdensburg Land Bank, I am pleased to express our support for Ogdensburg's request for funding assistance to advance downtown revitalizations projects under the 2019 New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

Ogdensburg has made great strides in improving the quality of life in recent years, but a major investment like the DRI could truly move the City and its downtown to a new level. The Ogdensburg Land Bank is part of this recent success. A not-for-profit corporation designated by New York State in May 2018, the mission of the Land Bank is to return vacant, abandoned, underutilized, and tax delinquent properties to productive tax-paying use consistent with the comprehensive land use plans including the local waterfront revitalization program (LWRP) plan, and Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) plan.

The Ogdensburg Land Bank recognizes that Ogdensburg's downtown riverfront is a place worth investing in and is important to us. The Land Bank recently received \$600,000 in funding from Enterprise Community Partners to address property vacancy and blight through strategic demolition and rehabilitation of homes within the community. Now we'd like to leverage those investments to make sure the transformation continues and the momentum of improvement expands throughout the downtown.

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In closing, I would like to reiterate the Ogdensburg Land Bank's strong support of the City's application to the 2019 Downtown Revitalization Initiative. All of the proposed projects will help to create a greater quality of life for the residents, workforce, and visitors alike. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Philip A. Cosmo, Chairman
Ogdensburg Land Bank Corporation



Ogdensburg Pride and Beautification Commission

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can change the world; indeed it is the only thing that ever has.”

Margaret Mead

May 16 2019

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Ogdensburg City Hall
330 Ford Street
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RE: 2019 North Country Downtown Revitalization Initiative Application
City of Ogdensburg, NY

Dear Ms. Purdy and Mayor Ashley,

The City of Ogdensburg has seen investment in the downtown marina district in recent years. An effort the City’s Planning and Community Development Department, Parks and Recreation, City Council and leadership from community stakeholders throughout the community has facilitated this growth. This has contributed to a rebirth of community pride in Ogdensburg, and volunteer organizations like ours have been the beneficiaries of these efforts.

Ogdensburg’s Pride and Beautification Commission (P&B) is a volunteer commission that works with businesses and residents to encourage beautification through new plantings, beautification projects and to engender civic pride throughout the community. Funded in large part through generous community contributions and donations along with support from Parks and Recreation and Public Works Department, Pride and Beautification executes projects and events that complement the City’s efforts to promote growth.

To sustain recent progress in the downtown, P&B is eager to work with the City to help realize the full potential of our Downtown. To this end, P&B proposes the following projects be included in the City’s DRI application:

- ❖ “Rebrand Ogdensburg” a campaign to promote Ogdensburg’s downtown as a unique destination in the North Country that builds off of the City’s rich history as well as prominent figures including Frederic Remington and Nathan Ford.
- ❖ Investment in gateways and corridors to the City’s downtown waterfront leveraging the efforts of a rebranding initiative. Development of cohesive signage and wayfinding that directs residents and visitors to Ogdensburg’s key assets including but not limited to Library Park, St. Lawrence River and Frederic Remington Art Museum.

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Mary Ann Narenkivicius
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Cindy Cole
Ann O’Connor
Steve Hawes
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In closing, I would like to reiterate Pride and Beautification’s strong support of Ogdensburg’s application to the 2019 Downtown Revitalization Initiative. Ogdensburg has made great strides in improving the quality of life in recent years, but a major investment like the DRI could truly move the City to a new level. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Mary Ann Narenkivicius
Chair
Ogdensburg Pride and Beautification Commission

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PEPSI-COLA OGDENSBURG BOTTLERS, INC.
Established in 1943

May 20, 2019

Ms. Sarah Purdy, City Manager
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330 Ford Street
Ogdensburg, NY 13669

RE: 2019 North Country Downtown Revitalization Initiative Application
City of Ogdensburg, NY

Dear Ms. Purdy and Mayor Ashley,

I am pleased to express our organization's support for the City of Ogdensburg's request for funding assistance to advance transformational projects under the 2019 New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

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In closing, I would like to reiterate Pepsi Cola Ogdensburg Bottler's strong support of Ogdensburg's application to the 2019 Downtown Revitalization Initiative. All of the proposed projects will help to create a greater quality of life for the residents, workforce, and visitors alike. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Kathy Bogart
Administrative Assistant,
Pepsi Cola Ogdensburg Bottlers
Director, Ogdensburg Chamber of Commerce



Scott Wright
VP, Operations, Pepsi Cola Ogdensburg Bottlers

Terrence & Judith Ryan
P.O. Box 883
Ogdensburg, NY 1669
May 14, 2019

Ms. Sarah Purdy, City Manager
Ogdensburg City Hall
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Ogdensburg, NY 13669

RE: 2019 North Country Downtown Revitalization Initiative Application
City of Ogdensburg, NY

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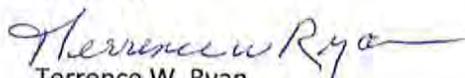
We recognize that Ogdensburg's downtown riverfront is a place worth investing in and is important to us. New York State has already shown that it sees Ogdensburg's rich history, culture and entrepreneurial spirit through investment in the Fort La Presentation site, Restore NY, and NY Main Street Programs. Now we'd like to leverage those investments to make sure the transformation continues and the momentum ripples throughout the downtown.

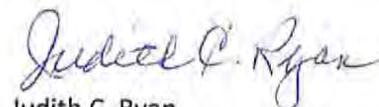
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We strongly support Ogdensburg's application to the 2019 Downtown Revitalization Initiative. All of the proposed projects will enhance the quality of life for residents, the workforce, and visitors alike. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,


Terrence W. Ryan


Judith C. Ryan

Sherman Inn

615 Franklin St.
Ogdensburg, New York 13669



May 20th, 2019

Ms. Sarah Purdy, City Manager
Ogdensburg City Hall
330 Ford Street
Ogdensburg, NY 13669

RE: 2019 North Country Downtown Revitalization Initiative Application
City of Ogdensburg, NY

Dear Ms. Purdy and Mayor Ashley,

I am pleased to express Sherman Inn's support for the City of Ogdensburg's request for funding assistance to advance transformational projects under the 2019 New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

The Sherman Inn recognizes that Ogdensburg's downtown riverfront is a place worth investing in and is important to us. New York State has already shown that it sees Ogdensburg's rich history, culture and entrepreneurial spirit through investment in the Fort La Presentation site, Restore NY, and NY Main Street Programs. Now we'd like to leverage those investments to make sure the transformation continues and the momentum ripples throughout the downtown.

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In closing, I would like to reiterate Sherman Inn's strong support of Ogdensburg's application to the 2019 Downtown Revitalization Initiative. All of the proposed projects will help to create a greater quality of life for the residents, workforce, and visitors alike. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

John Wade
Owner
315-713-4672



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May 21, 2019

Ms. Sarah Purdy, City Manager
Ogdensburg City Hall
330 Ford Street
Ogdensburg, NY 13669

RE: 2019 North Country Downtown Revitalization Initiative Application
City of Ogdensburg, NY

Dear Ms. Purdy and Mayor Ashley,

I enthusiastically support Ogdensburg's efforts to secure a Downtown Revitalization Initiative Grant. The St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce is a 450 business membership network and serves as the Tourism Promotion Agent in the County in partnership with Empire State Development's I LOVE NY tourism department. In that role, we recognize the importance of investment in our core communities, for residents and visitors.

The St. Lawrence County Chamber recognizes that Ogdensburg is one of the gateways to our County and the region for our large Canadian populations and is strategically positioned to leverage business and visitor interest. New York State has already shown that it sees Ogdensburg's rich history, culture and entrepreneurial spirit through investment in the Fort La Presentation site, Restore NY, and NY Main Street Programs. Now we'd like to leverage those investments to make sure the transformation continues and the momentum ripples throughout the downtown.

Funding for Ogdensburg's Downtown Revitalization Initiative would provide critical assistance to the continued economic growth and success of Downtown Ogdensburg and St. Lawrence County as a whole.

In closing, I would like to reiterate St. Lawrence County Chamber's strong support of Ogdensburg's application to the 2019 Downtown Revitalization Initiative. All of the proposed projects will help to create a greater quality of life for the residents, workforce, and visitors alike. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
I sincerely hope you will support this application.

Sincerely,

Brooke Rouse
Executive Director



OGDENSBURG MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
P.O. BOX 762, OGDENSBURG, NY 13669

May 16, 2019

Ms. Sarah Purdy, City Manager
Ogdensburg City Hall
330 Ford Street
Ogdensburg, NY 13669

RE: 2019 North Country Downtown Revitalization Initiative Application
City of Ogdensburg, NY

Dear Ms. Purdy and Mayor Ashley,

The Ogdensburg Minor Hockey Association would like to express our organization's support for the City of Ogdensburg's request for funding assistance to advance transformational projects under the 2019 New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

The Ogdensburg Minor Hockey Association recognizes that Ogdensburg's downtown riverfront is a place worth investing in and is important to us. New York State has already shown that it sees Ogdensburg's rich history, culture and entrepreneurial spirit through investment in the Fort La Presentation site, Restore NY, and NY Main Street Programs. Now we'd like to leverage those investments to make sure the transformation continues throughout the downtown.

Funding for Ogdensburg's Downtown Revitalization Initiative would provide significant help at the Lockwood Arena, which is highly utilized by Ogdensburg Minor Hockey. Our association brings many people into our city throughout hockey season for tournaments and games. It would be a great asset for our community to be able to transform and upgrade the Lockwood Arena. We appreciate having the arena, but it is in need of repairs and upgrades. The locker rooms need bathrooms and showers in them. Seating for spectators needs to be redesigned. It would benefit the community to have a concession stand in the arena as well. The warming room is in a place where elderly can get warm, but they cannot watch the game or events happening in the arena. It would be beneficial if it were placed in an area where spectators can enjoy the events going on in the facility. Another benefit of having these upgrades is the arena could be used year round for other events. The repairs and upgrades would not only provide a better facility for our youth, but it would also encourage visitors from out of town to visit our area more and utilize the arena.

Ogdensburg has made great strides in improving the quality of life in recent years, but a major investment like the DRI could truly move the City to a new level. From a youth sports and recreation perspective, funding for Downtown Ogdensburg would support continued growth and development of Ogdensburg and St. Lawrence County as a year-round recreational destination that would maintain the unique qualities that make our City attractive to both residents and visitors. The DRI would significantly help Ogdensburg bring in more businesses and attractions, which is critically needed for our community.

In closing, I would like to reiterate Ogdensburg Minor Hockey Association's strong support of Ogdensburg's application to the 2019 Downtown Revitalization Initiative. All of the proposed projects will help to create a greater quality of life for the residents, workforce, and visitors alike. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Ryan C. Griffith
President of Ogdensburg Minor Hockey Association

Mayhew Patriot Trust

May 27, 2019

Ms. Sarah Purdy, City Manager
Ogdensburg City Hall
330 Ford Street
Ogdensburg, NY 13669

RE: 2019 North Country Downtown Revitalization Initiative Application
City of Ogdensburg, NY

Dear Ms. Purdy and Mayor Ashley,

I am pleased to express my support for the City of Ogdensburg's request for funding assistance to advance projects under the 2019 New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

Mayhew Patriot Trust recognizes that Ogdensburg's downtown riverfront is a place worth investing in and is important to me. I am a longtime resident of Ogdensburg NY and have seen many positive changes over the years to improve the Maple City. In recent years I see new interest in our downtown Mall area, as well as the marina district. Once the center of shopping and business, the marina district and Mall became stagnated after the initial Urban Renewal phase passed. It is refreshing to see the Mall was recently purchased with the expectation of re-opening the local Cinema and rehabilitation of the existing retail / office space for future development. I have also witnessed a renewed interest in the Marina area. William Hosmer has transformed the abandoned Tackle Box marina into a thriving restaurant, tackle shop and marina. Further progress occurred with the removal of the former Garn's building and possible re-purposing of that tract of property. New York State has already shown that it sees Ogdensburg's rich history, culture and entrepreneurial spirit through investment in the Fort La Presentation site, Restore NY, and NY Main Street Programs. I believe it is imperative to leverage those investments to ensure the continual re-development of the Marina district and Ogdensburg's downtown area. In particular, I would like to see development of a deep water public boat launch between the former Ramada Inn and Twin bridges. Further, I would like to see funding to clear and re-purpose the Mill Pond tract located in the Marina district. This 3.5 acre parcel has the potential to create residential housing, as well as Marine related businesses. Often local people have expressed to me the need for a Marine repair business and the need for boat wrapping as well as winter storage. This site would be ideal for such a venture. It is disheartening to see this tract sit idle when it has so much potential.

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At The Docks, LLC
119 W River St.
Ogdensburg, NY 13669

May 14, 2019

Ms. Sarah Purdy, City Manager
Ogdensburg City Hall
330 Ford Street
Ogdensburg, NY 13669

RE: 2019 North Country Downtown Revitalization Initiative Application
City of Ogdensburg, NY

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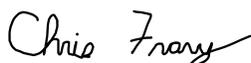
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In closing, I would like to reiterate At The Docks, LLC strong support of Ogdensburg's application to the 2019 Downtown Revitalization Initiative. All of the proposed projects will help to create a greater quality of life for the residents, workforce, and visitors alike. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Chris Frary



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May 16, 2019

Ms. Sarah Purdy, City Manager
Ogdensburg City Hall
330 Ford Street
Ogdensburg, NY 13669

RE: 2019 North Country Downtown Revitalization Initiative Application
City of Ogdensburg, NY

Dear Ms. Purdy and Mayor Ashley,

I am pleased to express my support for the City of Ogdensburg's request for funding assistance to advance transformational projects under the 2019 New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

My Law Office is located only several blocks from Ogdensburg's downtown riverfront which is a place worth investing in and is important to us. New York State has already shown that it sees Ogdensburg's rich history, culture and entrepreneurial spirit through investment in the Fort La Presentation site, Restore NY, and NY Main Street Programs. Now we'd like to leverage those investments to make sure the transformation continues and the momentum ripples throughout the downtown.

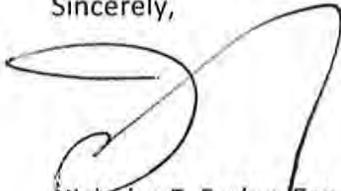
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I have for a great many years collected photographs of downtown Ogdensburg which of course include my 1829 Office Building on the Historic Register. The downtown area was an exquisitely designed and built architectural haven. In 1900, the U.S. Customs receipts for the City of Ogdensburg were greater than for Chicago! This exquisite Ogdensburg Downtown has suffered considerable reverses since and is well worth revitalizing!

In closing, I would like to reiterate my strong support of Ogdensburg's application to the 2019 Downtown Revitalization Initiative. All of the proposed projects will help to create a greater quality of life for the residents, workforce, and visitors alike. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Nicholas E. Fodor, Esq.



May 23, 2019

Ms. Sarah Purdy, City Manager
Ogdensburg City Hall
330 Ford Street
Ogdensburg, NY 13669

RE: 2019 North Country Downtown Revitalization Initiative Application
City of Ogdensburg, NY

Dear Ms. Purdy and Mayor Ashley,

As an entrepreneur new to Ogdensburg, I am pleased to express my support for the City of Ogdensburg's request for funding assistance to advance transformational projects under the 2019 New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

Seaway Outfitters recognizes that Ogdensburg's downtown riverfront is a place worth investing in. We have been scouting the Ogdensburg area for more than 2 years. Our research indicates that the city of Ogdensburg is a prime location for investment for us as we see extensive waterfront opportunities, the beautiful Maple City Trail, cooperative and helpful business development and city officials, as well as a demand for the type of services we offer. We see Ogdensburg as a community that is continuously striving to improve for both residents and visitors. We believe that Ogdensburg has a perfect location and is primed for growth. We have invested approximately \$100,000 in the purchase of a business location and recreational gear for Seaway Outfitters. As new business, we need all the help we can get as we get established. The Downtown Revitalization Initiative is exactly the kind of support we need as we implement new services that will increase recreational opportunities, fitness programs, volunteerism and ultimately the health of the community physically, financially and spiritually.

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In closing, I would like to reiterate Seaway Outfitter's strong support of Ogdensburg's application to the 2019 Downtown Revitalization Initiative. All of the proposed projects will help to create a greater quality of life for the residents, workforce, and visitors alike. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Tim Martell

Tim Martell
Owner: Seaway Outfitters
timlovesny@hotmail.com

Andrea Smith

From: Sarah Purdy <spurdy@ogdensburg.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 4:27 PM
To: 'Andrea Smith'
Subject: FW: Downtown Revitalization Initiative

Sarah Purdy

Ogdensburg City Manager
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From: R Rinny <rinnny52652@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 4:13 PM
To: Sarah Purdy <spurdy@ogdensburg.org>; Karl <marinermayhew@gmail.com>
Subject: Downtown Revitalization Initiative

Ms. Sarah Purdy, City Manager
Ogdensburg City Hall
330 Ford Street
Ogdensburg, NY 13669

May 28, 2019

RE: 2019 North Country Downtown Revitalization Initiative Application
City of Ogdensburg, NY

Dear Ms. Purdy and Mayor Ashley,

I am pleased to express my support for the City of Ogdensburg's request for funding assistance to advance projects under the 2019 New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

At the present time, the city of Ogdensburg has a long-term interest in developing the Oswegatchie River's Marina District. The city's Local Waterfront Revitalization Program envisions rehabilitating the area to create a new city center. With the recent demolition of the Garns building it is certainly a step in the right direction for future development. The long-term goal is to create a mix of recreational and commercial uses along the Oswegatchie River where it meets the St. Lawrence River. This corner of the city offers a unique view of the Ogdensburg Lighthouse, as well as a picturesque view of the town of Prescott, Ontario. The confluence of the Oswegatchie River and the St. Lawrence River has a long-standing tradition of boaters, both American and Canadian, gathering for impromptu get togethers on the Sand Bar. It is quite apparent local and foreign boaters see the beauty of the area and convenience of its proximity to Ogdensburg. The goal and intent of the revitalization plan is to create water-dependent uses for this area, along with mixed-use development - featuring business or services, as well as residential uses.

It appears the focus is on the northern portion of the Marina District at this time, although other tracts in this area could be developed for residential and commercial uses. In particular, the Mill Pond

tract (approximately 3.5 acres) would be ideal to create a mix of residential and commercial uses once cleared and developed. This tract of land has the potential to be a major asset in the Marina District. It borders the Oswegatchie Dam and is situated near the local marinas offering access to the water within minutes.

It is the goal of the property owner to clear this property and prepare it for future development. One interest in particular would be to provide residential housing as well as a long-term boat storage facility - aligning with the revitalization plan of creating water-dependent uses for this area. Presently the owner is seeking a grant to start the initial clearing of the land. Once completed the tract would be landscaped, trees planted, making the site much more attractive to potential investors. Once fully developed the tax revenue from this piece of property would increase substantially. It would be a perfect fit to the city's Local Waterfront Revitalization Program vision of rehabilitating the area - while providing needed housing and water-dependent services.

This tract of land has the potential to add to the beauty of the area and become an important asset to the Marina District.

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William Dempsey
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In closing, I would like to reiterate Mayhew Patriot Trust's strong support of Ogdensburg's application to the 2019 Downtown Revitalization Initiative. All of the proposed projects will help to create a greater quality of life for the residents, workforce, and visitors alike. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mr. Karl Mayhew
Mayhew Patriot Trust
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