



**WESTFIELD**  
— *New York* —

**2018 WNY DOWNTOWN  
REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE  
& SMART GROWTH  
COMMUNITY FUND  
APPLICATION**



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## Town of Westfield

## Village of Westfield

The Village of Westfield and the Town of Westfield have a long history of shared services. It is with our greatest pleasure that we submit this application for New York State's Downtown Revitalization Initiative together. Currently, we have 17 shared services agreements together so this combined effort just seems to make sense. Over the course of our 200 year history we have always considered ourselves as one.

Westfield is conveniently located along the Lake Erie coastline between Erie, Pennsylvania, and Buffalo, New York. Our fantastic village sits on the I-90 corridor within 500 miles of 60% of the entire U.S. and Canadian populations. The services provided by our local municipal departments are unsurpassed. Public safety needs are addressed through the Westfield Police Department and the Westfield Fire Department with skill and professionalism. Residents can take pride in the personal service and quality work provided at Eason Hall by the offices of our clerks, treasurers, code enforcement, recreation, and each department's employees. Great service is also provided by our electric, water, sewer, and public works departments.

The timing for our shared application could not be better. After decades of planning, our downtown has been revitalized with new businesses; our Barcelona Harbor has seen improvements and increased use. We continue to see much more private investment in our local businesses and in our residential homes. Our local economic development director has helped usher in the most economic opportunities we have seen in decades.

We are sure that one look at Westfield's history and small town charm will lead you to believe what we already know; that the future of revitalization is Main Street America and we fit that perfectly. When you head in our direction, please stop by our many local attractions to see what makes our community so great. Come see our award winning Patterson Library, our Main Street shops, our annual Art and Crafts Festival, our McClurg Museum, the Grape Discovery Center, our many local wineries, and our many community events throughout the year. But be warned, when you stop by you will fall in love with our community and you will never want to leave. Don't worry, we'll make room, and welcome home.

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## BASIC INFORMATION

**Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) Region:** Western New York

**Municipality Name:** Town of Westfield / Village of Westfield

**Downtown Name:** Westfield / Barcelona

**County Name:** Chautauqua County

## VISION FOR DOWNTOWN

The Town and Village of Westfield envision a forward-thinking, regional community with two multifaceted yet distinct, unique, and inter-connected downtowns: Historic Downtown and the Barcelona Harbor Business District. This vibrant community layout will leverage Westfield's primary assets in its waterfront as well as its heritage, and further our mission to develop Westfield into a four-season destination. Building on its current assets, Westfield will further develop as a walkable, mixed-use community with critical mass, a range of recreational amenities for people of all ages and abilities, and a vibrant historic Main Street with unparalleled waterfront access.

## JUSTIFICATION

The Town and Village of Westfield are proud partners in collaboration and regionalism. For decades, they have had the vision and foresight to initiate planning and development efforts in close partnership and coordination. Those efforts were spurred, in part, by an intermunicipal comprehensive planning process completed in 1997. This joint comprehensive plan stressed the importance of a unified effort to foster smart growth in both the town and village. This plan has not just sat on a shelf. Evidence of new development in response to and because of the plan can be seen throughout Westfield, with other development opportunities on the cusp.

Westfield's DRI Boundary is unique in that it encompasses two distinct yet complementary economic hubs: the Historic Downtown and the Barcelona Business District. This strategic approach is unique because Westfield itself is unique, and it takes into account Westfield's primary assets as well as pending prospects. There are several high impact opportunities in each area in addition to the connecting North Portage Corridor that are creating a tipping point. The resulting domino effect is expected to induce additional development spin-off. Strategic public investment through the DRI will catalyze substantial private investment. As depicted below, Westfield has actively promoted quality-of-life projects and the development and expansion of business with tremendous success. Buildings on Main Street in the Historic Downtown are largely occupied. While this is a positive, it also presents a challenge in that we are approaching full capacity, and we understand we must respond intelligently to the resulting development pressures.

In addition to local opportunities, Westfield is uniquely situated to take advantage of developments throughout Chautauqua County. There is a tremendous occasion to capitalize on recreation and the fast-growing tourism industry through promotion of the proposed Northern Chautauqua Blueway Trail, further development of Lake Erie Wine Country, and completion of the Barcelona-to-Chautauqua Institution Multi-Use Trail. These strategic

projects and initiatives focus on leveraging Westfield’s unique place-based resources to develop ancillary amenities and attractions that encourage secondary destinations and extended stays.

## DOWNTOWN IDENTIFICATION

### BOUNDARIES OF THE PROPOSED DRI AREA

Westfield has a unique geographical asset base which, in turn, allows us to use a dynamic development scheme based on where resources are positioned in our community. Using a strategic regional approach that builds upon assets and seizes key opportunities, the Westfield DRI boundary area is intentionally designed to build upon several ongoing efforts to revitalize the cores of both the Historic Downtown in the Village and of the Barcelona Harbor Business District in the Town, while also highlighting the corridor that connects them. This approach is directly aligned with the Northern Chautauqua County Intermunicipal Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (NCC LWRP) and its boundary area. The NCC LWRP seeks to increase and improve access to and along the waterfront and the water, while also improving connections to inland destinations. Each area of the DRI Boundary is ripe for development, and that will advance the Town and Village’s ongoing intermunicipal efforts to spur private investment with strategic public investments. Westfield’s DRI boundary encompasses three areas:

#### **Area 1: Historic Downtown**

Westfield’s historic downtown village business district is ripe for continued revitalization. Strategic efforts have resulted in substantial improvements to the historic Main Street area in recent years. While dense and intact, there are several untapped opportunities, that, when combined with private sector investment and State leadership, will spur revitalization that results in a truly successful and vibrant downtown.

#### **Area 2: The Barcelona Harbor Business District**

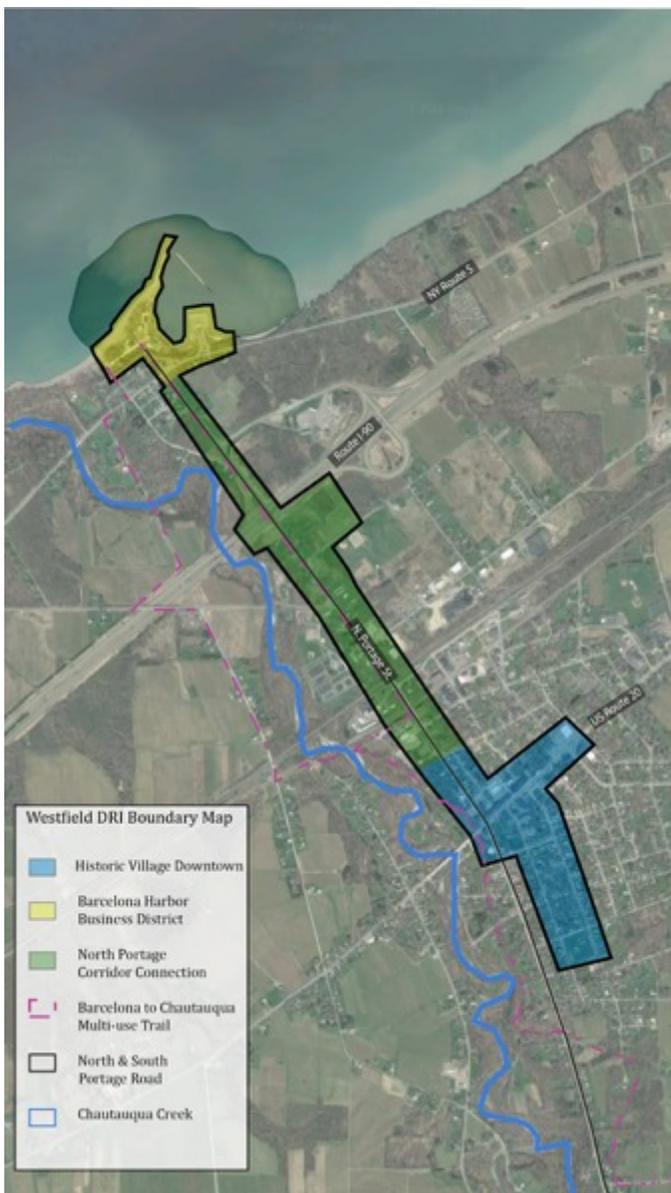
A concentrated area at Barcelona Harbor in the Town of Westfield provides ample opportunity for waterfront development in unison with the development of Westfield’s Historic Downtown. Waterfront improvements will enhance public access and recreational opportunities. These opportunities will attract an influx of visitors, leading to increased economic activity and improving market conditions that will attract yet more private investment and small business formation. These opportunities are central to the NCC LWRP as well as other local planning initiatives. The harbor is currently underused due to a lack of exposure, the disconnected nature of its assets, and an overabundance of space dedicated to parking infrastructure. Several projects are being proposed in the Barcelona Harbor Business District to address these issues, promote waterfront access, attract new visitors, enhance a range of visitor services and amenities, and improve community character. Diversifying the space into an events destination also would bode well for local land values and the opportunity for additional hospitality-oriented development.

#### **Area 3: The North Portage Corridor Connection**

With investments in both the Historic Downtown and the Barcelona Harbor Business District, we would be remiss to not mention the importance of the corridor connecting these distinct but highly complementary areas. The North Portage corridor is a short 1.5 mile route connecting the Barcelona Harbor Business District at State

Route 5 with the Historic Downtown along State Route 20. The corridor not only provides the linkage between the waterfront and Main Street, but also has tremendous development opportunities as a primary entry point into New York State from Interstate 90 (Thruway Exit 60). In accordance with the goals of the Smart Growth Community Fund, these corridor improvements would better use existing infrastructure by repositioning it for walkability, cycling, and mixed-use development that could replace the type of development that might be built in subdivisions and require additional inefficient infrastructure.

Given these opportunities, the goal is not to promote suburban highway development, but to create a strong corridor connecting the two downtowns. We anticipate this will augment and stimulate private sector opportunities consistent with existing zoning regulations, including: hotel development, industrial park expansion, recreational facilities, and other retail opportunities that will support as well as bolster Westfield as a whole. These new developments will draw those who exit the Thruway in Westfield to the Barcelona Harbor Business District and Historic Downtown.



These three distinct yet corresponding and complementary areas take into account a tremendous asset base. Strategic investment in these areas will advance development efforts in a smart and sustainable manner that will impact a diverse yet specific geographic context, consistent with local and regional planning and development objectives.

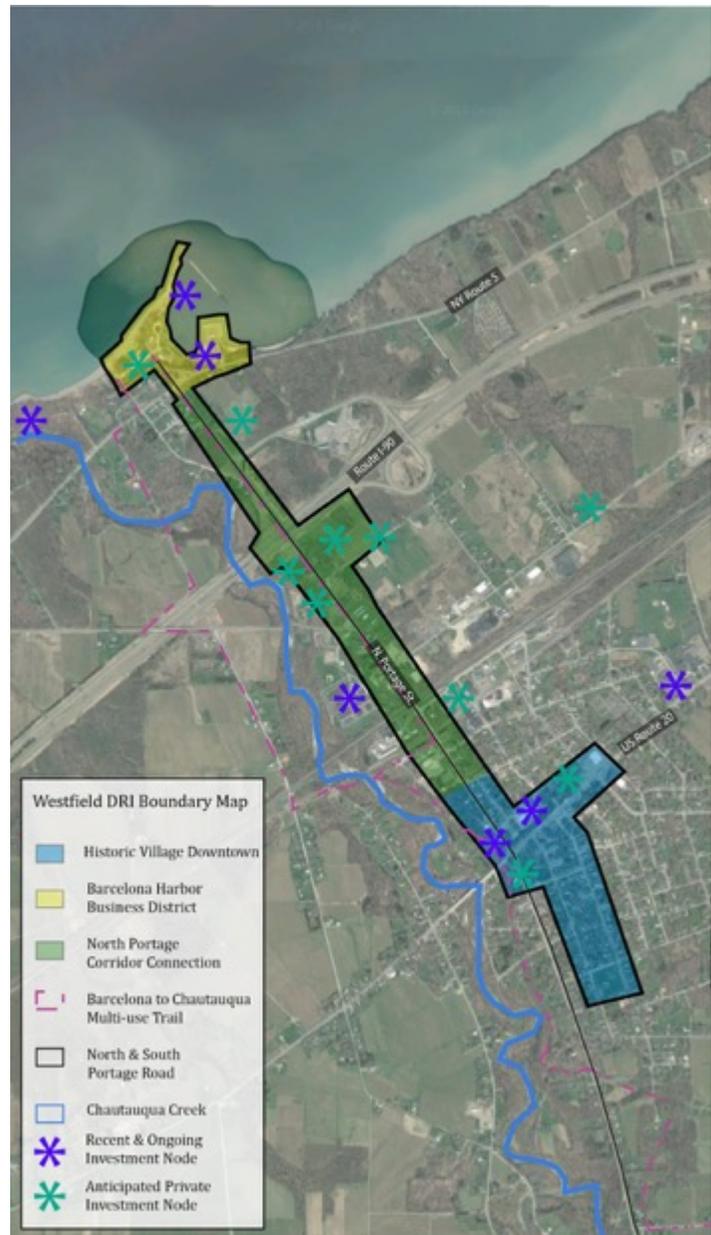
## DESCRIPTION OF CATCHMENT AREA

Westfield enjoys unique geographical advantages and transportation access. Located on the shores of Lake Erie and in the heart of Lake Erie Wine Country, while only minutes away from Chautauqua Lake and Chautauqua Institution, Westfield is poised for continued development. This location provides ease of access to travelers, visitors, and students alike. The Catchment area includes a SUNY College and multiple states, and is located along a highly-traveled trucking route Westfield's three distinct but interrelated DRI Areas are illustrative of a broad catchment area in and of itself. Two connected, yet separate DRI target areas will enable Westfield to advance a host of projects that will in turn create two unique and complementary destinations with a critical mass that promotes year-round activity and vibrancy. It is important to note that there are future investment opportunities outside of the boundary area. As illustrated in the map to the right, investments within the target areas will connect, supplement, and improve recent investments, guide other investments within a smart growth corridor, and still benefit investments outside of the DRI boundaries.

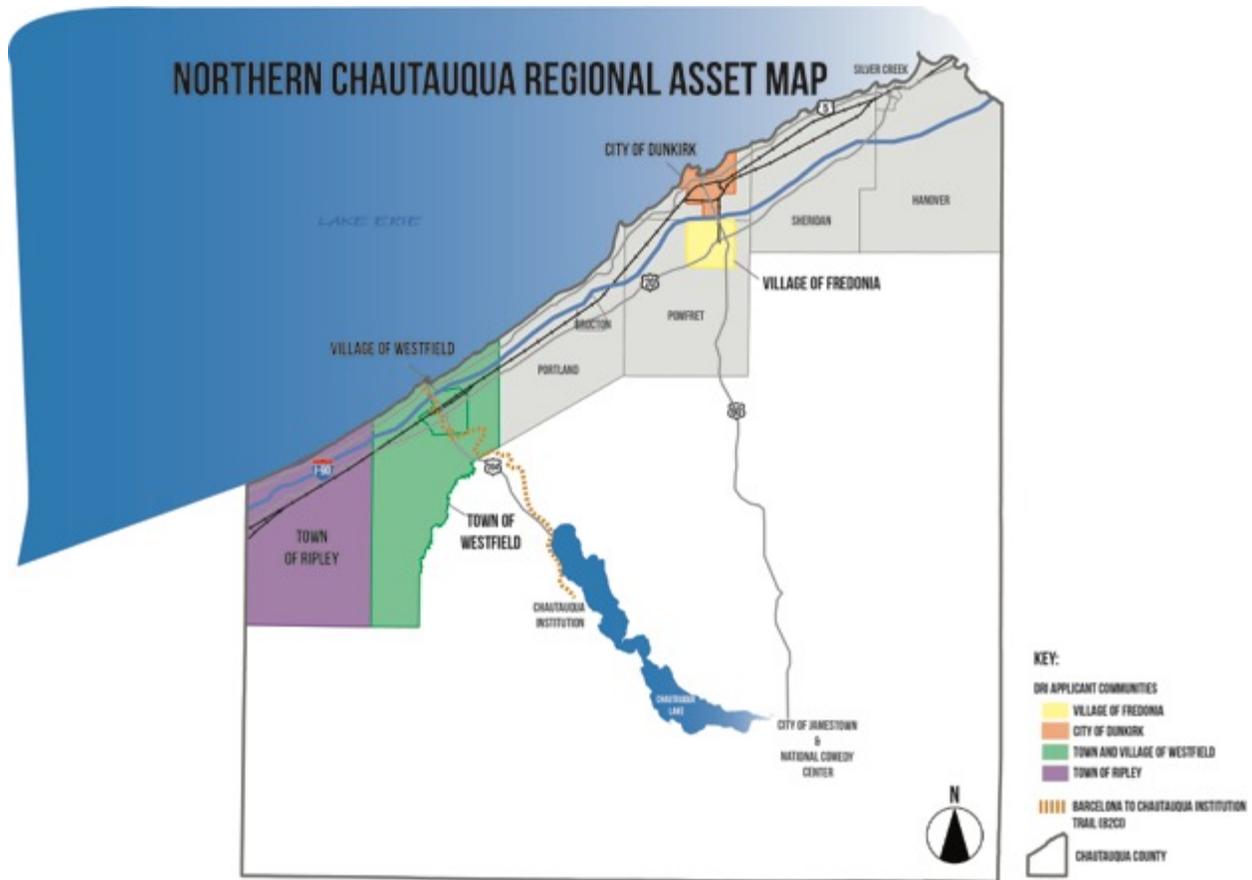
With access to State Routes 5 & 20, Interstate 90, and such close proximity to the Chautauqua Lake Region directly south via Route 394, Westfield is uniquely situated for growth and to attract

development through high connectivity with other areas of Chautauqua County. For example, the Barcelona-to-Chautauqua Institution Multi-Use Trail will enable Westfield to attract many of the more than 100,000 annual visitors to Chautauqua Institution. Developing the Lake Erie waterfront will encourage extended stays by the more than 100,000 annual visitors to the National Comedy Center in Jamestown. Taking Route 5, Route 20 or I-90 25 minutes east to the site of Athenex in the Town of Dunkirk where more than 900 new jobs will result in an influx of new residents to Chautauqua County, including Westfield, and where roughly 7,000 seasonal residents attend SUNY Fredonia.

When you combine transportation access and tourism potential with craft beverage and water recreation opportunities, Northern Chautauqua County can be viewed as a unique sub-region of Western New York. As a centerpiece to regional planning and development efforts encouraged through partnerships and collaboration,



downtown revitalization efforts in Westfield are viewed as a critical puzzle piece to realizing larger regional impacts.



## PAST INVESTMENT, FUTURE INVESTMENT POTENTIAL

A historically strong commitment to economic development initiatives, including planning, existing and new business support, marketing, infrastructure, and other public improvement projects, has established a solid foundation on which the community is poised to build.

In recent years, as documented below, over \$20.5 million in planning, marketing, infrastructure, and public improvement investments have been made in Westfield. While Main Street Mixed-Use Building Improvements (via the New York Main Street Program) and the Westfield Memorial Hospital Emergency Department Upgrade are included in this total, other significant private investments including; Original Crunch Roll Factory, Green Star Pallet & Recycling, Coronado Stone Products, TimberFish Technologies, Five & 20 Spirits & Brewing, Grace & Abe’s Brewpub. A significant number of other small business investments are not included in this total.

This investment has and will continue to serve as a catalyst for future investment in the DRI Area and surrounding catchment area. The sum of these investments has created a solid foundation to build on.

Strategic public investments, while base hits on their own, are creating a home run atmosphere when it comes to efforts to attract private investment. Business owners and developers are coming to appreciate the business atmosphere and downtown amenities that the Town and Village are providing.

Because the DRI Boundary Area is strategic and focused, yet encompasses so many opportunities, we believe strongly that a focused allocation of DRI resources will leverage remarkable private investment throughout the boundary in the near term.

## Recent Public Improvement Projects



### **Water Pollution Control Facility Upgrade**

*Project Timeline:* 2016-19

*Project Cost:* \$7.7 million

*Project Funding:* \$2.6 million EDA Grant / \$1.1 million EDA WIIA Grant / \$4.5 million EFC 0% interest loan

Began comprehensive upgrades to all Water Pollution Control Facility process areas, including; new aeration system, rehab of main pump station pumps, controls and piping, grit removal system, replacing asphalt basin liners with concrete, conversion of aeration basin to equalization tank, final clarifier internal replacement, aerobic digester aeration upgrade, new main plant generator, control building roof replacement, septage receiving station and replacement of high pressure diaphragm pump.



In operation since 1977, the Westfield, New York Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) was in dire need of several major upgrades. The WPCF was designed for, and is responsible for, treating industrial wastewater from some of the region's largest grape processors including Welch's, Growers Co-operative, and Mogen David Wines, in addition to residential flow from the Village of Westfield. Without the required plant upgrades, the WPCF could have failed to meet the wastewater treatment requirements of our local grape processors, who are an important piece of the grape industry contributes over \$340 million annually to the regional economy.



The WPCF plant was operating with mostly original equipment, which when designed had a projected life of 25-30 years. The outdated equipment was becoming more costly to repair and parts were often no longer available. The capital and operational expense associated with the upgrades documented above would have significantly affected our processors ability to operate and remain competitive in New York State without grant funding support.

### **Village Water Distribution System Upgrades**

*Project Timeline:* 2018 - 2019

*Project Cost:* \$4.3 million (Est.)

*Project Funding:* \$1.9 million EDA grant / \$2.4 million EDA 0% interest loan

Upgraded various areas of the water system, including: installation of new 8" water main on Bliss Street, new 12" main on West Main Street, new 12" main under Chautauqua Creek from Water Street to West Main Street, new line from an intake in the Chautauqua Creek gorge to the Minton Reservoir, upgrades to the Bliss Street pump station (new pumps, piping and controls), standby generators at the Bliss Street pump station and Water Plant, Water Plant building renovations (new windows, roof, masonry repairs), and Water Plant filter rehabilitation (replacement of filter media, clarifier media cleaning, painting of filters, addition of air-water backwash system).

### **Barcelona Water Benefit District**

*Project Timeline:* 2014 - 2015

*Project Cost:* \$1,085,000

*Project Funding:* \$775,000 USDA RD grant / \$335,000 Local

Replaced failing water distribution system with the installation of 3,500 lineal feet of 12" PVC water main, 3,875 lineal feet of 8", 3,075 lineal feet of 6" PVC, water services, hydrants, and associated appurtenances.

### **Barcelona Harbor Dredging**

*Project Timeline:* 2014

*Project Cost:* \$260,000 (non-federal portion)

*Project Funding:* \$100,000 USACE NYS Grant / \$50,000 County / Local

Dredged the Federal channel and the Town of Westfield pier and launch area. The project was contracted through and overseen by the US Army Corps of Engineers, as a component of a Lake Erie harbor dredging initiative.

### **Barcelona Breakwall Repair and Dredging**

*Project Timeline:* 2016 - 2017

*Project Cost:* \$1,016,000

*Project Funding:* \$1,016,000 US Army Corps of Engineers

Repaired the Barcelona breakwall and dredged material that entered the harbor through the damaged section of the breakwall.



### **Shorehaven Water Benefit District**

*Project Timeline:* 2017 - 2018

*Project Cost:* \$838,000

*Project Funding:* USDA RD grant \$549,000 / \$289,000 Local

The project provided a water distribution system to the Shorehaven lakeside community.

### **English Street Substation Switchgear Replacement**

*Project Timeline:* 2017

*Project Cost:* \$750,000

*Project Funding:* \$750,000 Local

Replaced 1950's era substation switchgear, breakers, and controls. Also installed new switchgear lineup, new underground cable installation and new riser pole construction for circuits originating from the Village's English Street Substation.

### **East Route 5 Water Benefit District**

*Project Timeline:* 2018 - 2019

*Project Cost:* \$675,000 (Est.)

*Project Funding:* \$445,000 USDA RD grant / \$212,000 Local

The project will provide safe, reliable drinking water to residents, a local municipal park, and a KOA Campground.

## **Oak Street and Water Street Sewer Pump Stations Upgrade**

*Project Timeline:* 2015

*Project Cost:* \$650,000

*Project Funding:* \$650,000 Local

Installed two new sanitary sewer pump stations on Oak and Water Streets in Westfield, replacing an old station that had frequent overflow problems.

## **Barcelona Hamlet Improvements**

*Project Timeline:* 2012 - 2016

*Project Cost:* \$400,000

*Project Funding:* \$200,000 NYS EPF LWRP Grant / \$200,000 Local

Designed and constructed streetscape improvements and designed and replaced main waterline.

*Barcelona Streetscape (Before)*



*Barcelona Streetscape (After)*



*Source: Google Maps Street View*

## **Main Street Parking Lot**

*Project Timeline:* 2018 - 2019

*Project Cost:* \$335,300 (Est.)

*Project Funding:* \$335,300 Local

The project will repair the Clinton and Market Street parking lots that service downtown businesses, including installation of new stormwater drainage, concrete sidewalks and curbs, LED lighting, EV charging stations, and new asphalt pavement and striping.

## Main Street Parking Lot Concept



## Main Street Parking Lot Site Plan



## **Welch Trail**

*Project Timeline:* 2018 - 2019

*Project Cost:* \$312,250 (Est.)

*Project Funding:* \$200,000 NYS OPRHP RTP Grant / \$50,000 Chautauqua County Occupancy Tax Fund / \$62,250 In-kind

The Welch Trail is a segment of a 14 mile long shared-use trail known as the "Barcelona to Chautauqua Institution Trail", which when fully constructed will extend from Lake Erie in the hamlet of Barcelona, New York, to the Chautauqua Institution in the Town of Chautauqua, New York.

The Welch Trail will be a non-motorized, shared-use segment approximately 1.25 miles long located wholly within the boundaries of the Village of Westfield. The trail will run adjacent to Chautauqua Creek on property owned by the Town of Westfield. The parcel is directly adjacent to Westfield's historic downtown Main Street business district and will provide the only direct public access to the creek within the Village supporting recreational opportunities for users of all ages and abilities. The primary uses for the trail include: walking, jogging, cycling, inline skating, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. An existing parking lot along with lighting on the site of the proposed project will be upgraded and repaired to serve as a trailhead. The project will include multiple trailhead access points from the center of the Village, each tailored to the approved uses. Amenities such as picnic tables, benches and grills will be located throughout the proposed project area along with wayfinding, heritage, and environmental interpretive signage.

The Welch Trail segment of the Barcelona to Chautauqua Institution Trail will become the only public access within the Village of Westfield to Chautauqua Creek, one of the region's most scenic natural assets used for fishing, hiking, nature-watching, and other forms of outdoor recreation. The addition of this recreational opportunity and associated users within the Village is also expected to generate the development of new business and business expansion opportunities along Main Street in Westfield.

**Welch Trail Site Plan**



**Portage Inn Demolition**

*Project Timeline:* 2016

*Project Cost:* \$173,050

*Project Funding:* \$173,050 Chautauqua County Land Bank Corporation via NYS OAG Grant / Local In-kind

The former Portage Inn was a mixed-use structure that had deteriorated in recent years to the point that it was no longer viable for redevelopment.



## Barcelona Harbor Pier Improvements

*Project Timeline:* 2010 - 2014

*Project Cost:* \$128,100

*Project Funding:* \$64,050 NYS EPF LWRP Grant / \$64,050 Local

Installed new light poles, energy efficient lighting, bollards, chains, handicapped accessible amenities, picnic tables, benches, planters and an attached pavilion.



## Chautauqua Creek Trail and Beach Improvements

*Project Timeline:* 2016 - 2017

*Project Cost:* \$20,000

*Project Funding:* \$5,000 NYS DEC / \$15,000 Local



Provided additional parking, amenities, and Chautauqua Creek access improvements.

## Recent New Development and/or Rehabilitation of Existing Downtown Buildings

### Westfield Memorial Hospital Emergency Department Upgrade

*Project Timeline:* 2016 - 2018

*Project Cost:* \$650,000

*Project Funding:* \$153,000 New York State Rural Health Grant / Private



In 2016 the Westfield Memorial Hospital Foundation launched the Renovate our Emergency Department (RED) Campaign to fund the upgrade of the Westfield Memorial Hospital Emergency Department. Through the RED campaign, generous community donations and a New York State Rural Health Grant funded the project. The expanded and upgraded emergency department allows Westfield Memorial Hospital, part of Allegheny Health Network, to better accommodate its patients from Westfield and the surrounding western New York region, reducing wait times as well as providing more efficient and effective care in a patient-friendly environment.

Among the investments made in the new facility are a re-design and expansion of the emergency department waiting room, the addition of two specialized patient intake chairs, creation of a new ambulance vestibule, four new treatment rooms, one large new trauma room, a physician consult room and new nursing/staff stations. The newly renovated department also includes an innovative new Split Flow system that is designed to expedite patient triage and treatment.

### Main Street Mixed-use Building Improvements

*Project Timeline:* 2013 - 2014

*Project Cost:* \$300,000

*Project Funding:* \$150,000 NYS OCR NYMS Grant / \$150,000 Private Investment

The overall strategic goal of the project was to revitalize the downtown business district to promote sustainable business development as well as growth while creating affordable housing units that make the downtown area more livable, while supporting the long term economic and cultural health of the Village of Westfield.



Project components include commercial and residential work for 8 buildings, as well as streetscape improvements.

## New Businesses

A significant number of new businesses have recently made investments and created jobs in Westfield. These new businesses include, but are not limited to the following, broken down by area.

### Area 1: Historic Downtown

Grace & Abe's Brewpub, Annex 25 - Art Gallery / Wine & Spirits, The Living Room, Portage Pie, Cakes by Brandy, Brazill's on Main, Parkview Café, All Washed Up, Saucer Advertising + Photography, Lake Shore Center for the Arts, Main Street Salon and Co., Valu Hearing Services, Dove Cottage, Living Glass Gallery, Westfield Village Antique Center, Jim Wroda Auction Service, R.E. Cycle Children's Boutique, Peaceful Designs Pottery & Specialty Gifts



### Area 2: The Barcelona Harbor Business District

Knot Right Fishing Charters, When Pigs Fly BBQ Pit, Steelhead Run Recreation Area

### Area 3: The North Portage Corridor Connection

Original Crunch Roll Factory, Green Star Pallet & Recycling, Coronado Stone Products, Westfield Self Storage, The Station Art Gallery & Studio of Katherine Gailbraith





#### **Area 4: Outside of the DRI Boundary**

Five & 20 Spirits & Brewing, TimberFish Technologies, Senator Powersports & Small Engine Repair, KISS BBQ, Rosie Furniture & Lighting, Simpson Electric

## Recent Planning

### **Northern Chautauqua County Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP)**

*Project Timeline:* 2017 - 2018

*Project Cost:* \$90,000

*Project Funding:* \$50,000 NYSDOS / \$40,000 Chautauqua County, Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation, 10 municipal partners (\$4,000 Local)



The Chautauqua County Department of Planning and Economic Development and Ingalls Planning & Design are currently in the process of completing a 10 community, phase II LWRP. This master plan for the Northern Chautauqua County waterfront paints a picture for the future development and preservation of the Lake Erie shoreline creating a spectacular and linked waterfront of places, events and attractions. Together the series of plans builds a cohesive lake identity, developed over time to produce a continuous and holistic waterfront experience.

**Town of Westfield and Town of Ripley  
Waterfront Opportunity Plan**

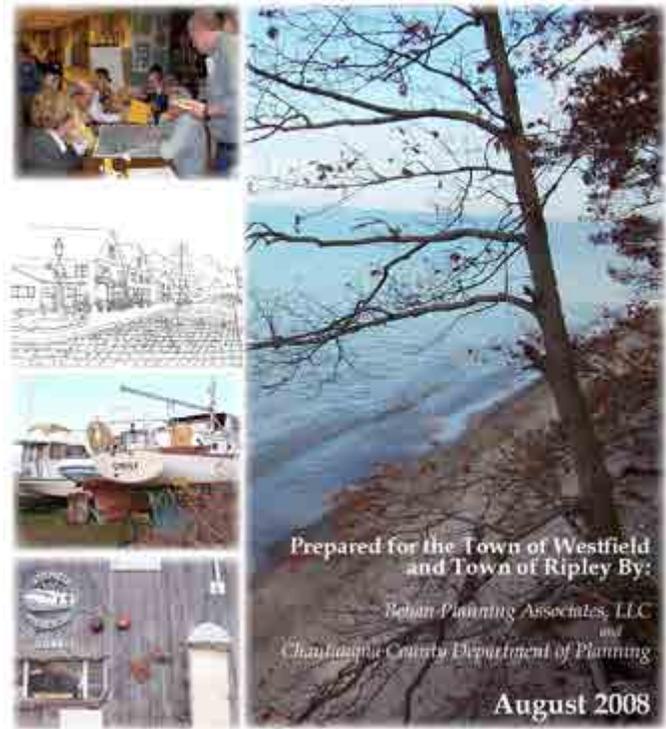
*Project Timeline:* 2007 - 2008

*Project Cost:* \$42,000

*Project Funding:* \$22,000 NYS EPF LWRP Grant / Local

Development of a Waterfront Opportunity Plan for the Hamlet and, lakefront area extending to Ripley, with an emphasis on leveraging regional waterfront resources to foster economic growth and stability while preserving as well as enhancing access and use of the waterfront and harbor.

**TOWN OF WESTFIELD AND TOWN OF RIPLEY  
WATERFRONT OPPORTUNITY PLAN**



**Town of Westfield  
STREETSCAPE REVITALIZATION  
FEASIBILITY STUDY**



JUNE 22, 2012



This report was prepared for the New York State Department of State with funds provided under Title 11 of the Environmental Protection Fund.



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**Town of Westfield Streetscape Revitalization  
Feasibility Study**

*Project Cost:* \$20,000

*Project Timeline:* 2012

*Project Funding:* \$10,000 NYS EPF LWRP grant / \$10,000 Local

Included improvement options for public lake access, walkability, traffic and parking as well as the creation of pocket parks and various streetscape improvements in the Barcelona Harbor Business District.

## **Westfield Connections Plan**

*Project Cost:* \$40,000

*Project Timeline:* 2003 - 2004

*Project Funding:* \$40,000 The New York State Council on the Arts grant / \$2,000 Local

This Plan was completed to develop design strategies for landscape enhancements in the Town and Village of Westfield. The planning process was framed within a general interest to further promote tourism in the Town and Village and, as such, the study focused on those aspects of the landscape that strongly relate to visitors to the area. Examples of some of the issues considered include the visual quality of the interchange landscape at the NYS Thruway (at North Portage Street), signage issues at the interchange, the appeal or the attractiveness of the streetscape along the North Portage Street corridor, which connects visitors from the Thruway to the Village Westfield and other communities in the area, ways to enhance the Main Street landscape in the Village, and strategies to shore up the visual quality of the municipal parking lots.



The study was not, however, strictly limited to enhancements for tourism purposes. It also focused on the general quality of village landscape for the people who reside there and for future residents who will choose to settle in the Westfield area. In this regard, issues such as streetscape design, parking, parks, and connections (especially pedestrian) to the beautiful landscape settings that lie in and around the village were explored. Of those settings, the Chautauqua Creek Gorge is a uniquely beautiful landscape as are the vineyards that blanket the region and the waters of Lake Erie and Chautauqua Lake. The work looked for ways to bring people closer to these places.

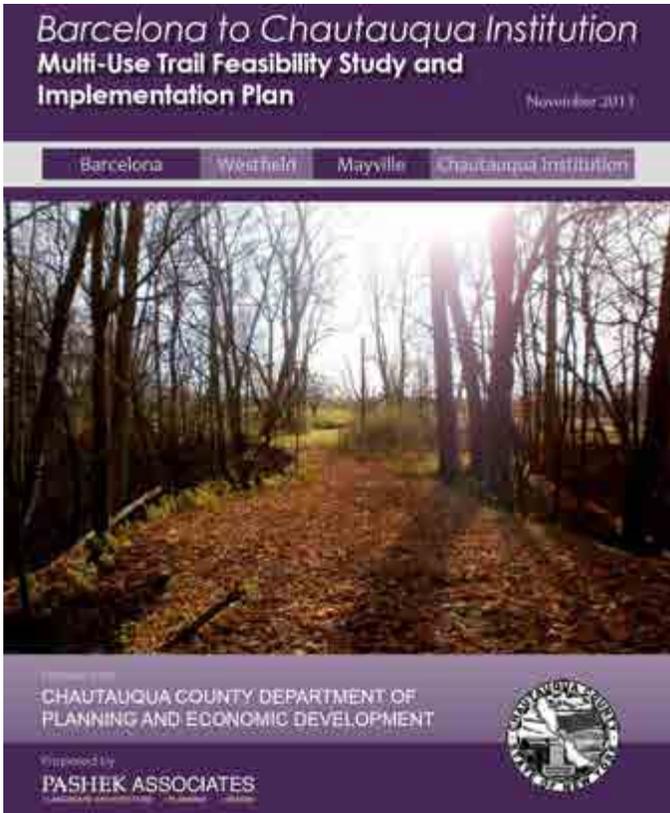
## **Barcelona to Chautauqua Institution Plan**

*Project Cost:* \$25,000

*Project Timeline:* 2013

*Project Funding:* \$25,000 Chautauqua County

This project follows the recommendations of Chautauqua County Comprehensive Plan 20/20 and the subsequent Chautauqua County Greenway Plan. The Comprehensive Plan identified, among many other goals, the desire of Chautauqua County residents to conserve sensitive natural resources and connect natural and cultural resources, while creating opportunities for healthy lifestyles and economic development. The Chautauqua County Greenway Plan comprehensively evaluated opportunities to achieve these goals, identified demonstration projects, and developed strategies to implement these projects.



Of the recommendations proposed in the Greenway Plan, the development of a multi-use trail from Barcelona Harbor in the Town of Westfield to Chautauqua Institution in the Town of Chautauqua was a top-ranked project. This proposed trail was identified as an ideal demonstration project due to its likelihood of creating momentum for future expansion of the greenway system. The proposed trail will be destination oriented, will attract both local and regional users, and will increase awareness of the benefits of local natural resources. Additionally, this trail will have the potential to generate positive economic impacts while targeting a large user base due to its proximity to Interstates 90 and 86.

To determine the feasibility of establishing the Barcelona to Chautauqua Institution Trail, the Chautauqua County Department of Planning and Economic Development assembled a steering group, led by the Westfield Development Corporation, and commissioned this study.

**Lake Erie Concord Grape Belt Heritage Area Management Plan**

*Project Cost:* \$75,000

*Project Timeline:* 2010

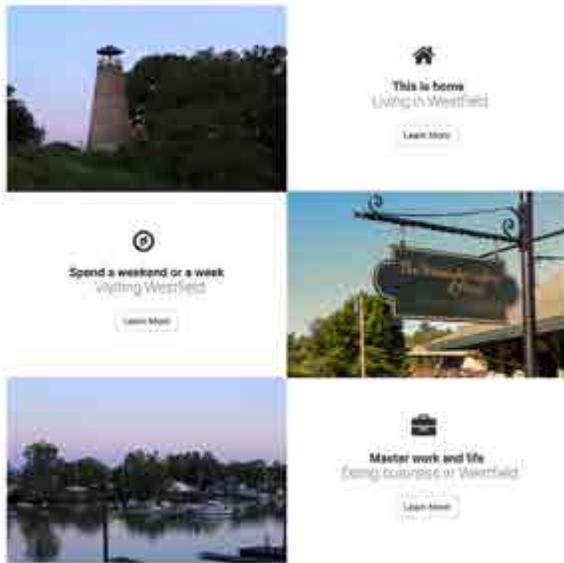
*Project Funding:* \$37,500 New York State Department of State EPF grant / \$37,500 Local

The purpose of the Plan is to develop a strategy that preserves, interprets and celebrates the region’s unique grape heritage, culture and natural resources. Opportunities to stimulate economic development by creating compatible recreation, tourism attractions and amenities are core to the Plan. Through recommending strategies to promote the viability of the grape industry and encourage sustainable community development, the Management Plan presents a common and regionally shared vision of the future.



## Recent Branding & Marketing

### Welcome To Westfield, New York



### Community Website & Multimedia Development

*Project Timeline:* 2017 - 2018

*Project Cost:* \$10,000

*Project Funding:* \$10,000 Local

Developed a responsive, accessible, standards-driven website (WestfieldNY.com) designed to provide residents as well as visitors and businesses alike, aggregated content from the Town of Westfield, Village of Westfield, and numerous community stakeholders.

### Anticipated Historic Downtown Investments

The Historic Downtown impressively withstands the market and demographic factors that plague many small towns in upstate New York. The town was spared the worst impacts of urban renewal and features long-standing historic districts which help maintain the attractiveness of the building stock. That said, a number of Main Street mixed-use buildings would benefit from some freshening up, particularly with first floor retail storefronts, improved lighting elements, and vacant building aesthetics.

Westfield needs to increase the supply and diversity of its housing stock in order to attract and maintain a diverse population base. New housing opportunities (single family homes, 1&2 bedroom apartments) need to be developed in current residential and mixed-use zones of the village within walking distance of historic Main Street. A mix of housing types, tenure, and location options will increase residential density which, in turn, aligns with efforts to create a critical mass and local population large enough to support a vibrant community. We feel that based on the urgent need of additional housing opportunities, and with development opportunities that will be put over the finish line with DRI funds, private development of housing would be a direct result of the downtown initiatives laid out in this application.

### Anticipated Corridor Investments

We have reason to believe that the corridor improvements contemplated by this plan will stimulate an immediate and direct investment in the development of a hotel on North Portage Street. The improvements contemplated as part of the DRI Projects described in the following section will have a symbiotic relationship with this hotel. The improvements will promote the viability of building the hotel and the hotel will lead to increased use and patronage of the DRI improvements and other future projects.

The development of additional retail establishments within the smart growth corridor would motivate people to exit the highway and check out the town, serve hotel guests, and improve options for those traveling between the harbor and historic downtown. These retail facilities would be encouraged to be built in close proximity to the street, where, in conjunction with proposed streetscape improvements, a level of walkability would be introduced that is currently missing on North Portage Street.

The Town and Village have collaborated on preliminary due diligence efforts in assembling conceptual plans for a future business park expansion project, and have conducted basic site plan and infrastructure improvement plans for an expansion of the park in the vicinity of Bourne Street and Persons Road. We feel that with ready transportation access and other locational assets, additional shovel ready development sites, which are currently at a premium in Chautauqua County, will attract the attention of regional site selectors and developers for a variety of uses including manufacturing, warehousing, and flex and office space.

### **Anticipated Barcelona Business District Investments**

Public investments to the Barcelona Harbor Business District will leverage substantial private development opportunities in the overall harbor area. Opportunity for mixed use development on First Street will be made more attractive with ancillary improvements to the waterfront. As depicted below, the opportunity to create a dense “Main Street” type look and feel in this area of the Barcelona Harbor Business District will leverage Westfield’s location on Lake Erie and create additional offerings that create an appealing destination for residents and visitors. Restaurants and retail opportunities as well as apartments and condominiums would be well suited to this area of the Business District.



In addition to private mixed-use development on First Street, we predict that there will be increased interest in both private investment at the marina and public investments of harbor infrastructure. Specifically, this anticipated investment would involve improved access, docks and marina amenities, as well as continuous investment of harbor maintained such as dredging and breakwater maintenance by the USACE.

## RECENT OR IMPENDING JOB GROWTH

The Westfield Development Corporation in partnership with the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) provide business development services to retain, expand and attract small, medium and large companies to the Town and Village of Westfield. These supportive services have resulted in several companies growing and creating a combined total of more than 150 jobs in just the last few years. Among them: The Original Crunch Roll Factory, Green Star Pallet & Recycling, Coronado Stone Products, TimberFish Technologies, Five & 20 Spirits & Brewing, Portage Pie, Grace & Abe's Brewpub, and other small businesses.

These are not the only jobs available in the area. County Executive George Borrello recently visited over 100 businesses in 100 days across Chautauqua County. One of the most valuable lessons from these tours was the realization that in just over 100 businesses visited, there were a collective 767 job openings. There are more than 2,000 businesses in Chautauqua County, so we can infer that the total number of openings is much higher. In response to this realization, the County is stepping up its workforce development initiatives in partnership with education and workforce development service providers such as the Workforce Investment Board, Jamestown Community College, BOCES, and the Chautauqua County Education Coalition.

In addition to many skilled jobs available in our community today, our wider catchment area of Northern Chautauqua County has close to 1,000 recent or impending job openings. Included in that count are 450 proposed jobs at Athenex, an innovative oncology company with drug discovery, drug formulation, clinical development, whose new \$200 million API/drug product manufacturing facility is currently under construction in the nearby Town of Dunkirk.

Public investment in the Town and Village of Westfield itself will continue to serve as a catalyst for future investment in the DRI Area and surrounding catchment area. The sum of these investments has created a solid foundation to build on. Strategic public investments, while base hits on their own, are creating a home run atmosphere when it comes to efforts to attract private investment which will in turn create new job opportunities. Business owners and developers are coming to appreciate the business atmosphere and downtown amenities that the Town and Village are developing. As detailed in the Future Investment section above, several high-potential development opportunities are expected to develop in the next few short years. These opportunities will be jumpstarted with DRI money and will add even more job opportunities to the area. Past and projected job growth supports efforts to create opportunities for vibrancy and active lifestyles for young professionals to live, work, and play in our community. The DRI Area seeks to leverage our unique opportunities to create and enhance those such opportunities. These opportunities, such as new restaurants and breweries, enhanced waterfront access, diverse housing opportunities, multi-use trails, etc., will not only support additional development opportunities, but will help to sustain long term growth in our community.

## ATTRACTIVENESS OF PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

Westfield has a concentration of diverse natural in addition to built assets that provide a wide variety of attractions and amenities for residents and visitors. Nestled along the shore of Lake Erie lies a community rich in history, lush in landscapes, dedicated to education and an unparalleled quality of life. A place to start out, a place to raise your family, a place to live your retirement dreams.



*Photo by Kurt Moore*

With our sprawling vineyards and unique wineries, breweries and distilleries, recreation opportunities, and community events, Westfield has a diverse range of amenities that enhance quality of life. Walk or bike from an intact and historic downtown to creekside or lakefront to concord grape vineyard in minutes. Spend the day on the shores of Lake Erie and the evening enjoying dinner and drinks on Main Street. These are just a few examples of Westfield’s tremendous diversity of natural resources and recreational opportunities.



Westfield possesses a series of public spaces that can be adapted for arts and musical performances which will create the potential for attracting a diverse audience from a variety of age groups. National trends indicate that people are increasingly choosing places to live based on these types of available amenities and only then seeking a job, or working remotely.



## QUALITY OF LIFE POLICIES

The Town and Village of Westfield have been proactive in creating and implementing policies and programs that support several best practices that increase livability and increase quality of life. Both communities are currently pursuing Complete Street Policies in coordination with the Chautauqua County Departments of Health and Human Services and Planning and Community Development. Westfield, as a municipal electric utility, benefits from the Independent Energy Efficiency Program (IEEP), which provides a broad base of energy efficiency, system benefit and renewable energy efficiency, system benefit and renewable resource technologies.

The Village is designated as a Clean Energy Community by NYSERDA, proof of its commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship.

The Town and Village, through intermunicipal planning efforts in the Westfield Comprehensive Plan and Northern Chautauqua Intermunicipal Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP), have structures for responsible planning and policy frameworks that have a dramatic impact on the livability of our community. The Town and Village also maintain relatively modern zoning codes that strike a balance between preserving community heritage yet allowing the development of new mixed uses.

The Village also uses Design Standards Manuals for its B-1 and B-1A Districts, which encompass much of the Historic Downtown area. This manual complements the use and area standards defined in the regulations by providing illustrated design examples of how the regulations should be interpreted and applied to new development so that the aesthetic goals for the district are strategically attained. The approach used in this manual is not to prescribe specific architectural or landscape design but rather to provide site planners and architects with a design framework that informs and influences their design, so that the final product meets the

needs of both the development project and the community’s vision for its streetscape. In addition to code enforcement staff and the Village Planning Board, the Westfield Development Corporation is an additional resource in ensuring that village policy is implemented for the betterment of the Historic Downtown as a whole.

In addition to design standards, the Village has been proactive in establishing Westfield’s historic districts, which date back to the 1970s. The historic districts protect Westfield’s historic mixed-use and walkable downtown from suburb-oriented development. This is evidenced by its banks and its discount stores having a less disruptive setback than is the case in almost all other communities. In using this process, the district functions as a de facto form-based code or design guideline until a proper one can be put in place.

One additional tool in the quest to enhance quality of life and livability is the Chautauqua County Land Bank. The Land Bank has been involved in several projects that have eliminated blight in the community. The Land Bank offers assistance with the demolition of vacant and abandoned “zombie” properties, a “Rehabs 4 Sale” program, and a side lot disposition program, all of which aid ongoing community development efforts in Westfield.

## **PUBLIC SUPPORT**

The Town and Village of Westfield have the full support of its Mayor and Board of Trustees along with Town Supervisor and Town Board (resolutions of support attached). Rooted in several completed and ongoing planning initiatives, all with strong public engagement components, this joint application also has the support of the public at large. Westfield is clearly not only a champion of regionalism, it is a champion for intermunicipal development which is made possible by a tremendous level of cooperation and support. Those planning initiatives are the primary influence for the content of this application and the list of potential projects.

Planning initiatives that have informed this proposal include:

- The Town and Village Intermunicipal Comprehensive Plan
- The Westfield-Ripley Waterfront Opportunity Plan
- The Northern Chautauqua Intermunicipal Local Waterfront Revitalization Program
- The Northern Chautauqua Community Economic Development Project Pipeline Plan
- The Westfield Connections Plan
- The Barcelona to Chautauqua Institution (B2CI) Trail Plan
- The Welch Trail Plan
- The Lake Erie Concord Grape Belt Heritage Area Management Plan

In addition to public support achieved through responsible planning efforts, Westfield maintains strong support among several local and regional leaders, partners and stakeholders, including, but not limited to:

- Catharine Young , NYS Senator
- Andrew Goodell, NYS Assemblyman
- Tom Reed, U.S. Congressman (NY-23)
- George Borrello , Chautauqua County Executive
- John Hemmer, Chautauqua County Legislator

- Mark Geise, Deputy County Executive for Economic Development / CEO of the Chautauqua County Industrial Development Agency
- Don McCord, Chautauqua County Director of Planning and Community Development
- Southern Tier West Regional Planning & Development Board
- SUNY Fredonia, Engagement & Economic Development
- USDA Rural Development
- Northern Chautauqua County Foundation
- Northern Chautauqua Local Economic Development Initiative
- Chadwick Bay Regional Development Corporation
- Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce
- Chautauqua County Education Coalition
- Chautauqua County Land Bank Corporation
- Chautauqua County Soil and Water Conservation District
- Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau
- Chautauqua County Workforce Investment Board
- Chautauqua Home Improvement & Rehabilitation Corp.
- Chautauqua Opportunities
- Concord Grape Belt Heritage Association
- Chautauqua County Watershed
- Invest Buffalo Niagara
- Jamestown Community College
- Westfield Academy & Central School
- Westfield Development Corporation
- Lake Erie Management Commission
- Lake Erie Watershed Protection Alliance
- Manufacturers Association of the Southern Tier

If awarded DRI funding along with the associated technical assistance, the Town and Village of Westfield are prepared to convene a diverse local planning committee of local and regional leaders with outside experts and State officials to oversee the plan. The local lead for the project would be the Town and Village Planning Boards and Westfield Development Corporation (WDC), an organization formed to promote economic development in both the Town and Village of Westfield. The WDC is made up of a board of volunteers from the community who have a common interest in promoting economic development and prosperity in Westfield, and an Executive Director who manages operations while working to advance goals and objectives set by the Board.

## PROJECT LIST TO DEMONSTRATE READINESS

Project Name	Area	DRI Project Type	Estimated Cost
Welch's Building Redevelopment	Historic Downtown	New Development and/or Rehabilitation	\$5,000,000
McClurg Museum Refurbishment	Historic Downtown	Public Improvement Project	\$597,375
Portage Inn Site Redevelopment	Historic Downtown	Public Improvement Project	\$477,714
Moore Park Improvements	Historic Downtown	Public Improvement Project	\$100,000
Welch Field Improvements	Historic Downtown	Public Improvement Project	\$3,880,432
Downtown Streetscape Enhancements	Historic Downtown	Branding & Marketing	\$1,500,000
Bathhouse	Barcelona Harbor Business District	Public Improvement Project	\$1,000,000
Boardwalk & Access Stairs	Barcelona Harbor Business District	Public Improvement Project	\$775,000
Fish Cleaning Station	Barcelona Harbor Business District	Public Improvement Project	\$100,000
Barcelona Streetscape Enhancements	Barcelona Harbor Business District	Branding & Marketing	\$250,000
Beach Shelter	Barcelona Harbor Business District	Public Improvement Project	\$120,000
Historic Fishing Tug Rehabilitation	Barcelona Harbor Business District	Branding & Marketing	\$100,000
Vendor Kiosks	Barcelona Harbor Business District	Public Improvement Project	\$100,000
Pavilion & Interactive Kiosk	Barcelona Harbor Business District	Public Improvement Project	\$80,000
Terraced Park & Performance Area	Barcelona Harbor Business District	Public Improvement Project	\$80,000

ADA Accessible Kayak Launch	Barcelona Harbor Business District	Public Improvement Project	\$31,350
North Portage Corridor Streetscape Improvements	Westfield-Barcelona Corridor	Branding & Marketing	\$2,500,000
Indoor Multi-use Recreation Facility	Westfield-Barcelona Corridor	New Development and/or Rehabilitation	\$2,000,000
Barcelona to Chautauqua Institution Multi-Use Trail	Westfield-Barcelona Corridor	Public Improvement Project	\$1,153,500
Thruway Exit Gateway	Westfield-Barcelona Corridor	Branding & Marketing	\$500,000
Train Station Platform	Westfield-Barcelona Corridor	New Development and/or Rehabilitation	\$1,000,000



## Welch's Building Redevelopment

*Estimated Project Cost: \$5,000,000*



The Town and Village are working with private interests to redevelop the historic Welch's Building in downtown Westfield. In line with the DRI goals, this project would leverage significant private investment.

The proposed redevelopment plan for the property calls for improvements throughout the entire building, including; exterior, roof, mechanicals, layout, accessibility, code compliance and finish.

Proposed improvements include:

- Construct handicap accessible ramp and new main entrance at current rear entrance.
- Replace all existing windows with aesthetically historic, functionally modern windows.
- Update or replace all mechanicals.
- Replace roof of original building.
- Create rooftop green space by construction of rooftop garden.
- Construct residential units.
- Reconfigure, update and construct layout to best maximize office and/or retail tenants.



## McClurg Museum Refurbishment

*Estimated Project Cost: \$597,375*



The McClurg mansion in Westfield, NY, is a remarkably intact example of high quality 19th century residential architecture in small town America. Built in 1817, it is the oldest residential structure of its type in Chautauqua County and is a contributing structure to the French Portage Road Historic District.

It is significant both for its unique and fanciful design, especially for the pioneer era in which it was built, and its association with James McClurg, one of the

earliest settlers of Westfield and of Chautauqua County. For three years it was the home of William H. Seward, one of the most powerful politicians who ever hailed from New York State, in the late 1830s.

Today, the home and grounds are owned by the Village of Westfield and, since 1951, have been leased to the Chautauqua County Historical Society. The Society has managed the building since then, using it as a headquarters to exhibit its extensive collection of material relating to Chautauqua County's history and to house its vast archive of documents and objects.



The Chautauqua County Historical Society commissioned Flynn Battaglia Architects of Buffalo to conduct a historic structures study, with funding from the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation, the Thomas H. Brown Fund and from the Historical Society itself.

The 188-page report from Flynn Battaglia notes the house is very substantially built and has weathered its two centuries rather well. The architects said the McClurg mansion represents one of the most unique and intact remaining remnants of the pioneer period of life in Chautauqua County. There are, however, chronic conditions that require attention. Required refurbishment projects include:

- Repair sag of the stairway gallery in the center stair hall and restore plaster walls, rewire electrical fixtures, add motion detector.
- Rebuild ceiling framing in back hall, build new walls for workroom, install HVAC system for workroom, install wainscoting and beadboard to match original.
- Modify exterior grade to fix north perimeter water infiltration to basement, replace sills, repair mortar joints and replace bricks as needed.
- Repair sagging floor and replace bearing wall lower office. Install HVAC.
- Replace flat roof above southeastern bedroom.
- Provide new doorway in east bay of basement to comply with building code.
- Provide access for disabled individuals to as much of the building as possible.
- Add gutters and downspouts on all sloping sections of roof.
- Restore windows.
- Repoint damaged mortar in exterior brickwork.
- Provide storm sash to all 38 windows.
- Provide ventilation slots in storm sash and create brick vents in crawl spaces.

## Portage Inn Site Redevelopment

*Estimated Project Cost: \$477,714*

The demolition of the former Portage Inn has presented an opportunity to redevelop the site, which is located on North Portage Street in downtown Westfield, to maximize public benefit. Redevelopment features include; Pedestrian and vehicular access to the Welch Trail and a municipal parking lot, an outdoor amphitheater, patio seating, a first responders memorial, green scaping and a fountain.

### *Conceptual Renderings*





## Moore Park Improvements

*Estimated Project Cost: \$100,000*

This project will continue to implement the suggestions set forth in the Westfield Connections plan for Moore Park. The ideas are based on a concept of the park that organizes the overall park space into three primary character areas. These include: 1) Public Garden 2) Museum Garden 3) Westfield Commons.

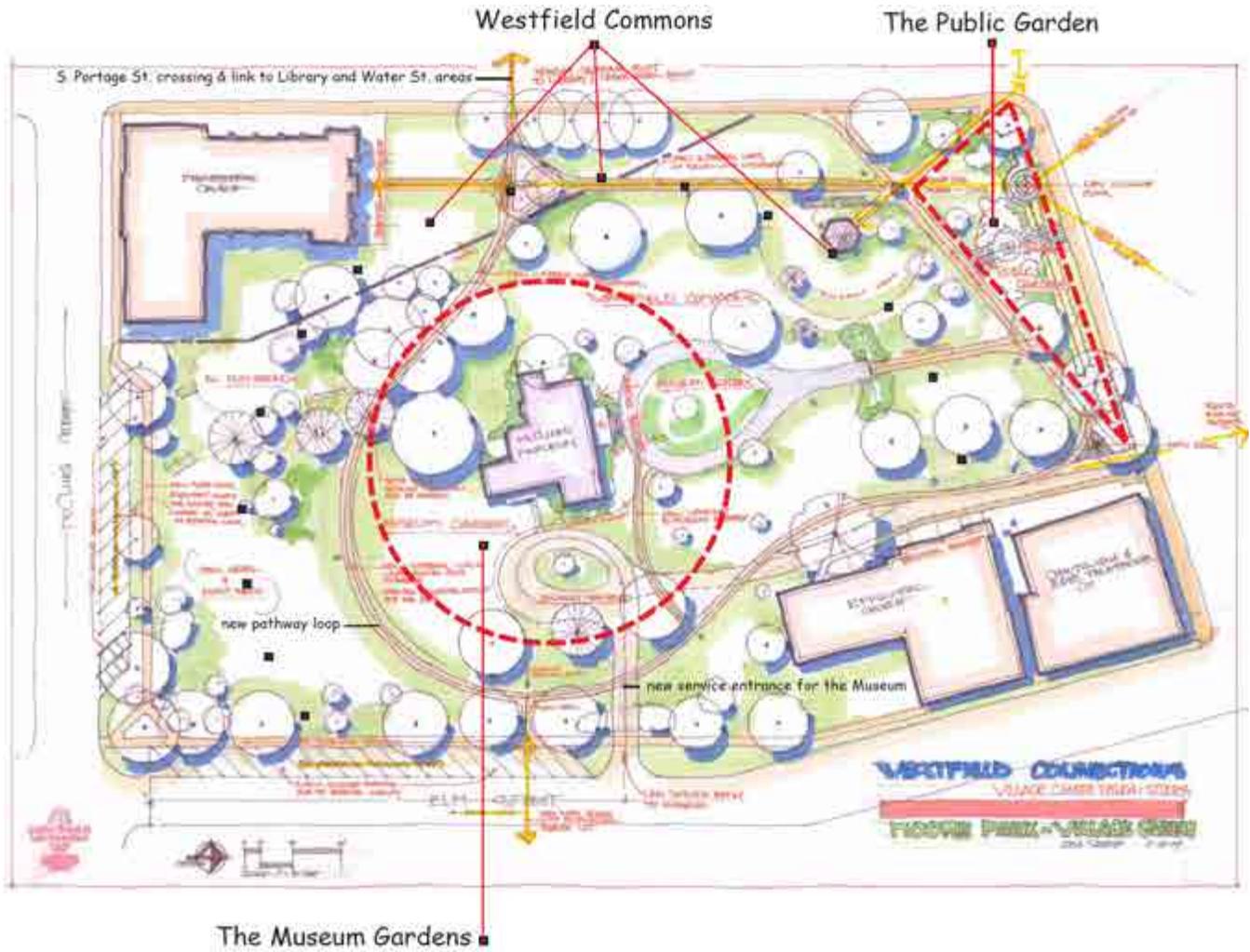
The Public Garden idea evolved from two functions of the park: the park provides an important visual setting for Main Street and especially at the intersection of Main and Portage Streets; and the park provides a collection of trees and shrubs that generate horticultural / seasonal interest for the village center area. These two functions along with a desire from the community to enhance the visual character of Main Street generated the idea of a public garden for Moore Park.

A unique feature of Moore Park is the presence of the historic McClurg Mansion and indeed, the Park itself owes its existence to the lands of this regional landmark. The building and the museum it houses provide not only a valuable community and regional resource but also a wonderful opportunity to enhance the richness of the park through the landscape that was historically part of the its setting.

The land that connects and ties together the two gardens, and to a larger extent, ties together adjacent neighborhoods surrounding the park, is what is herein defined as the Westfield Commons. This is the general-use land that offers park space for both individual use, larger public gatherings and pathways to enter the park and traverse the park to adjoining parts of the village. On the plan, this area is roughly a crescent

shaped area denoted by the blue dots and includes the existing Gazebo/Bandstand, angled walkway, playground adjacent to the church and open lawn areas.

*Moore Park Conceptual Rendering*



## Welch Field Improvements

*Estimated Project Cost: \$3,880,432*

Serving as Westfield's primary recreational park for over fifty years, Welch Field is one of the community's most valuable assets. Over 1,000 residents from Westfield and surrounding communities utilize the park and participate in Welch Field programs. The number of participants alone demonstrates the importance of Welch Field for those that live, work and recreate in Westfield. For many, Welch Field and the programming it facilitates is a primary reason for living in Westfield. As such it will continue to retain residents as well as attract new residents given its impact on quality of life.



Existing Welch Field facilities include an outdoor pool, pool house, skate park, playground, two basketball courts, two baseball fields, a volleyball court and a non-motorized multi-use path for walking, jogging, cross country skiing and cycling and a field house for indoor recreation such as ping pong, pool and arts & crafts.

A number of Welch Field facilities are in need of replacement, upgrade or reconfiguration due to age, functionality and safety concerns. One of the most pressing issues is the 50-year-old pool house that is experiencing structural deterioration, lacks modern day functionality and housed mechanicals responsible

for the operation of the outdoor pool have aged well beyond their useful life. Other issues include inadequate parking, unenclosed basketball courts next to a busy street and underutilized space.

*Welch Field Proposed Site Plan*



*Welch Field Conceptual Renderings*





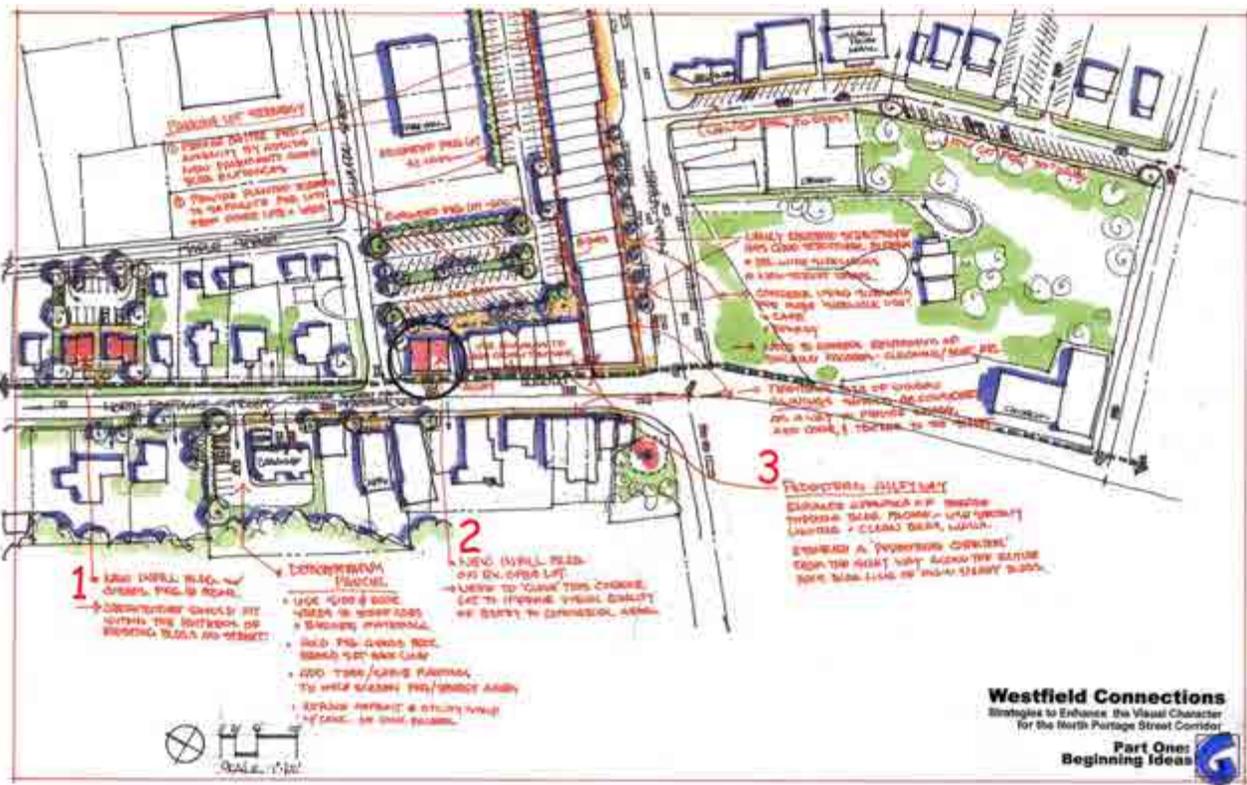
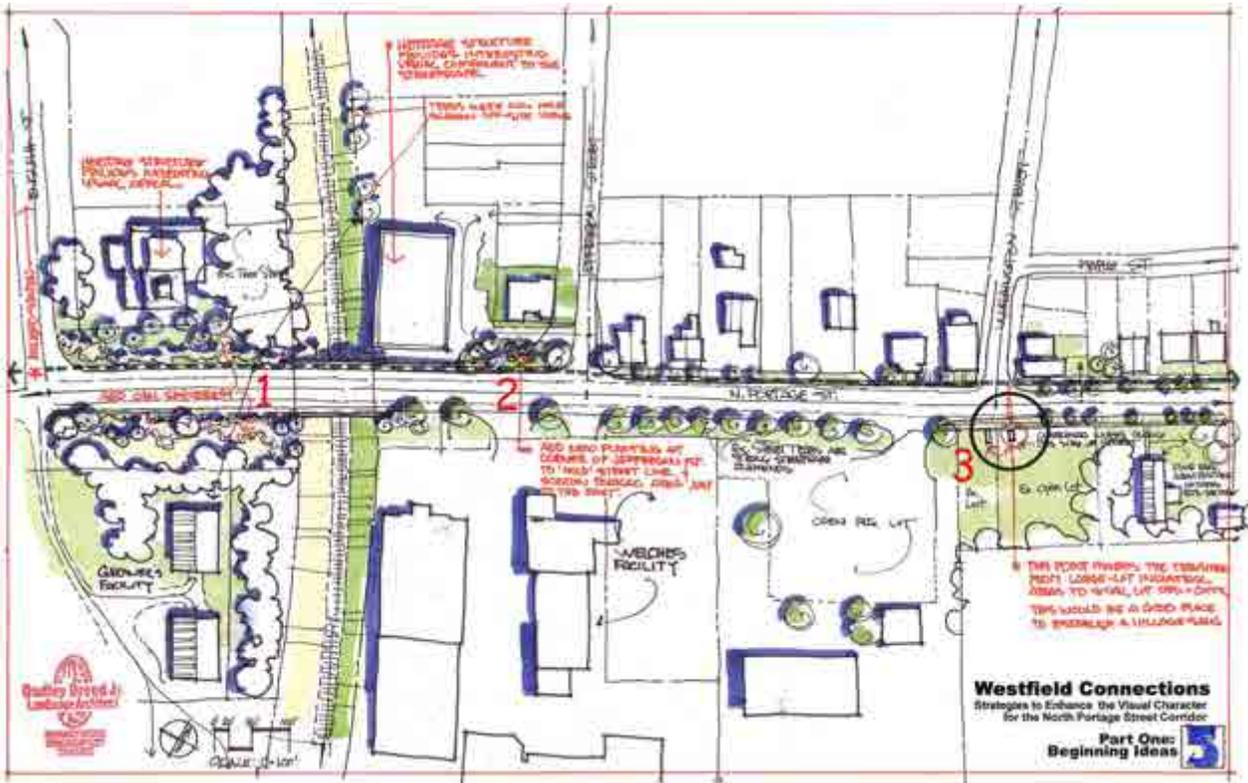


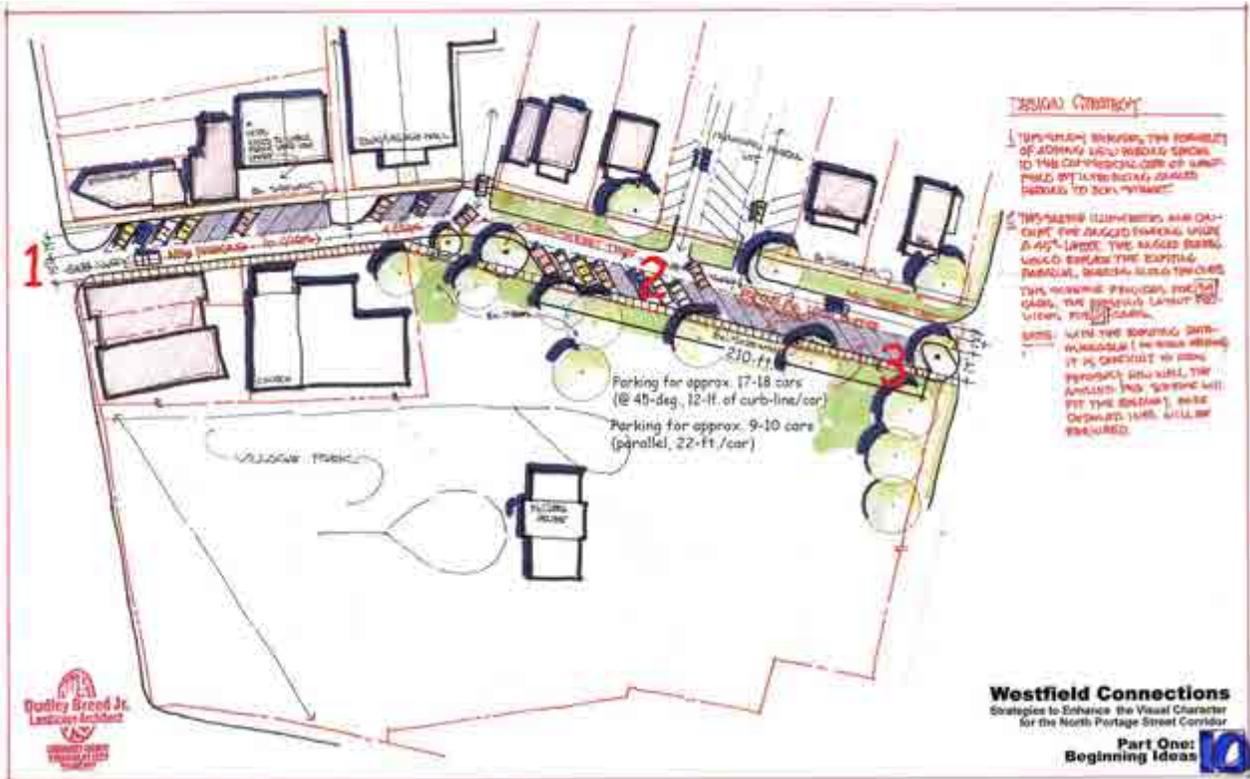
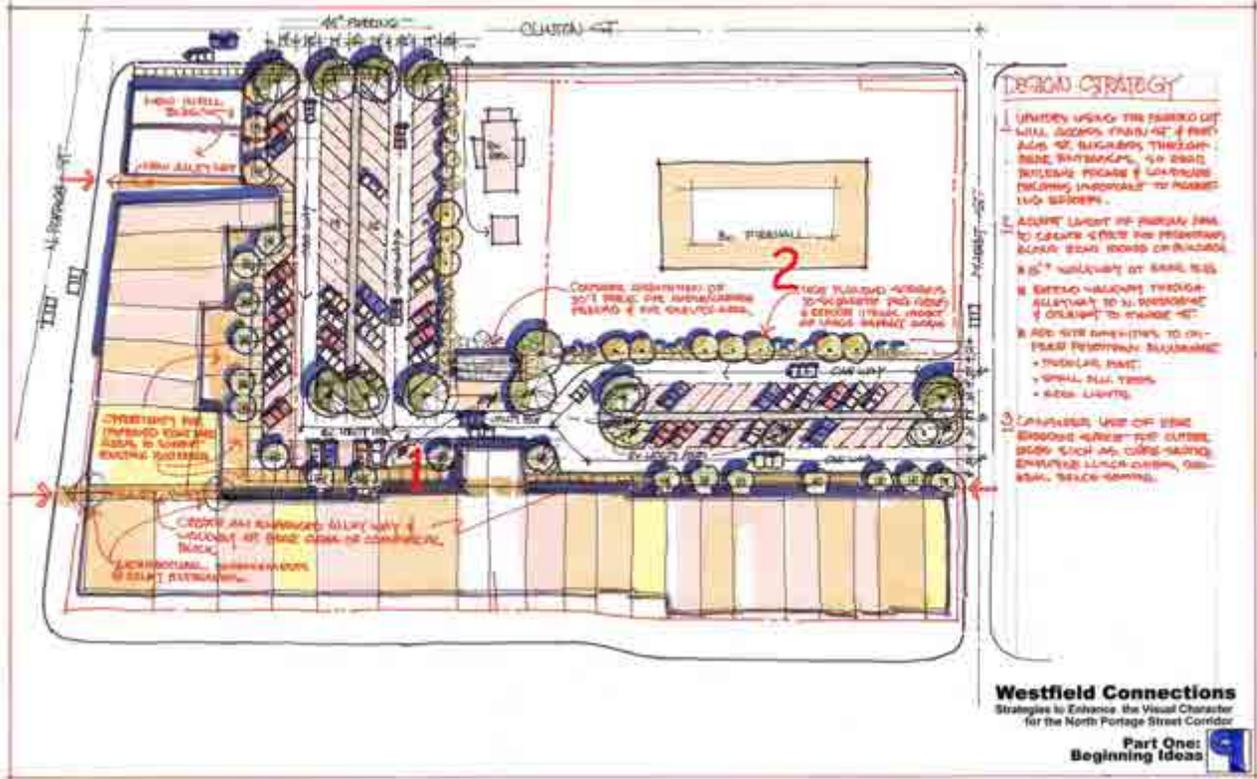
## **Downtown Streetscape Enhancements**

*Estimated Project Cost: \$1,500,000*

The Westfield Connections Plan reflects a significant planning effort to improve the roads and streets throughout the town. Certain portions of the plan, including upgrades to the Village Parking lot, have already been partially implemented. This project would implement additional improvements, including sidewalks, lighting, and other improvements as discussed below. This project would be likely to leverage additional funding through the Green Energy Innovation Program (for permeable pavement and stormwater diversion) and potentially could be complemented well with New York Main Street Funds.

# Downtown Streetscape Enhancements Conceptual Designs





### *Features*

- New sidewalks with granite curbs
- Crosswalks to improve safety and navigability, particularly for visitors. Crosswalks should feature different colored paint, raised elements, or distinctive designs to be more noticeable and to calm traffic
- Buffers to shield pedestrians from traffic and improve the downtown experience
- Landscaping including new planters and street trees
- Lighting, ideally at both pedestrian and vehicle grade
- Wayfinding & Interpretive Signage
- Angled Parking



## Beach Bathhouse

*Estimated Project Cost: \$1,000,000*

Most beaches provide an area for beachgoers to clean off after spending time in the sand. Barcelona harbor, despite featuring two beaches currently lacks a facility that accomplishes this purpose. This may discourage some visitors from spending time at the beach (if they aren't staying nearby) or from partaking in certain activities (sports, etc.). While some beaches have simple outdoor showers, and similar setups, a dedicated bathhouse would be preferable to allow for privacy and convenience, particularly for families.

Beach Bathhouses vary drastically in the quality and variety of amenities and services that they provide. Two years ago, New York State opened a \$4 million beach bathhouse at Quaker Beach in Allegany State Park. Three years ago, the State aided in the construction of the demolition of a 1950s era bathhouse and the construction of a new, ADA compliant and energy efficient bathhouse at Verona Beach. Other improvements at Verona Beach included picnic shelters and a new pavilion, for a total project cost of \$4.2 million. A bathhouse rehabilitation at Hamlin Beach on Lake Erie was in the \$1.5 million range. We anticipate that this bathhouse would be somewhere in between in terms of features and finishes.

### *Concept / Precedent*



Verona Beach Bathhouse. It is anticipated the Barcelona Bathhouse would be a simpler structure.

*Source: Beardsley Architects & Engineers.*

### *Features*

- Showers
- Changing rooms

- Lifeguard Break Area
- Storage for beach furniture and equipment
- Four season common/recreation area for family and community use.

## **Boardwalk & Access Stairs**

*Estimated Project Cost:* While costs for the Boardwalk will vary significantly based on final design and finishing materials, we anticipate that the boardwalk and stairs could be built for a total cost of \$775,000. This assumes a cost of \$77.5 per square foot for engineering, supports, finish materials, and labor.

The Barcelona Harbor is a beautiful place, however, more than anything it suffers from the manner in which its key assets are divided and its lack of pedestrian connectivity and maneuverability. In response to this painfully obvious issue, various planning documents have called for the installation of a boardwalk, allowing for easy and safe walkability between the Southern beach, restaurant, marina, lighthouse, parking area, and northern beach area. We anticipate that the boardwalk would include access stairs up to the street level where the lighthouse is located, connecting to and building upon recent streetscape improvements.

The Boardwalk is the most important of the Barcelona Harbor DRI projects. Not only does it connect existing assets, but it acts as a spine for additional improvements proposed herein, including the stage/performance area, the fishing tug restoration, and fish cleaning station. It would allow for views and perspectives on the water, which are currently difficult or even dangerous to obtain. It would promote walking and the associated public health benefits, while also providing leisure opportunities for watching the sunset or a musical or artistic performance.

One challenge is property ownership where the state owns and maintains the lighthouse and some of the property is privately owned. Another challenge is to make sure that sufficient funds are set aside for ongoing maintenance and to ensure the continued safety of the structure. However, these challenges are solvable where the Westfield Development Corporation is well positioned to acquire property or easement rights and is qualified to maintain the Boardwalk.

The Barcelona Boardwalk would immediately transform the harbor from a local amenity to a true tourist destination. This would drive additional private investment and development. The Boardwalk and stairs solve the harbor's greatest problem, disconnectedness and barriers to pedestrian mobility.

### *Features*

- Either timber piles or concrete piers should be utilized as supports for the boardwalk.
- Strong consideration should be given to precast concrete beams in place of wooden planks for the boardwalk surface. This will decrease maintenance costs and allow for a longer lifespan before replacement is required.
- The stairs should be poured concrete on a gravel base.
- Both the boardwalk and stairs should include aluminum railings and lights (potentially solar powered & motion detecting).

*Conceptual Rendering*



*Watercolor rendering from the Westfield-Ripley Waterfront Opportunity Plan by Behan Planning Associates*

## **Fish Cleaning Station**

*Estimated Project Cost: \$100,000*

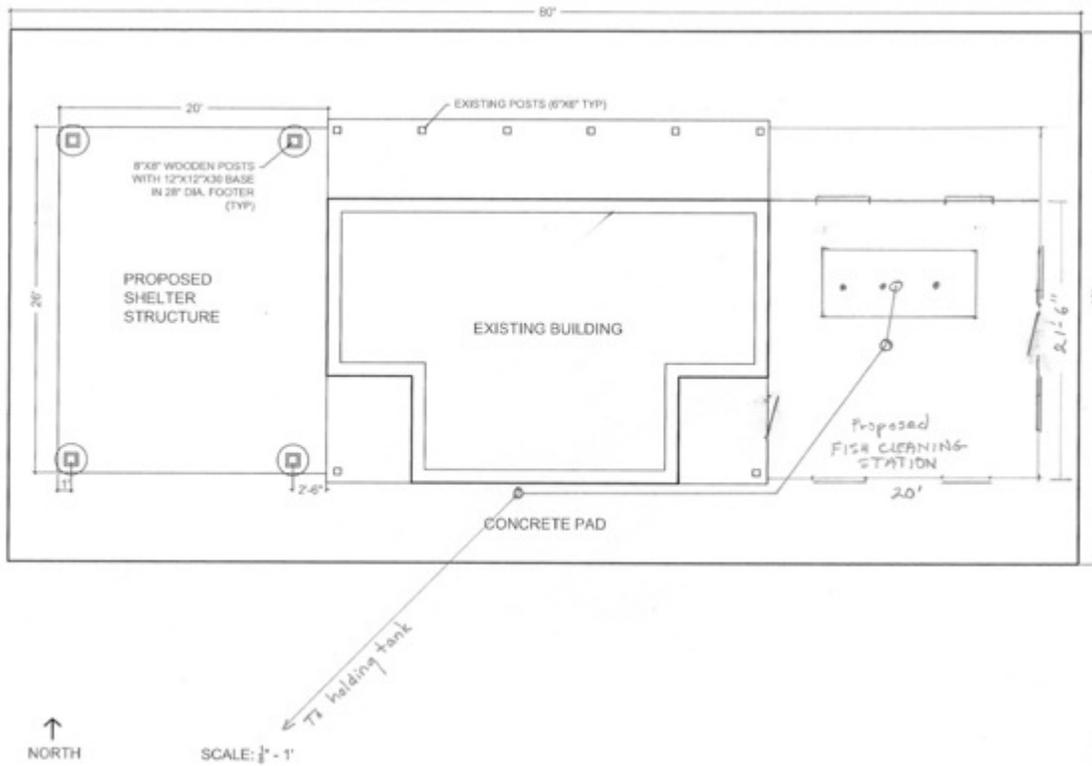
Fishing is a common and popular activity at the Barcelona Harbor. People fish both from the shore and on boats out in the lake. A publicly accessible, clean, and free facility to clean fish once caught would be a true and popular community asset, particularly with many of the harbor's existing users. Currently many fishermen, including several charter boats, use the boat ramps and docks. The addition of a fish cleaning station in Westfield will attract more fishermen, as well as additional charter boats. It would also encourage additional fishing tournaments, which have a demonstrated impact on our local economy, which is consistent with the Town's goal of increasing commerce in Barcelona and surrounding areas.

The fish cleaning station would be an addition to the pier building at Barcelona Harbor, which would ideally be based off of sustainable principles, where fish waste could be converted (additional job/business opportunity) to fertilizer for nearby agricultural uses.

### *Fish Cleaning Station Precedent*



**Fish Cleaning Station Floor Plan**



**Barcelona Streetscape Enhancements**

*Estimated Project Cost: \$500,000*

The Barcelona business district is plagued by insufficient streets, crosswalks, sidewalks, lights, and outdoor furniture. Interestingly, it does have a substantial number of trees along its streets which should be retained and worked into the final streetscape design. As seen in the images below, some streetscape improvements have been made around Barcelona pier and lighthouse, significantly improving pedestrian safety, aesthetics, and amenity usage.

*Streetscape (Before) / Source: Google Maps Street View      Streetscape (After)*



*Barcelona Business District Existing Condition*

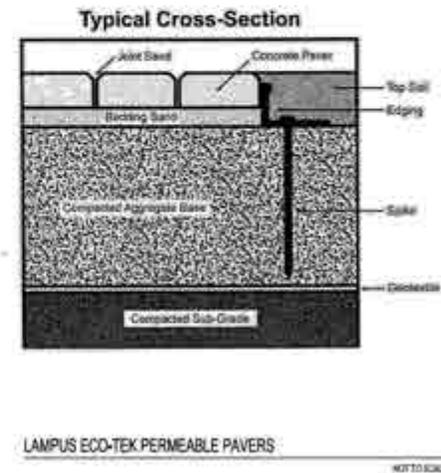
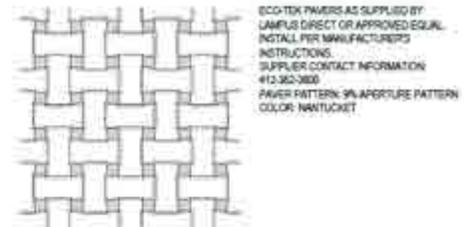
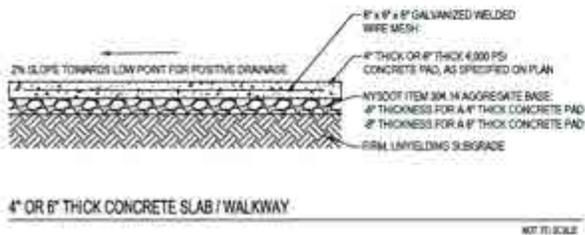
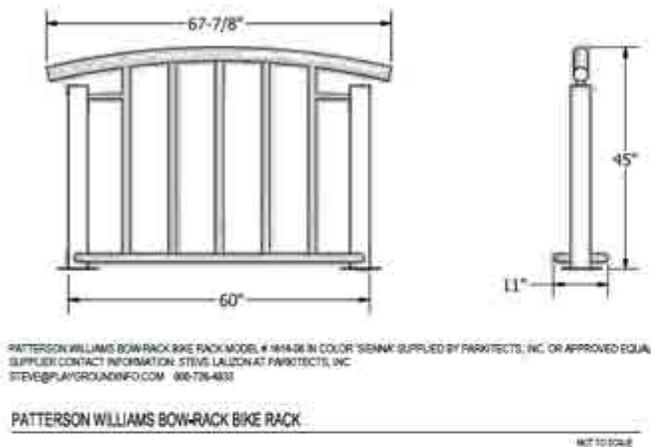


*Barcelona Business District Conceptual Rendering*



*Rendering from Westfield-Ripley Opportunity Plan, by: Behan Planning Associates*

## Detail



Extensive efforts have already been made to identify materials and layout. This project is ready for near term implementation.

## Features

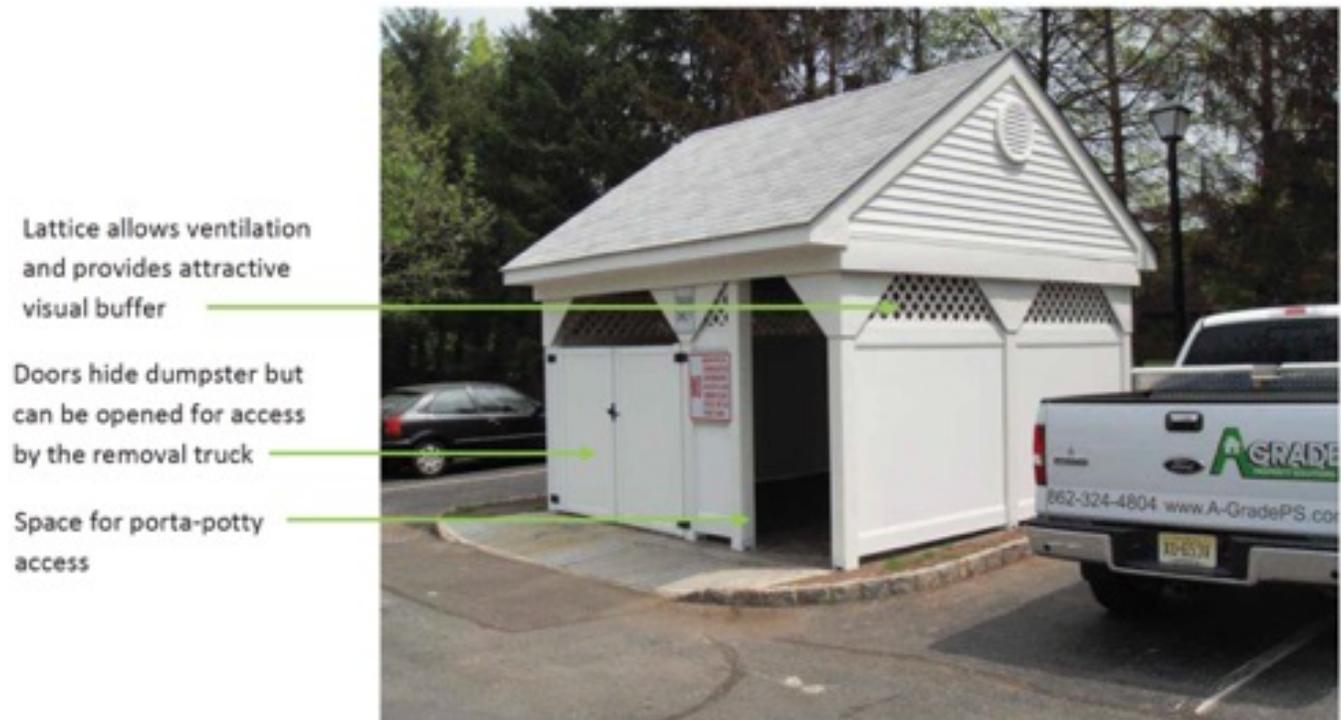
- Sidewalks throughout the Barcelona Harbor Business District that feed into existing and planned amenities, including the stairs, boardwalk, beaches, stage, vending huts, and existing retail businesses.
- Daylighting brick or cobblestone streets if and where possible.
- Lighting and signage that reflects the area, its history, and proximity to the water.
- Wayfinding that directs visitors not only to assets within the harbor but to accommodations, and to Historic Downtown Westfield.
- Sidewalks and Buffers to improve pedestrian safety and comfort
- Crosswalks and bicycle lanes allowing those who arrive via bicycle (from the Barcelona-to-Chautauqua Institution Multi-Use Trail or Seaway Trail) or boat (from another area harbor) to safely negotiate vehicle traffic and reach all of the harbor amenities.
- Landscaping that complements the harbor's natural beauty.

## Beach Shelter

*Estimated Project Cost: \$120,000*

This project would include both a new shelter to enclose dumpster and restroom facilities at the foot of North Portage, where the beach parking lot access is located. This would provide styling and visually appealing elements to “dress up” and add practical features to what are necessary but frequently unattractive amenities.

### *Beach Shelter Precedent*

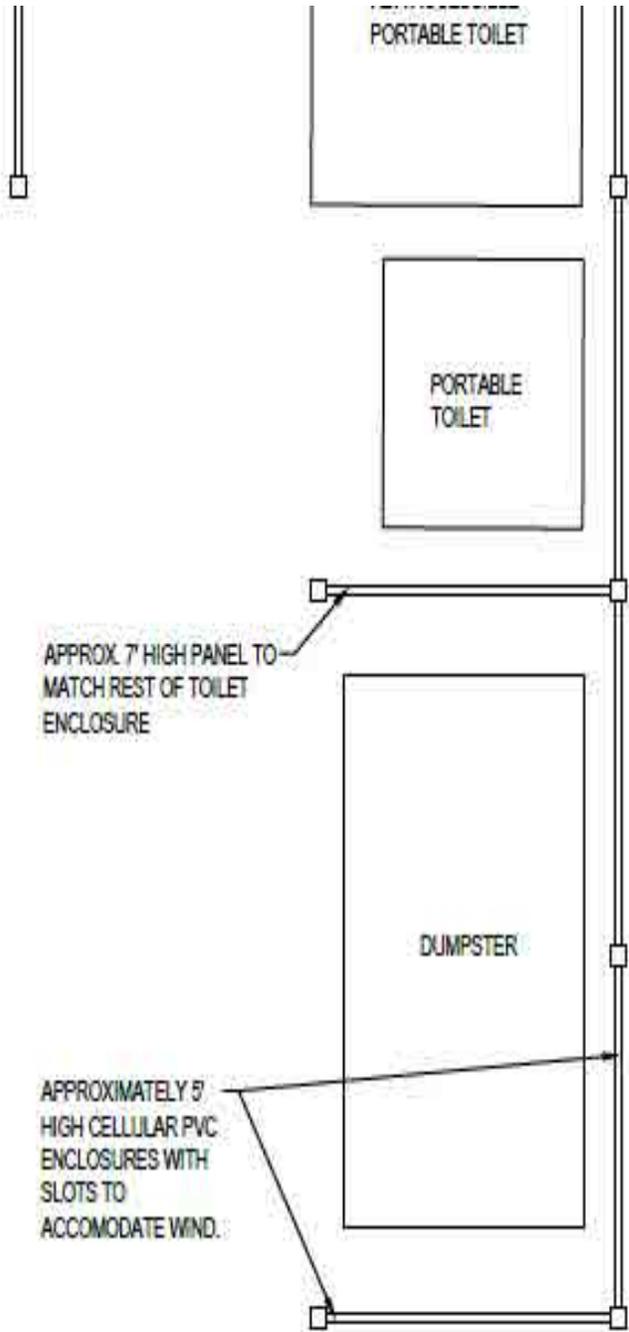


*Source: 2012 Barcelona - Streetscape - Hamlet Improvements*

### *Beach Shelter Features*

- One story enclosure with ventilation, appropriate signage and lighting.
- The structure would sit atop a concrete pad and would not require a foundation or similar elements.
- Materials including vinyl could potentially be used to keep costs down and make for easy cleaning.
- Shade shelters are popular around the country and allow for an affordable intervention, but would likely only be a seasonal amenity given the harsh winters.

Beach Shelter Floor Plan



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## **Historic Fishing Tug Rehabilitation**

*Estimated Project Cost: \$100,000*

Commercial fishing from Barcelona expanded greatly when the railroad came through Westfield in 1852 and put the New York City markets within easy reach of the day's catch. Barcelona became such a robust commercial fishing community for the next 100 years that four generations of several Barcelona families made their living as commercial fishing.

As time passed the tugs went further out into Lake Erie and required additional protection. This required more stability to handle the heavy lift of ever-more efficient fishing methods from greater depths. The result was the steel-hulled, diesel-powered Great Lake fish tug, a sturdy and stable vessel that is seen nowhere else on earth.

With the mid-century collapse of the commercial fishery industry due to a combination of environmental issues, over-fishing and new regulations, the ability for small ports like Barcelona to efficiently supply far off markets effectively disappeared. So too have the iconic tugs.

The Sally Jo Irwin fishing tug is the last of her kind in Barcelona. The steel-hulled tug has been dry docked and is showing the effects being in the weather for years. The tug is 40-feet long with a 14-foot beam and about a 5-foot draft. She weighs 12 tons and can carry up to 6 tons of fish, fishing equipment, ice and crew.

This project would restore the tug. It would complement the state-owned historic Barcelona lighthouse and keeper's cottage as a historic tourism asset. The tug would be dry-docked between the lighthouse and boardwalk, near the stairs, allowing visitors an interactive history exhibit. The tug would also provide additional seating/viewing capacity in the case of concerts or artistic events.

The fishing tug would be an expansion of an existing tug exhibit currently located in the keeper's cottage. It would include commercial fishing artifacts from Barcelona tugs owned by the Historical Society and would allow for an indoor/outdoor exhibit, which would appeal to a wider variety of visitors.

*Existing condition of the Sally Jo Irwin fishing tug*



*Features*

- Sand blasting, sensitively painting and otherwise restoring the tug to its original appearance.
- Relocation of the 12-ton tug to where it will be housed for the sandblasting and restoration.
- Constructing a dry dock alongside the boardwalk and stairs that will provide access to the public.
- Moving the restored tug to the harbor and creating the exhibit.

**Vendor Kiosks**

*Estimated Project Cost: \$100,000*

This project would install vendor kiosks at various locations throughout Barcelona Harbor. It would also institute a campaign to re-brand Barcelona Harbor as an events-oriented space. This would attempt to attract food trucks to complement concerts and other performances. The vendor kiosks could sell merchandise, collectibles, handmade artisan goods, and beach necessities. This would allow a synergistic relationship between the vendor kiosks, the harbor’s regular daily activities, and the event spaces. It also may inspire harbor visitors to explore more of the area as they may be curious what another vendor is selling at the other end of the boardwalk.

### *Vendor Kiosk Precedent*



*Source: Tilley Sheds*

### *Features*

- Purchase or construct Vendor huts
- Design vendor huts with common theme for marketing purposes, should reflect proximity to water and events
- Install string lighting connecting the huts to restroom, benches, and other nearby amenities.
- Include security features to allow goods to be securely stored when vendor is away.

### **Pavilion & Interactive Kiosk**

*Estimated Project Cost: \$50,000*

Barcelona does have some wayfinding signage at street level, near Route 5. However, this signage is not noticeable to the average passerby, who may not even realize the existence of the Harbor due to the grade change. Also, all signage is outdoors and does not allow for easy posting of changing events or details. This project would aim to replace the disparate and outdated signage with a small pavilion in the same location (top of the hill) that would catch the attention of passing motorists, would provide shelter, shade, and information along with the opportunity to grill and relax outdoors without having to be down at the beach or on the pier. This location provides a good vantage point overlooking many of the existing assets and planned improvements, including the lighthouse, boardwalk, fish cleaning station, shelter expansion, fishing tug, and performance area. It will allow guests to quickly orient themselves to the space and understand the layout prior to wandering or exploring.

## *Pavilion & Interactive Kiosk Conceptual Rendering*



*Source: 2012 Barcelona - Streetscape - Hamlet Improvements*

### *Features*

- Shaded pavilion
- Updated maps and wayfinding
- Bulletin Board highlighting scheduled events.
- Concrete pad to allow for grilling and enjoyment in the wet weather.

## **Terraced Park & Performance Area**

*Estimated Project Cost: \$80,000*

Various regional planning efforts focus on rebranding the County with a “Music, Arts, and Education” theme. This project draws on existing regional strengths like SUNY Fredonia and the Chautauqua Institution to stimulate cultural and economic opportunities throughout the County.

This project would install a stage and performance area at the foot of the stairs leading down to the harbor. The stage would intentionally be simple in order to provide for a wide variety of events, ranging from impromptu comedy performances and poetry to larger concerts and exhibitions. The stage would be designed in such a manner that performances could be viewed from boats in the harbor or from observers on the hill, or even on the restored fishing tug. To this end, the hill leading down to the harbor would be, where possible, retrofitted to allow for easier seating and accessibility, modifying the natural grade slightly, which allows for an amphitheater, with fantastic views over the water even when no performance is going on.

We anticipate that this amenity would have a synergistic relationship with the planned event space at the former Portage Inn Site in the village downtown. Perhaps certain concerts or festivals could have daytime events at one stage before moving to the other, and then eventually returning. Alternatively, the stages allow for a greater variety of events to occur simultaneously. For example, one stage could host a classical music performance while the other hosts electronic dance music. This would allow for the maximization of the warm weather weekend nights to the benefit of all residents and visitors. These event spaces make it more viable for artists and performers to earn a sustainable, viable living in the town of Westfield and the surrounding area, leading to population growth (particularly among millennials) and increased economic activity.

### *Conceptual Rendering*



The Terraced Park and Performing Area would be located at a focal point in the harbor, currently difficult to access. It would be at the intersection of the stairs and boardwalk and would tie together the pier with the businesses and beach further south and would be within view of the fishing tug restoration and lighthouse.

### *Features*

- 40'x30' performance stage built with waterproof materials, resting on concrete supports.
- Stairs from the sides of the stage to access the surrounding beach.
- Heavily insulated wiring allowing for amplification when necessary.

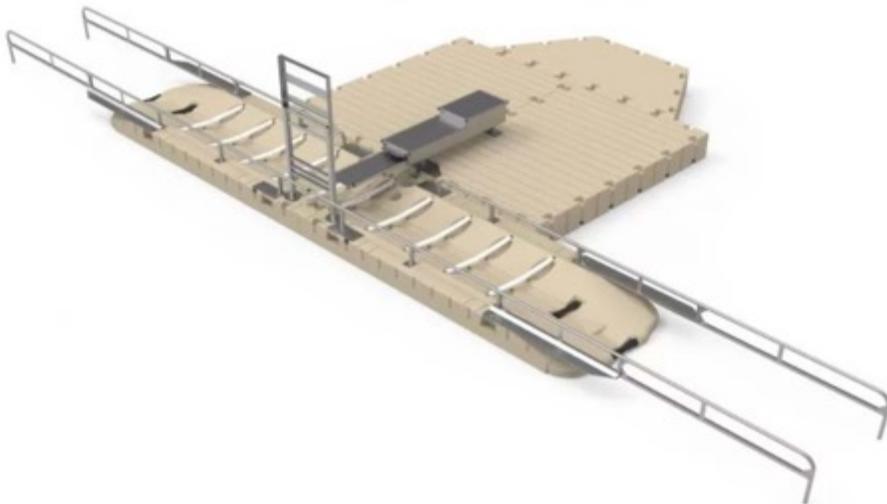
## ADA Accessible Kayak Launch

*Estimated Project Cost:* Based on preliminary quotes, an ADA Accessible Dock with installation will cost roughly \$31,350.

Many of the waterways in the State have benefitted from the addition of a kayak launch. From 2009 to 2017 U.S. kayak sales have increased by roughly 55%. Many public spaces, including some newly created parks, have installed a kayak launch to see the level of visitors increase dramatically, adding vitality to previously forgotten or underutilized spaces.

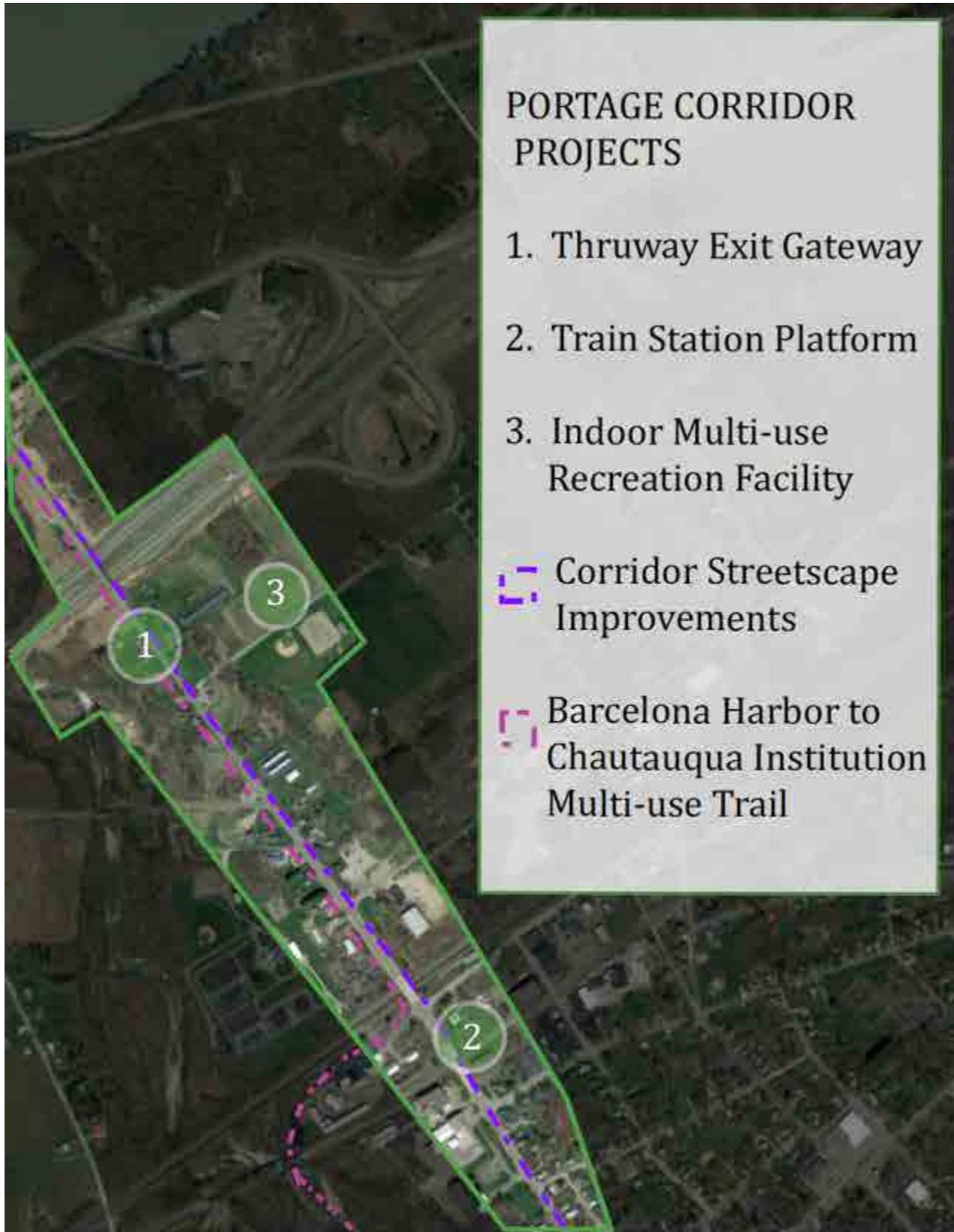
Notably, kayaks are less expensive than other types of boats and democratize water access. Planning efforts, led by Chautauqua County, have been underway for Barcelona Harbor to capitalize on this trend, as detailed in the area's Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan, an ongoing multi-year effort to activate and improve the county's waterfront areas. These efforts call for kayak launches accessible to those with various disabilities, not only expanding water recreation access across economic groups, but across physical boundaries as well.

*Conceptual Rendering / Source: EZ Dock*



### *Features*

- EZ Dock Security Curbing's polyethylene construction provides a safe border around dock edges for wheelchairs, with a dark color contrast for easy visibility.
- The easy-to-use ADA Transfer Bench system to the drive-through EZ Launch allows people with disabilities, children or seniors to feel confident transferring into their watercraft and provides extra stability when launching and docking.



## PORTAGE CORRIDOR PROJECTS

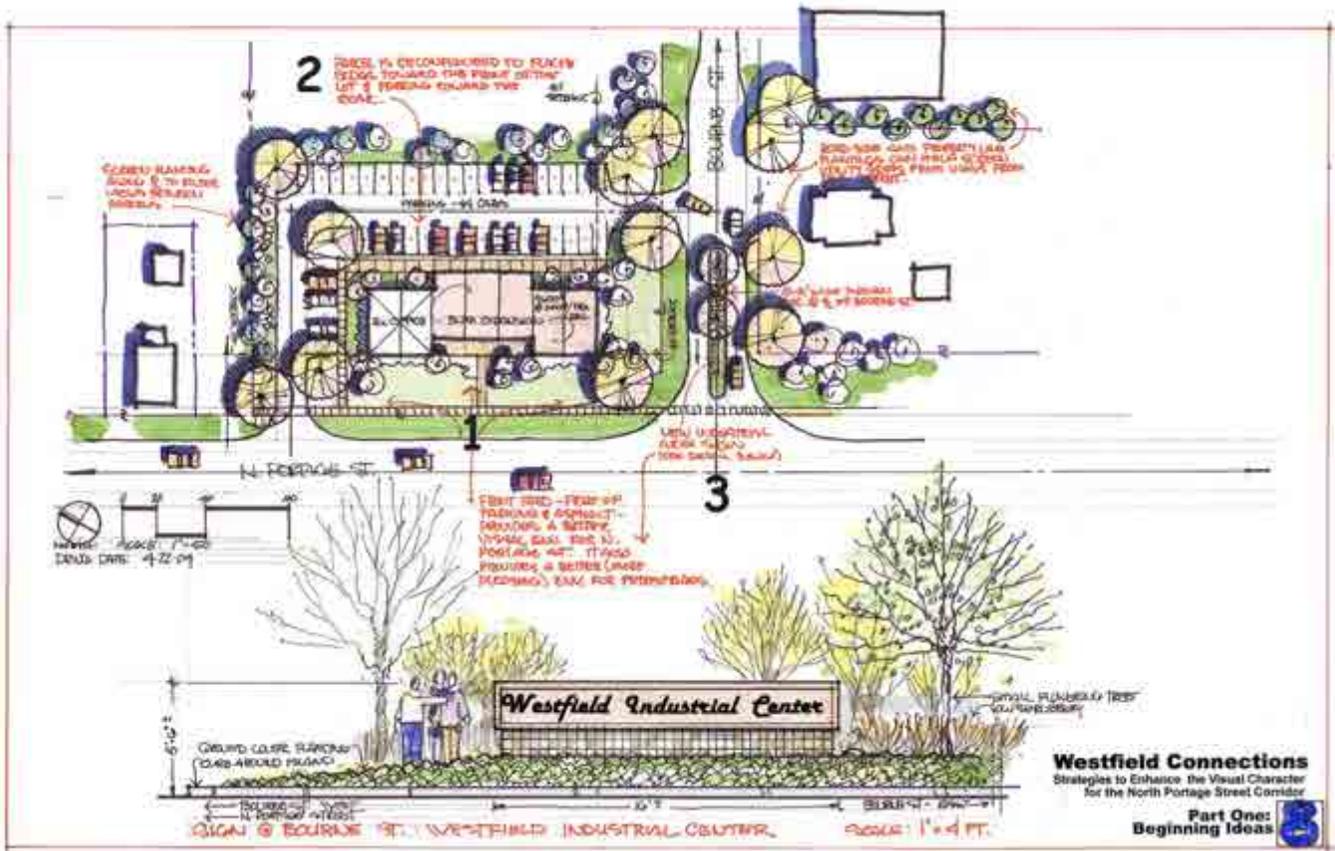
1. Thruway Exit Gateway
2. Train Station Platform
3. Indoor Multi-use Recreation Facility

 Corridor Streetscape Improvements

 Barcelona Harbor to Chautauqua Institution Multi-use Trail







### Features

- New sidewalks and walkways.
- New crosswalks with an emphasis on safety, perhaps using colored pavers or paint to further calm traffic.
- Buffers to screen and protect pedestrians from traffic noise and prevent pedestrian intimidation.
- Landscaping with an emphasis on new street trees and where appropriate pedestrian-scaled lighting. This is particularly important along the multi-use trail.
- Wayfinding and interpretive signage, as shown above, that improves upon existing signage to better funnel travelers into the new gateway area and other attractions.

### Indoor Multi-Use Recreation Facility

**Estimated Project Cost:** This project is anticipated to cost \$2 million. In line with the DRI goals, this project would leverage private investment, likely half or more of the total project cost.

The new 300' x 150' Indoor Multi-Use Recreation Facility will include a turf field for indoor soccer, softball, baseball, lacrosse, flag football, etc. and a hard-surface court for basketball, volleyball, roller skating, concerts, movies, and other civic events. With the current need and desire for indoor activity opportunities and special event space, and no comparable facility within 35 or more miles in any direction, the proposed development will go a long way to satisfy these needs and desires.



improvements on North Portage by connecting the two areas and stimulating private sector development and activity along the corridor.

*Segment 1.1a Planned Details (Excerpt from Feasibility & Implementation Plan)*

This 1.25 mile segment of the trail is proposed to parallel Route 394 from Barcelona to English Street in Westfield. From Barcelona Beach to State Route 5 we propose a shared road. This segment then crosses State Route 5. The State Route 5 crossing has four-way traffic controls in place at this intersection. We recommend pedestrian crosswalks, 10 feet wide ladder style, be installed at each road crossing and green painted bike lanes. Pedestrian/Bicyclist crossing intervals should be evaluated at this intersection to determine if pedestrians and bicyclists have sufficient time to cross over State Route 5 when vehicular traffic is stopped by the traffic lights. State Route 394 is designated as New York State Bicycle Route 17 and is signed as such. That said, the route is a shared roadway without bicycle facility improvements. We recommend that upon crossing State Route 5 separated on-road bike lanes be established. These bike lanes should be a minimum of 5 feet wide.

The northbound bike lane will continue straight through the turning lane of the on/off ramp to Interstate 90. At this crossing we recommend green painted bike lanes across the intersection to establish the bicyclist's path of travel. The southbound bike lane will not be impacted by the interchange.

*Segment 1.2a Planned Details (Excerpt from Feasibility & Implementation Plan)*

This 1.5 mile segment is proposed to be off-road from Route 394 at English Street heading west along the railroad tracks and under the railroad trestle. It would then follow the former rail corridor to the ball field in the village of Westfield.

After passing the ball field the trail is proposed to go under the Main Street Bridge. We propose a trailhead and comfort station be added on the Village owned property in this location. The trail will continue along the former rail corridor crossing Chase Street, West 2nd Street, and Campbell Street before reaching South Portage Road, Route 394. This proposed off-road section of trail should be 10 feet wide with a compacted aggregate surface.

Where the proposed trail intersects with State Route 394 we recommend a mid-block trail crossing be installed. This crossing would consist of stop signs being placed on the trail on either side of the intersection as State Route 394 vehicular traffic has the right-of-way. That said, given the traffic volumes on State Route 394, we recommend a cantilevered mast arm with pedestrian activated flashing yellow lights to warn the motorists of the trail crossing. Further, advance trail crossing warning signs should be installed on either side of the trail crossing to warn motorists in advance of the trail crossing.

Most of this corridor appears to be in private ownership. Therefore, easements would need to be acquired from willing property owners in order to provide public access to a shared use path along this corridor.





*Conceptual Renderings*





### Features

- Extensive maps and wayfinding evidencing area attractions, including wine trails, heritage trails, and cultural assets.
- A bulletin board, operated by the Chautauqua County Visitor's Bureau that explains art exhibits, speaking events, music festivals, fairs, carnivals, and other cultural events.
- Parking areas to reduce demand in the nearby downtowns.
- Bicycle (and potentially Kayak) Rental Station.
- NY Made gift shop and store.

## **Train Station Platform**

*Estimated Project Cost: \$1,000,000*

The Town, Village, and private owner of the former New York Central Passenger Depot in Westfield, wishes to resume passenger service to Westfield using their existing historic depot for the following reasons:

- Chautauqua County continues to be a destination for tourists all year long and particularly during the summer months
- Many of the guests at the Chautauqua Institution are from New York, Chicago and Cleveland and could be potential rail passengers should passenger rail be available to them as an alternative to auto and air.
- Westfield still has the privately owned former historic New York Central Passenger depot, which has been restored to reflect its former glory. The owner of the depot is amenable to making the station available for passenger arrival/departure activity
- Trackage adjacent to the station is CSX Transportation. There are two main tracks and one passing siding, of which the existing track configuration is ideal for passenger stops in either direction.
- Ridership analysis indicate that a station would be well supported by the community year round.
- Supports the Sustainable communities approach outlined by the Federal Transit Administration for multimodal, sensible, transportation planning and execution
- Will stimulate local commerce creating jobs and make Westfield a more accessible and attractive destination
- Station will showcase Westfield and the surrounding area for travelers disembarking the train

As part of the DRI proposal development process, we have received confirmation from the private owner of the Westfield Passenger Depot of their commitment to restoring Amtrak Passenger Service to Westfield and their commitment to working with local and regional leadership on this project.

The owner, working with the Westfield Development Corporation and with endorsements from numerous Chautauqua County entities including Chautauqua Institution, State University of New York at Fredonia, County, State and Federal elected representatives, applied for and received the go ahead from the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) in 2014 to resume passenger service to Westfield using the existing passenger depot. Conditional in the acceptance letter was that CSX, the host railroad for the Lake Shore Limited, will give Amtrak permission to use the signaled siding adjacent to the station to make two brief stops a day. Secondly, funding will have to be acquired to make improvements to the station to comply with Amtrak Station guidelines for the appropriate category station stop as well as legal and statutory requirements. CSX, the host railroad was approached and agreed to allow Amtrak to stop under the condition that a new passenger siding be built to connect to their track and that they would provide no funding.

Project funding would support the following improvements to the facility to comply with Amtrak, State and Federal statutory and legal requirements:

- Develop a design to meet Amtrak requirements for the shelter, waiting room, platform, landscaping and other related facility changes
- Design of an adjacent parking facility for short and long term parking

- Engineering and Construction services to improve the property to support the facility, acquire material and make construction of improvements to the facility to reflect Amtrak requirements as well showcase the historic nature of the facility

Detailed changes to the property:

- Utility changes to bring the station current with the appropriate standards. This includes electrical service, water, plumbing, and gas
- Design and build of an Amtrak compliant station platform, lighting, ADA complaint ramp(s), waiting room, landscaping and HVAC updates
- Station platform will be between 250-300 feet in length and a minimum of ten (10) feet in width. Station height would be compatible for freight operations as well as Amtrak.

*Background of the Facility*

The Former Lake Shore and Michigan Southern and New York Central Railroad passenger depot is a historic train station located at Westfield, New York and is listed on the National Historic Register. It was constructed in 1904, for the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway. It is a 1 1/2-story brick, terra cotta, and sandstone structure in the Romanesque style with the architects attributed to H.H Richardson, of the Richardson, Rutan and Shepley Architects, of Boston and is still in existence today. It served as the main transfer point for rail passengers destined the Jamestown and the Chautauqua Institution. Passenger service continued until 1967 until the Penn Central bankruptcy and then under Amtrak until 1976. Once passenger service was discontinued in Westfield, the station was used by Conrail Signaling and Track forces for storage. In 1983, the Station was sold by Conrail to the Landmark Society of Chautauqua County, and then to private ownership, who over the years has sought to restore, preserve and maintain the building as it represented a strong part of the cultural fabric of the community. Today the station stands as one of the finest examples of early US 20<sup>th</sup> century passenger depot architecture in existence and is in excellent condition and not much different than it was built in 1904.

*Conceptual Site Plan*



Conceptual Renderings



## ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITY

This DRI Proposal is a true example of regionalism and intermunicipal cooperation in action. The Town and Village of Westfield, as co-applicants, will combine and leverage joint resources to manage concurrent projects if awarded. Both municipalities have successfully administered numerous grant projects, as detailed above in the Past Investment, Future Investment Potential section. Additionally, each shares a common resource as members of the Westfield Development Corporation (WDC) who's Executive Director works directly with the Town and Village in coordinating local development and assisting in planning activities. Concurrently, each community has staff members who collaborate regularly and are well versed in administration, financial management, competitive bidding, etc. The County of Chautauqua Department of Planning and Economic Development also adds expertise and capacity for complex projects. If necessary, the Town and Village will supplement administrative duties with outside consultants.

## OTHER

**Attachment A:** DRI Boundary Map

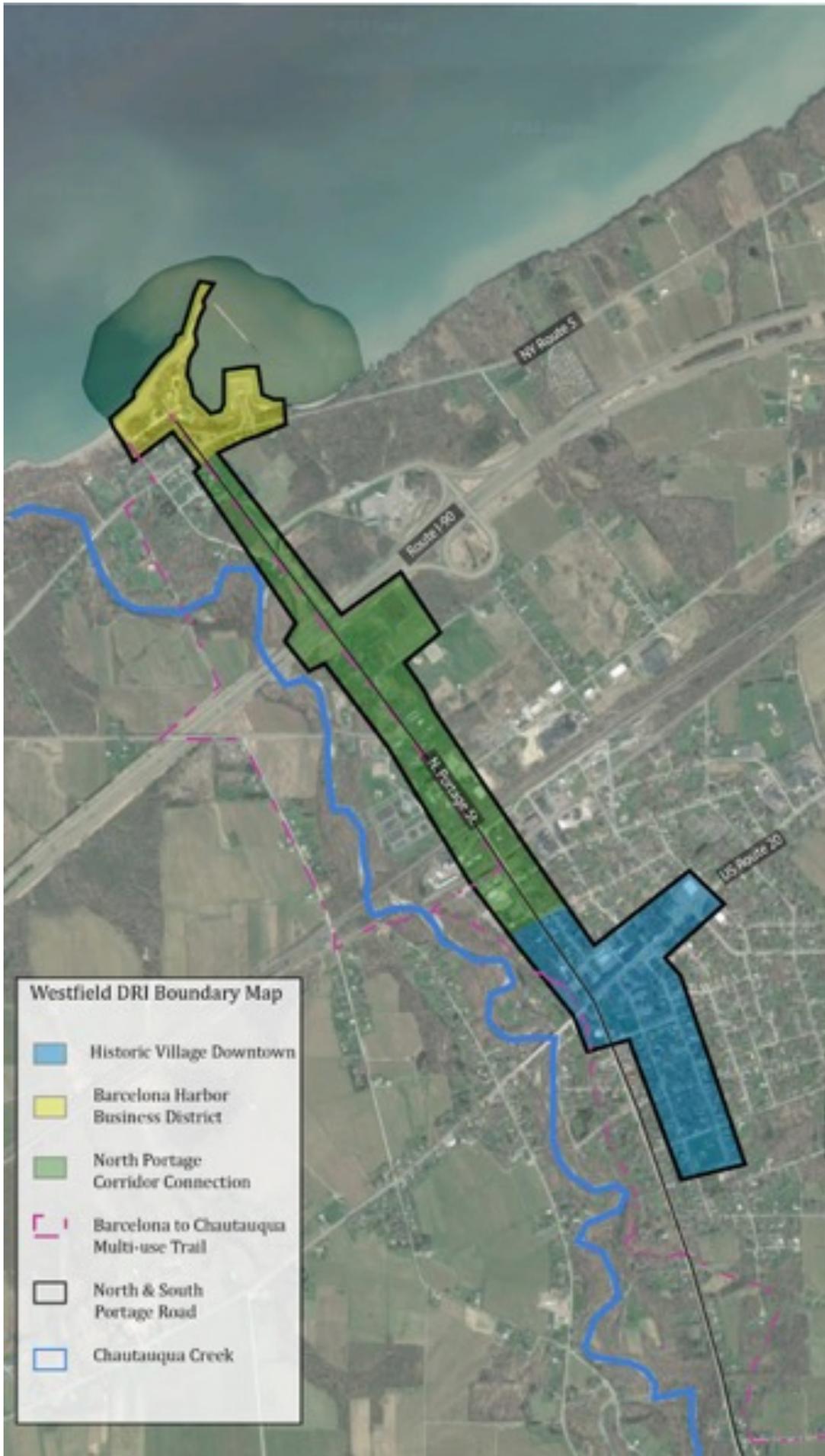
**Attachment B:** 2018 WNY DRI & SGSF Application Letters of Support

**Attachment C:** 2018 WNY DRI & SGSF Application Municipal Resolutions of Support



*Photos by Kurt Moore*

**APPENDIX A**  
DRI BOUNDARY MAP



**APPENDIX B**  
2018 WNY DRI & SGSF APPLICATION  
LETTERS OF SUPPORT

THE SENATE  
STATE OF NEW YORK



CATHARINE M. YOUNG  
SENATOR  
57TH DISTRICT

May 30, 2018

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Mr. Christopher Schoepflin  
WNY Regional Director  
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Dear Mr. Schoepflin,

This letter is in strong support of the Town and Village of Westfield's efforts to seek funding in the amount of \$10 million through the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) and Western New York Smart Growth Community Fund.

The Town and Village of Westfield have always worked together, with the vision and foresight to initiate planning, and development efforts in close coordination. This funding would allow for revitalization and pursue greater development and investment opportunities in both historic downtown Westfield and the Barcelona Harbor Business District.

I believe that Westfield is well suited to take advantage of DRI and Smart Growth funds, which will advance the community's vision for downtown and waterfront revitalization and create places where residents can work, raise a family and enjoy a diverse range of recreational opportunities. I am confident that Westfield's proposal is aligned with local and regional economic and community development objectives and will provide critical funding that will be a catalyst for additional private development.

It is my hope that the Town and Village of Westfield's submission to the WNY REDC for the 2018 Downtown Revitalization Initiative and WNY Smart Growth Community Fund will receive favorable consideration for funding. By renewing this historical Village, more awareness will be brought to this beautiful community and will provide increased tourism to the area.

Please accept my best wishes, and do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Catharine M. Young". The signature is stylized and includes a large, circular flourish at the end.

Catharine M. Young  
Senator, 57<sup>th</sup> District

CMY/sjr



ALBANY COUNTY  
Assembly, 100 West Street

THE ASSEMBLY  
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May 25, 2018

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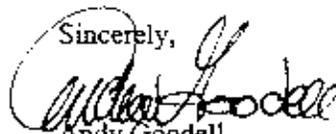
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Sincerely,  
  
Andy Goodell  
Assemblyman

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Christopher Schoepflin  
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Re: Town and Village of Westfield application for Western New York Regional Economic Development Council 2018 Downtown Revitalization Initiative

Dear Mr. Schoepflin:

I am pleased to provide this letter of support to the town and village of Westfield for their combined application for the Downtown Revitalization Initiative to the Western New York Regional Economic Development Council.

The application is based on a strategic plan which advances projects in both the Historic Downtown in the Village of Westfield as well as the Barcelona Harbor Business District in the Town of Westfield.

I urge WNYREDC to give full and fair consideration to this grant request as a matter of community growth and development. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions.

Sincerely,



Tom Reed  
Member of Congress

CC: Aaron Resnick, Westfield Development Corporation

TR: tw



## Chautauqua County Legislature

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**Legislator John Hemmer**

District 19  
7539 E. Rt 20  
Westfield, NY 14787

May 30, 2018

Mr. Christopher Schoepflin  
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**RE: Town and Village of Westfield Downtown Revitalization Initiative Proposal**

Dear Mr. Schoepflin,

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Once again, please accept my full support of the Town and Village of Westfield's submission to the WNY RIEDC for the 2018 Downtown Revitalization Downtown Revitalization Initiative and WNY Smart Growth Community Fund. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Best Regards,

Mark R. Geise  
Deputy County Executive for Economic Development/CCIDA CEO





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The Town and Village of Westfield are proud partners in collaboration and regionalism. For decades, they have had the vision and foresight to initiate planning and development efforts in close coordination. Those efforts are evident throughout the community and often serve as a model for other communities throughout Chautauqua County. Now is the time to support continued revitalization efforts and pursue greater development and investment opportunities in both Historic Downtown Westfield and the Barcelona Harbor Business District.

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Once again, please accept my full support of the Town and Village of Westfield's submission to the WNY REDC for the 2018 Downtown Revitalization Initiative and WNY Smart Growth Community Fund. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,

Donald McCord  
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May 25, 2018

Mr. Christopher Schoepflin  
WNY Regional Director  
Empire State Development  
95 Perry Street, Suite 500  
Buffalo, NY 14203-3030

RE: Town and Village of Westfield Downtown Revitalization Initiative Proposal

Dear Mr. Schoepflin,

As the Chautauqua County Watershed Coordinator, I am pleased to support the Town and Village of Westfield's application for Downtown Revitalization Initiative and Western New York Smart Growth Community Funds.

The revitalization efforts in Historic Downtown Westfield and the Barcelona Harbor Business District are consistent with Chautauqua County's Comprehensive Plan and the North Chautauqua County Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan. In addition, Barcelona Harbor is a federally – authorized Harbor of Refuge on the Great Lakes Navigation System and a key component of Chautauqua County's transportation, tourism and recreational infrastructure.

I believe that Westfield is a worthy candidate to receive DRI and Smart Growth funds and has the leadership and capacity to take full advantage of this special opportunity.

Once again, please accept my full support of the Town and Village of Westfield's submission to the WNY REDC for the 2018 Downtown Revitalization Initiative and WNY Smart Growth Community Fund. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,

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**Southern Tier West**  
**Regional Planning & Development Board**

*Robert C. Keis, Chairman*  
*Richard T. Zink, Executive Director*

May 30, 2018

Mr. Christopher Schoepflin  
WNY Regional Director  
Empire State Development  
95 Perry Street, Suite 500  
Buffalo, NY 14203-3030

RE: Town and Village of Westfield Downtown Revitalization Initiative Proposal

Dear Mr. Schoepflin,

As Executive Director of Southern Tier West Regional Planning and Development Board, I am pleased to provide my full support to the Town and Village of Westfield's intermunicipal efforts to seek funding through the Downtown Revitalization Initiative and Western New York Smart Growth Community Fund.

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Once again, please accept my full support of the Town and Village of Westfield's submission to the WNY REDC for the 2018 Downtown Revitalization Downtown Revitalization Initiative and WNY Smart Growth Community Fund. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard T. Zink". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

Richard T. Zink  
Executive Director



May 24, 2018

Mr. Christopher Schoepflin  
WNY Regional Director  
Empire State Development  
95 Perry Street, Suite 500  
Buffalo, NY 14203-3030

**RE: Town and Village of Westfield Downtown Revitalization Initiative Proposal**

Dear Mr. Schoepflin:

As Vice President for Engagement and Economic Development at The State University of New York at Fredonia, I am pleased to provide my full support to the Town and Village of Westfield's intermunicipal efforts to seek funding through the Downtown Revitalization Initiative and Western New York Smart Growth Community Fund.

The Town and Village of Westfield are proud partners in collaboration and regionalism. For decades, they have had the vision and foresight to initiate planning and development efforts in close coordination. Those efforts are evident throughout the community and often serve as a model for other communities throughout Chautauqua County. Now is the time to support continued revitalization efforts and pursue greater development and investment opportunities in both Historic Downtown Westfield and the Barcelona Harbor Business District.

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Best Regards,

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Kevin P. Kearns, Ph.D., CCC-SLP  
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The State University of New York at Fredonia  
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Donald Steger, Treasurer  
Nathan Aldrich, Executive Director

May 30, 2018

Christopher Schoepflin, WNY Regional Director  
Western New York Regional Economic Development Councils  
95 Perry Street – Suite 500  
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**RE: Town and Village of Westfield NY, Downtown Revitalization Initiative Application**

Dear Mr. Schoepflin,

As the Executive Director of the Chadwick Bay Regional Development Corporation, I am pleased to provide my support for the Town and Village of Westfield in their joint application for the Downtown Revitalization Initiative to the Western New York Regional Economic Development Council (WNYREDC).

Governed by the chief elected officials of the nine member communities in Northern Chautauqua County, the Chadwick Bay Regional Development Corporation (CBRDC) seeks a regional approach to improve the quality of life for all residents through economic revitalization. The actions of the CBRDC promote and enhance a comprehensive and integrated regional planning process that identifies and focuses resources on high priority projects and initiatives.

Even though the Town and Village of Westfield are not members in the CBRDC, they are our regional neighbors and our member communities collaborate with them to advance regionally significant planning and development activities such as the Northern Chautauqua Intermunicipal Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP). The Town and Village of Westfield are proud partners in collaboration and regionalism and they have had the vision and foresight to initiate planning and development efforts in close coordination. Through continued collaboration, our Lake Erie shoreline communities are poised to take advantage of tremendous place-based assets to enhance downtown and waterfront development efforts.

I believe that Westfield is well suited to take advantage of DRI and Smart Growth funds which will advance the community's vision for downtown and waterfront revitalization. We offer our full support of this intermunicipal application to the WNY REDC and the Downtown Revitalization Initiative, and are confident that when combined with other municipal endeavors to improve our downtowns, it will be a major step toward revitalizing the Northern Chautauqua as a whole. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nathan Aldrich". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nathan Aldrich  
Executive Director



May 26, 2018

Mr. Christopher Schoepflin  
WNY Regional Director  
Empire State Development  
95 Perry Street, Suite 500  
Buffalo, NY 14203-3030

**RE: Town and Village of Westfield Downtown Revitalization Initiative Proposal**

Dear Mr. Schoepflin,

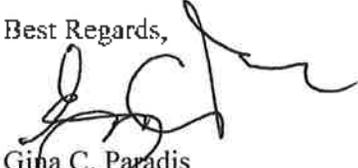
As Executive Director of the Chautauqua County Land Bank Corporation, I am pleased to provide my full support to the Town and Village of Westfield's inter-municipal efforts to seek funding through the Downtown Revitalization Initiative and Western New York Smart Growth Community Fund.

The Town and Village of Westfield are proud partners in collaboration and regionalism. For decades, they have had the vision and foresight to initiate planning and development efforts in close coordination. Those efforts are evident throughout the community and often serve as a model for other communities throughout Chautauqua County. The Land Bank has been proud to partner on many projects with both the Village and the Town to remove blight, strengthen neighborhoods and facilitate redevelopment of the downtown business district. Now is the time to support continued revitalization efforts and pursue greater development and investment opportunities in both Historic Downtown Westfield and the Barcelona Harbor Business District.

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Best Regards,



Gina C. Paradis  
Executive Director  
716-410-6699



Chautauqua  
COUNTY VISITORS BUREAU

May 30, 2018

Mr. Christopher Schoepflin  
WNY Regional Director  
Empire State Development  
95 Perry Street, Suite 500  
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**RE: Town and Village of Westfield Downtown Revitalization Initiative Proposal**

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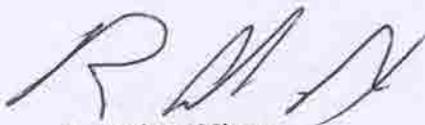
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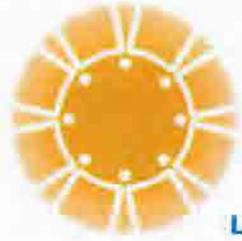
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Sincerely,



R. Andrew Nixon  
Executive Director

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**NORTHERN CHAUTAUQUA  
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Local Economic Development Initiative

May 30, 2018

Mr. Christopher Schoepflin  
WNY Regional Director  
Empire State Development  
95 Perry Street, Suite 500  
Buffalo, NY 14203-3030

**RE: Town and Village of Westfield Downtown Revitalization Initiative Proposal**

Dear Mr. Schoepflin,

As Chairperson of the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation's Local Economic Development (LED) Initiative, I am pleased to provide my full support to the Town and Village of Westfield's intermunicipal efforts to seek funding through the Downtown Revitalization Initiative and Western New York Smart Growth Community Fund.

Westfield is extremely well suited to take advantage of DRI and Smart Growth funds which will advance the community's vision for downtown and waterfront revitalization and create places where residents want to work, raise a family and enjoy a diverse range of recreational opportunities. I am confident that Westfield's proposal is aligned with local and regional economic and community development objectives and will provide critical funding which will be a catalyst for additional private development. Westfield's collaborative, community driven, intermunicipal approach is very much in line with the WNY REDC's Strategy for Prosperity. DRI funding will leverage our unique assets and will help to spur additional economic activity, develop water-dependent and water-enhanced uses and activities and improve the recreational, cultural, environmental, and economic value at both the Lake Erie waterfront at the Barcelona Harbor Business District and in the Historic Downtown.

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Once again, please accept my full support of the Town and Village of Westfield's submission to the WNY REDC for the 2018 Downtown Revitalization Downtown Revitalization Initiative and WNY Smart Growth Community Fund. In addition to our strong support of this proposal, we also

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offer our continued support and resources to assist both the Town and the Village to plan, develop, and administer current and future projects. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,

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Jane Fisher  
Chairperson



**Chautauqua County Soil & Water Conservation District**  
Northcrest Business Park, 220 Fluvanna Ave, Suite 600, Jamestown, NY 14701  
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April 30, 2018

Mr. Christopher Schoepflin  
WNY Regional Director  
Empire State Development  
95 Perry Street, Suite 500  
Buffalo, NY 14203-3030

**RE: Town and Village of Westfield Downtown Revitalization Initiative Proposal**

Dear Mr. Schoepflin,

As District Field Manager, I am pleased to provide my full support to the Town and Village of Westfield's intermunicipal efforts to seek funding through the Downtown Revitalization Initiative and Western New York Smart Growth Community Fund.

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Best Regards,

**David Spann**  
**District Field Manager**  
[dspann@soilwater.org](mailto:dspann@soilwater.org)

# Westfield Academy and Central School

David Davison  
Superintendent of Schools

203 East Main Street  
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Julia Murphy  
School Business Official  
District Clerk

May 29, 2018

Mr. Christopher Schoepflin  
WNY Regional Director  
Empire State Development  
95 Perry Street, Suite 500  
Buffalo, NY 14203-3030

## RE: Town and Village of Westfield Downtown Revitalization Initiative Proposal

Dear Mr. Schoepflin,

As Superintendent of Westfield Academy and Central School, I am pleased to provide my full support to the Town and Village of Westfield's intermunicipal efforts to seek funding through the Downtown Revitalization Initiative and Western New York Smart Growth Community Fund.

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Best Regards,



David Davison  
Superintendent of Schools  
716-326-2151 ext. 217



**WESTFIELD**  
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

May 28, 2018

Mr. Christopher Schoepflin  
WNY Regional Director  
Empire State Development  
95 Perry Street, Suite 500  
Buffalo, NY 14203-3030

**RE: Town and Village of Westfield Downtown Revitalization Initiative Proposal**

Dear Mr. Schoepflin,

As Executive Director of the Westfield Development Corporation, I am pleased to provide my full support to the Town and Village of Westfield's intermunicipal efforts to seek funding through the Downtown Revitalization Initiative and Western New York Smart Growth Community Fund.

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Once again, please accept my full support of the Town and Village of Westfield's submission to the WNY REDC for the 2018 Downtown Revitalization Initiative and WNY Smart Growth Community Fund. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,

Aaron J. Resnick

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# Chautauqua Works

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May 30, 2018

Mr. Christopher Schoepflin  
WNY Regional Director  
Empire State Development  
95 Perry Street, Suite 500  
Buffalo, NY 14203-3030

**RE: Town and Village of Westfield Downtown Revitalization Initiative Proposal**

Dear Mr. Schoepflin,

As Executive Director of the Workforce Investment Board, I am pleased to provide my full support to the Town and Village of Westfield's inter-municipal efforts to seek funding through the Downtown Revitalization Initiative and Western New York Smart Growth Community Fund.

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Once again, please accept my full support of the Town and Village of Westfield's submission to the WNY REDC for the 2018 Downtown Revitalization Initiative and WNY Smart Growth Community Fund. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,



Kathleen Geise, Executive Director  
Workforce Investment Board, Inc.

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Katie Geise, Executive Director  
Cheryl Calhoun, Finance Director

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## **APPENDIX C**

# 2018 WNY DRI & SGSF APPLICATION MUNICIPAL RESOLUTIONS OF SUPPORT

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TOWN OF WESTFIELD

*Councilman David Brown offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption*

**Resolution No.41  
Town of Westfield  
Intermunicipal Grant Application (DRI) Downtown Revitalization Initiative**

**WHEREAS**, as part of Governor Andrew Cuomo's Regional Economic Development Councils, Round 3 of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) provides an opportunity for one downtown from each of the 10 Regional Economic Development Councils to be nominated by their respective council for an award, the submission for which must come from the respective municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the DRI will award up to \$10 million in each of the 10 communities to aid in the transformation of the community to advance high quality-of-life and a critical mass of diverse public amenities and activities that will serve as catalysts for increased and sustainable local economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, in the Western New York region, applicants to the DRI that are not nominated as the \$10 million winner of the 2018 statewide competition, will automatically be eligible for additional funding for transformative improvements to their downtowns through the Smart Growth Community Fund made possible by Phase II of the Buffalo Billion; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town and Village of Westfield maintain a collaborative intermunicipal relationship and share a joint comprehensive plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Westfield, Village of Westfield, and the Westfield Development Corporation have a common interest in promoting economic development and prosperity in Westfield; and

**WHEREAS**, there are significant public and private investments taking place in downtown Westfield and at Barcelona Harbor and opportunity to advance and leverage additional growth and development of the historic downtown and Lake Erie waterfront; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board is in full support of the submission to the WNY Regional Economic Development Council as an intermunicipal application for the 2018 Downtown Revitalization Initiative and WNY Smart Growth Community Fund, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to execute all necessary documents with the WNY Regional Economic Development Council and the New York State Department of State should the Town and Village be successful in securing funding for said downtown revitalization efforts



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TOWN OF WESTFIELD

*This was seconded by Councilman William Northrop. Voting was as follows: Supervisor Martha Bills, aye; Councilman David Brown, aye; aye; Councilman James Herbert, aye; Councilman Will Northrop, aye.*

**CERTIFICATION**

STATE OF NEW YORK )  
COUNTY OF CHAUTAUQUA ) ss.:

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Town of Westfield, Chautauqua County, New York (the "Town"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the preceding Resolution No. 41 of 2018 with the original thereof filed in my office on May 10, 2018 and that the same is a true, correct and complete copy of said original and of the whole thereof so far as the same relate to the subject matters referred to therein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Town this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2018.

Andrea L. Babcock  
Town Clerk



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## RESOLUTION #13-2018 REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCILS DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE (DRI)

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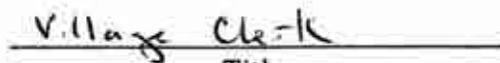
**RESOLVED**, that the Village Board authorizes the Mayor to execute all necessary documents with the WNY Regional Economic Development Council and the New York State Department of State should the Town and Village be successful in securing funding for said downtown revitalization efforts. I certify that this resolution was adopted by the Village of Westfield, New York on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the Village of Westfield on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.

SEAL:

  
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