Cornwall NY FORWARD



Public Workshop #2 October 12, 2023

We will begin at 5:45 PM



What is NY Forward?

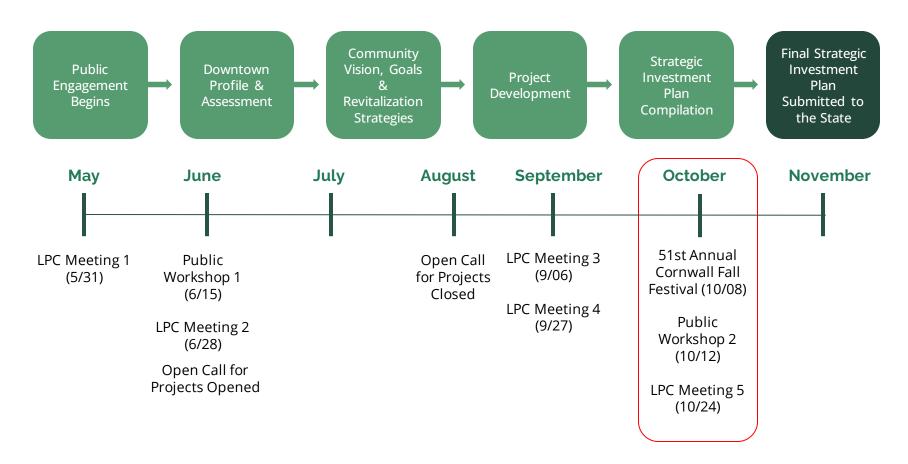
NY Forward (NYF) launched in 2022 to invigorate and enliven downtowns in New York's smaller and rural communities—the type of downtowns found in villages, hamlets, and other small, neighborhoodscale municipal centers.

Similar to the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI), and with Department of State planning and implementation support, **NYF communities develop a Strategic Investment Plan that includes a slate of readily implementable projects** aimed at attracting more businesses, residents, and visitors, while providing a higher quality of life for all residents.

Key Activities

- Public engagement
- Downtown profile and assessment
- Vision, goals, and revitalization strategies
- Project identification and development
- Project implementation

Project Status Update



Public Workshop #1 Recap

On June 15, 2023, community members attended the first public workshop to learn more about the NYF process and share feedback and ideas for potential projects throughout the community.









Community Goals

- Foster a walkable, vibrant streetscape
- Enhance existing parks and open space
- Increase public art and cultural offerings
- Draw visitors from nearby regional attractions

Open Call for Projects

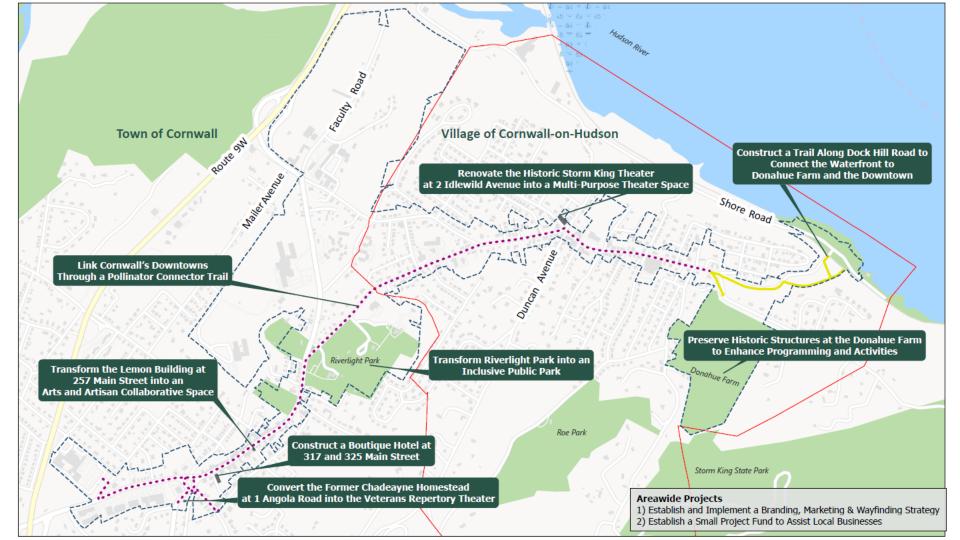
Between June 16, 2023 through August 18, 2023, the project team held office hours to answer any questions and received 13 project applications.

Responses

- 13 projects submitted
 - 1 Town of Cornwall Project
 - 2 Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson Projects
 - 3 Combined Town and Village Projects
 - 3 Non-Profit Projects
 - 4 Private Projects
- Of the 13 projects received, 3 projects are ineligible

Project Criteria

- Aligned with State and local goals
- Located within the NYF boundary area
- Demonstrate strong community support
- Well-developed
- Attract public and private investment
- Improve quality of life
- Represent an effective and efficient use of public resources



Preliminary Slate of Projects

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Transform **Riverlight Park** into an Inclusive Public Park



Improve Riverlight Park with new features such as ADA-compliant walkways with a story walk around Ring's Pond, ADA-compliant restrooms, an inclusive playground, and a new skate park. Other project elements include improved drainage with rain gardens and the renovation of the icehouse for use as a public pavilion, and renovation of Sands Ring Homestead Museum.

Sponsor Name: Town of Cornwall

Sponsor Type: Public

NYF Funding Request: \$1,270,000 Total Project Cost: \$2,220,000



Establish and Implement a **Branding**, **Marketing**, **and Wayfinding Strategy**



Enhance the visibility of Downtown Cornwall and attract new residents, businesses and visitors to Downtown Cornwall by establishing Cornwall's brand, developing a marketing strategy, and creating wayfinding signage.

Sponsor Name: Town of Cornwall and

Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson

Sponsor Type: Public

NYF Funding Request: \$325,000

Total Project Cost: \$325,000

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Link Cornwall's Downtowns Through a Pollinator Connector Trail



Improve sidewalks and crosswalks and add public art, uniform street furniture, a public restroom, street trees, and pollinator plantings to facilitate a fully accessible, engaging, and safe pedestrian connection from St. Luke's-Montefiore Hospital through both the Town and Village downtowns.

Sponsor Name: Town of Cornwall and

Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson

Sponsor Type: Public

NYF Funding Request: \$755,000

Total Project Cost: \$855,000



Establish a **Small Project Fund** to Assist Local Businesses



Establish a Small Project Fund to provide the business community with resources to further enhance the economic vitality of Downtown Cornwall. Projects could include facade improvements, interior improvements that allow for business expansion, and other capital improvement projects.

Sponsor Name: Town of Cornwall and

Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson

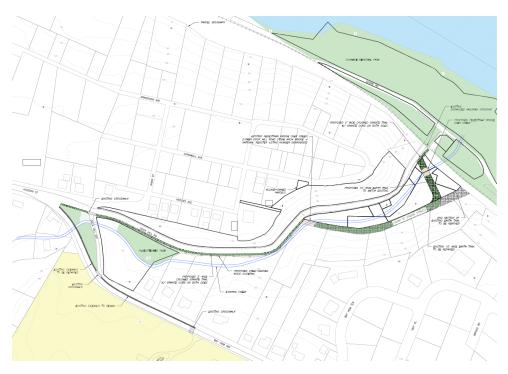
Sponsor Type: Public

NYF Funding Request: \$300,000

Total Project Cost: \$300,000



Construct a **Trail Along Dock Hill Road** to Connect the Waterfront to Donahue Farm and the Downtown



Construct a 2,500 linear foot trail to allow for a safe pedestrian connection between Donahue Farm and Donahue Memorial Park, including 900 linear feet of existing trail to be improved. This project also includes new sidewalks, crushed stone pathway, and drainage improvements.

Sponsor Name: Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson

Sponsor Type: Public

NYF Funding Request: \$479,250 Total Project Cost: \$1,076,250



Preserve Historic Structures at the **Donahue Farm** to Enhance Programming and Activities



Preserve the exterior of the Donahue Farm barn and renovate the icehouse to accommodate public programming. Additional improvements include the construction of new restrooms and a visitor kiosk to facilitate public use of the site.



Sponsor Name: Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson

Sponsor Type: Public

NYF Funding Request: \$667,500 Total Project Cost: \$723,500



Transform the Lemon Building at 257 Main Street into an **Arts and Artisan Collaborative Space**



Transform the Lemon Building into a dynamic arts and artisan incubator that supports veteran-owned businesses. NYF funding would support the build out of Phase 1 of the project, which includes a bar and spaces for artisans. A future phase includes the creation of a rooftop restaurant and kitchen space.

Sponsor Name: Cornwall Imaginarium, LLC

Sponsor Type: Private

NYF Funding Request: \$592,000 Total Project Cost: \$1,340,000



Construct a **Boutique Hotel** at 317 and 325 Main Street



Construct a 4-story, 52-room upscale boutique hotel with a full service restaurant and bar on Main Street. Improvements also include the creation of parking spaces that would be leased to the Town for public use and stormwater drainage improvements.

Sponsor Name: 2 Girls 1 Boy Holdings LLC

Sponsor Type: Private

NYF Funding Request: \$1,000,000 Total Project Cost: \$8,000,000



Renovate the Historic Storm King Theater at 2 Idlewild Avenue into a **Multi-Purpose Theater Space**



Improve the historic Storm King Theater building by converting interior spaces into a first-floor black box theater to serve as a public space and a second-floor lounge and dinner theater that would be integrated into the existing restaurant, bringing diverse entertainment programming while staying true to the building's historical use.

Sponsor Name: Storm King Associates

Sponsor Type: Private

NYF Funding Request: \$774,000 Total Project Cost: \$841,046



Convert the Former Chadeayne Homestead at 1 Angola Road into a **Veterans Repertory Theater**



Convert the Chadeayne Homestead on Angola Road into a home for Veterans Repertory Theater. Phase 1 of the project is underway and is the purchase and re-zoning of the site. NYF funds would support Phase 2 with a 30-seat theater, box office, lobby/lounge area, parking lot, space for playwriting classes, and administrative offices. Future Phase 3 includes expanding theater to 50 seats by adding a balcony and box seats, a backstage area, dressing rooms and addition of outdoor stage and 2nd story porch.

Sponsor Name: VetRep **Sponsor Type:** Nonprofit

NYF Funding Request: \$625,000 Total Project Cost: \$3,651,500

Today's Workshop: Project Charrette Activity

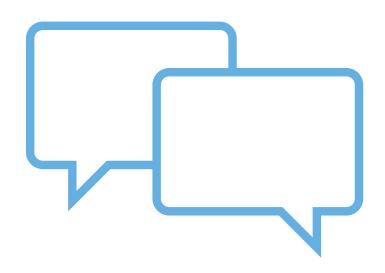
Goal: Participants will learn more about each of the New York Forward projects and share their thoughts on which of the NYF goals each project achieves and how each project benefits the Cornwall community.

Format: Participants will circulate through project stations to provide feedback on each of the proposed projects. Stations will be equipped with project boards and facilitators to provide guidance and answer questions. Each participant will record their responses to questions about project goals and community benefits on an activity response form.

Rules:

- All ideas are welcome
- Please make room for others to speak
- Aim to spend approximately 5 to 10 minutes engaging with each project
- Return your completed Activity Response Forms to the welcome desk at the end of the activity

The Workshop will commence at the end of the Charrette Activity. We ask that you submit your Activitiy Response Form as you leave. THANK YOU!



Thank You!



Provide feedback online via our Activity Response Survey

Email us!



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