

VILLAGE OF CHITTENANGO

CENTRAL NEW YORK NY FORWARD

Public Meeting #2
September 23, 2025

<https://chittenango.gov/ny-forward/>



NY Forward

Agenda

1. Planning Updates
2. Chittenango's NYF Vision & Goals
3. Projects Being Considered for NYF Funding
4. Next Steps
5. How to Provide Input Tonight

1

Planning Updates



Public Engagement Updates

- **Public Meeting #1 – June 11**
 - **80 attendees**, including several LPC members, members of Planning & Zoning Boards, and Board of Trustee
- **Online survey** ran through July 7 and received **178 responses**
- **Pop-up event – August 19**
 - Held at Tuesdays in the Park



What we heard: Community priorities

Diversify housing to support senior, affordable, and high-end options

Create **more dining, shopping, and entertainment opportunities** that draw people to downtown

Improve beauty and unique identity of Downtown through building facade improvements and rehabilitation, public art, wayfinding, and increased public space amenities

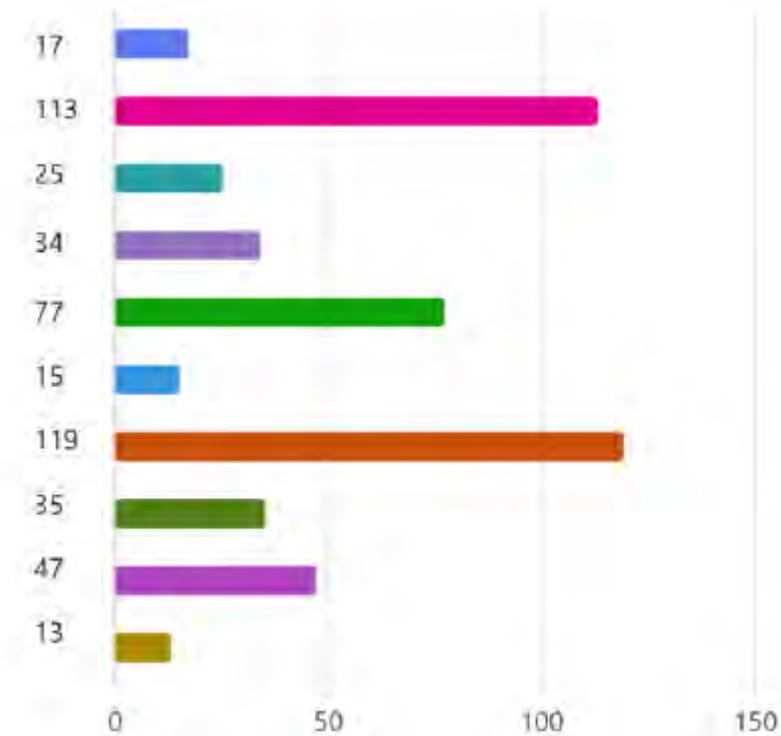
Enhance and **expand indoor and outdoor recreation spaces, trails, and community facilities**

Invest in community's **cultural events, institutions, and historic assets** to boost tourism and **expand offerings for all ages and interests**

Public Survey Input

Highest priorities for downtown?

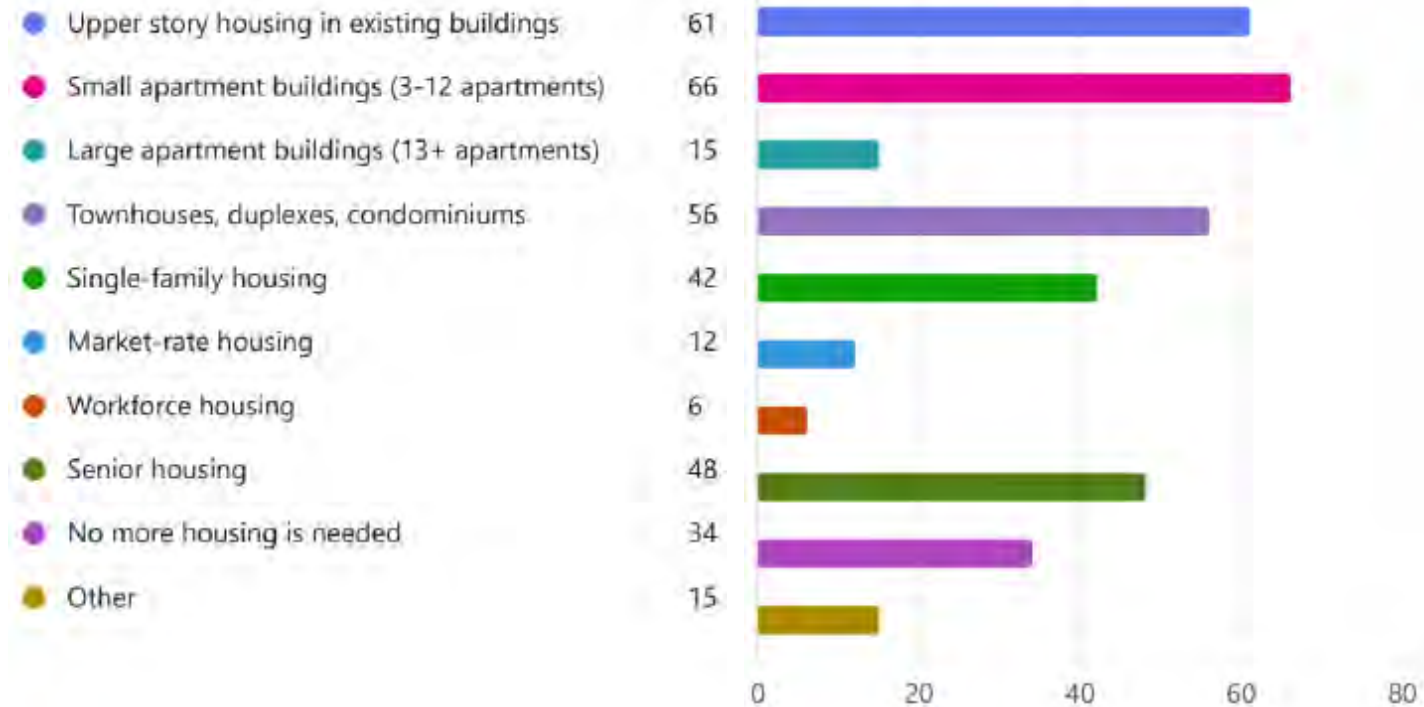
1. Supporting and growing businesses
2. Renovating existing buildings
3. Improving public gathering spaces



Public Survey Input

What type of housing is most needed in or near downtown?

1. Small apartment buildings (3-12 apartments)
2. Upper-story housing in existing buildings
3. Townhouses, duplexes, condos



2

Vision and Goals



What is it?

Downtown Vision and Goals

Vision: What will downtown Chittenango look like in 5–7 years?

- Provides a guiding framework for Chittenango's Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) and decision-making regarding future development

Goals: How will the Village attain its vision?

- Clear statements of what needs to be accomplished to move towards the NYF vision.

Revitalization Strategies: What steps must be taken to achieve a specific goal?

- Discrete, measurable actions required to achieve a goal.

Shaping the vision statement

Chittenango's NYF vision statement was shaped by public input from the first public meeting.



What we heard: Revising the vision

Add more details about **Chittenango's history and heritage** such as its connections to **Erie Canal** and **L. Frank Baum**

Increase emphasis on **community events, amenities, and recreation opportunities**

Better highlight the Village's **inviting small town feel, walkability, and accessibility to the broader region**

Include greater focus on **Downtown Chittenango as a destination that sustains a diversity of businesses that serve both residents and visitors**

Vision

Revised Vision Statement

“The Village of Chittenango envisions a vibrant and welcoming community that celebrates our unique heritage, embraces sustainability, and fosters innovation. Our downtown will be a dynamic hub where history meets the future, drawing residents and visitors alike to enjoy our rich cultural offerings and events, active parks and public spaces, and thriving local businesses. We will continue to strengthen the connection between downtown and the Erie Canal along the Creekwalk Trail to attract visitors to our downtown. We commit to nurturing a connected, inclusive, and resilient village, where every voice shapes our journey and every project strengthens our collective identity.”

Goals

Chittenango's NYF Goals



Support a diversity of local businesses that meets interests of residents and visitors



Improve downtown's buildings, streetscapes, and connectivity



Provide a variety of housing types



Enhance and promote Chittenango's attractions, businesses, and public spaces to visitors and residents

3

Projects Being Considered for NYF Funding



Eligible project types



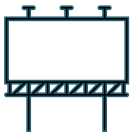
New Development and/or Rehabilitation of Existing Structures



Public Improvements



Small Project Fund









Community Branding and Marketing (Physical Components)

Ineligible project types

- Standalone planning activities
- Operation and maintenance (include staffing, utilities, rent)
- Deferred maintenance
- Pre-award costs
- Property acquisition
- Training and other continuing expenses
- Expenses related to existing programs

Eligibility Requirements

Projects must also meet the following eligibility requirements to be considered:

-  Identified project sponsor with capacity and legal authority to undertake project
-  Project sponsor has site control
-  Large enough to be truly transformative to downtown (\$100,000+ total cost)
-  Must be able to break ground within two years of receiving NYF award
-  Financing commitments largely secured – or demonstrated to be able to be secured
-  Includes decarbonization techniques
(if new construction, substantial renovation, or building addition)

Evaluation Criteria

The LPC's evaluation will consider the following.

The consultant team will provide information to support their evaluation.

- ☐ **Alignment with Local and State Goals.** Projects must advance the goals established by the LPC and the State for the NYF community.
- ☐ **Catalytic Effect.** Projects must have a significant positive impact on the revitalization of downtown.
- ☐ **Co-Benefits.** Projects must result in benefits to the community, beyond just the project developer, such as additional economic activity and improved quality of life.
- ☐ **Project Readiness.** Projects should be well-developed and ready to proceed as soon as possible upon the award of funding.
- ☐ **Cost Effectiveness.** Projects must represent an effective and efficient use of public resources.

Open Call for Projects

Closed August 22nd

- Received 19 project forms
- Over \$7.6M in initial NYF funding requests*
- Over \$11 M in initial anticipated total project costs*

** Note: These figures have changed during the project review process*






Village of Chittenango

NY Forward Project Form

The Village of Chittenango has been awarded funds through New York State's NY Forward (NYF) program to fund catalytic projects in the downtown to spur revitalization. The Local Planning Committee (LPC) is seeking project proposals from the public for potential projects to be included in Chittenango's Strategic Investment Plan. Projects included in the Strategic Investment Plan will be reviewed by New York State and may receive funding from a total allocation of \$4.5 million.

Project proposals must be received no later than:

4:00 pm Friday, August 22

Applicants are encouraged to submit their form as soon as they are able.

There will be two opportunities to learn more about the Open Call for Projects and eligibility requirements:

Drop-In Office Hours
Wednesday, July 9
4:00 - 6:00pm

Chittenango Landing
Canal Boat Museum
717 Lakeport Road

Consultant team will be available to answer questions.

Zoom Webinar
Thursday, July 10
Noon - 1:00pm

Register in advance:
https://stantec.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_24MRbc41S3yBOXE6PZghiw

Open Call for Projects Results:

16 Potential Projects

✓ \$7.6 M

NYF Funds Requested

✓ \$12 M

Total Project Costs

11 Small Project Interest

✓ \$513K

NYF Funds Requested

✓ \$742K

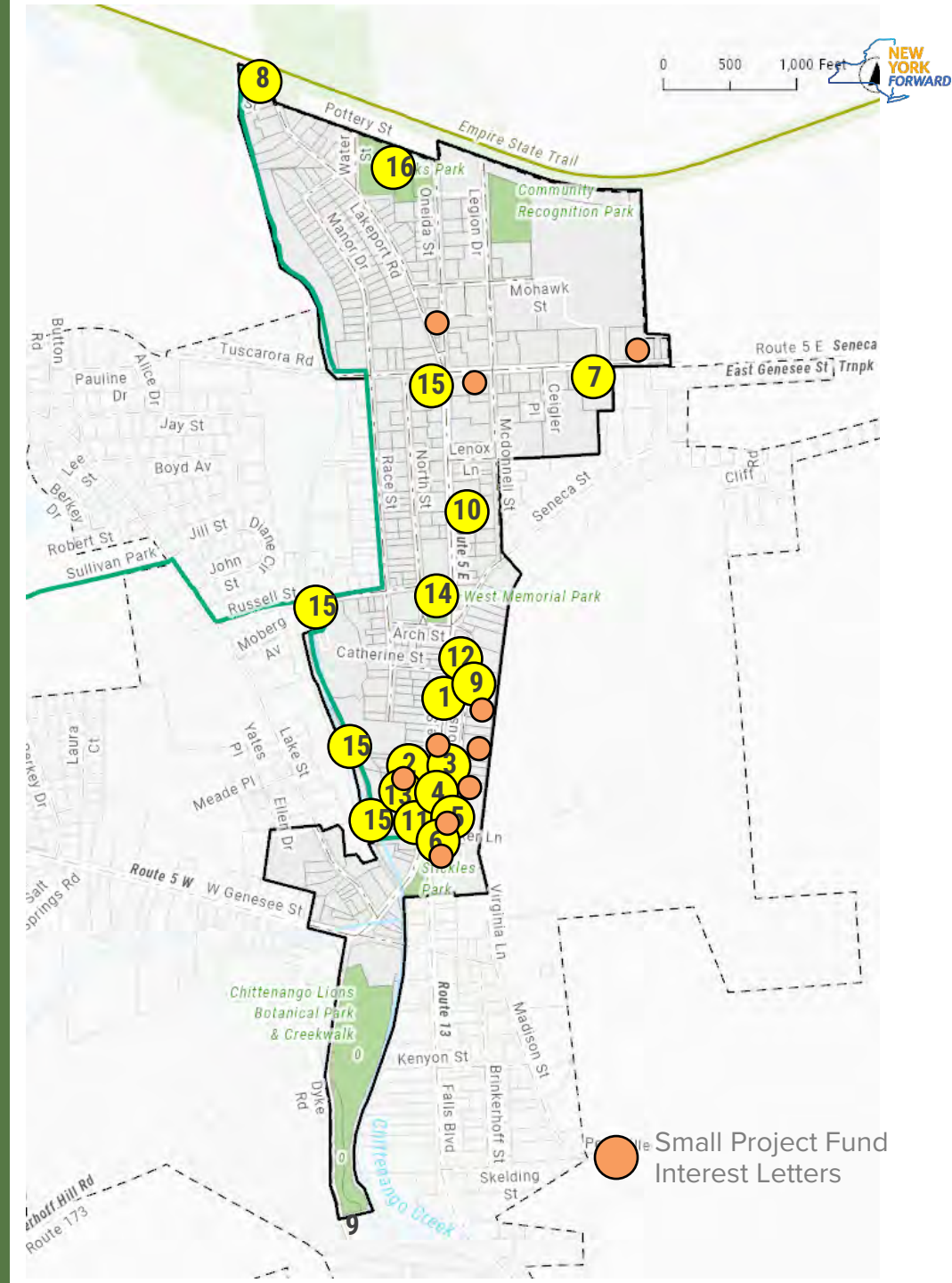
Total Project Costs

Projects Received

● Potential NYF Fund Projects

	Requested	Total Cost
1. Expand Sweet Tooth Bakery	\$520,000	\$1.3 M
2. Improve 227 Genesee St. for Energy-Efficiency	\$61,800	\$103,000
3. Create New Apartments at 254 Genesee St.	\$336,000	\$560,000
4. Modernize Commercial & Housing at 236 Genesee	\$516,000	\$860,000
5. Beautify 216 Genesee St.	\$82,500	\$110,000
6. Renovate 210 St. Genesee to Add Addtl Apartments	\$291,000	\$485,000
7. Expand Sorbello's Gift & Garden	\$435,000	\$725,000
8. Create Outdoor Ed & Rec Center at CLCBM	\$950,000	\$1.1 M
9. Modernize QuickServe Market	\$156,000	\$260,000
10. Construct New Multi-family Housing at 428 Genesee	\$960,000	\$2.4 M
11. Improve Visitor Experience at All Things Oz Museum	\$759,300	\$814,300
12. Enhance Darlene's Kitchen	\$149,500	\$249,000
13. Create New Upper Story Housing at 211 Genesee St.	\$465,000	\$775,000
14. Expand & Improve Dr. West Park	\$535,800	\$635,800
15. Implement Village Public Realm & Connectivity	\$450,500	\$500,000
16. Create Chittenango Recreation Center	\$950,000	\$1.06 M

* Estimated costs and NY Forward requests subject to change



NYF POTENTIAL PROJECTS RECEIVED

13 private projects + 3 public projects

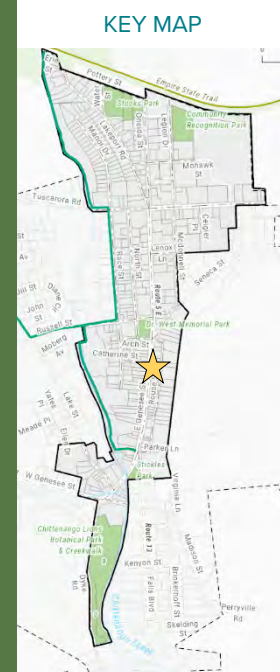
** Project details, including scope, estimated costs, and NY Forward requests, subject to change*



BUILDINGS

Expand Sweet Tooth Bakery

The project will replace a house on expand the bakery through demolition of old house and construction of new two-story building facing to Genesee Street. First floor will be a new café space for bakery and second floor will include one apartment. Additional space will allow bakery to expand days of operation and hire additional staff.



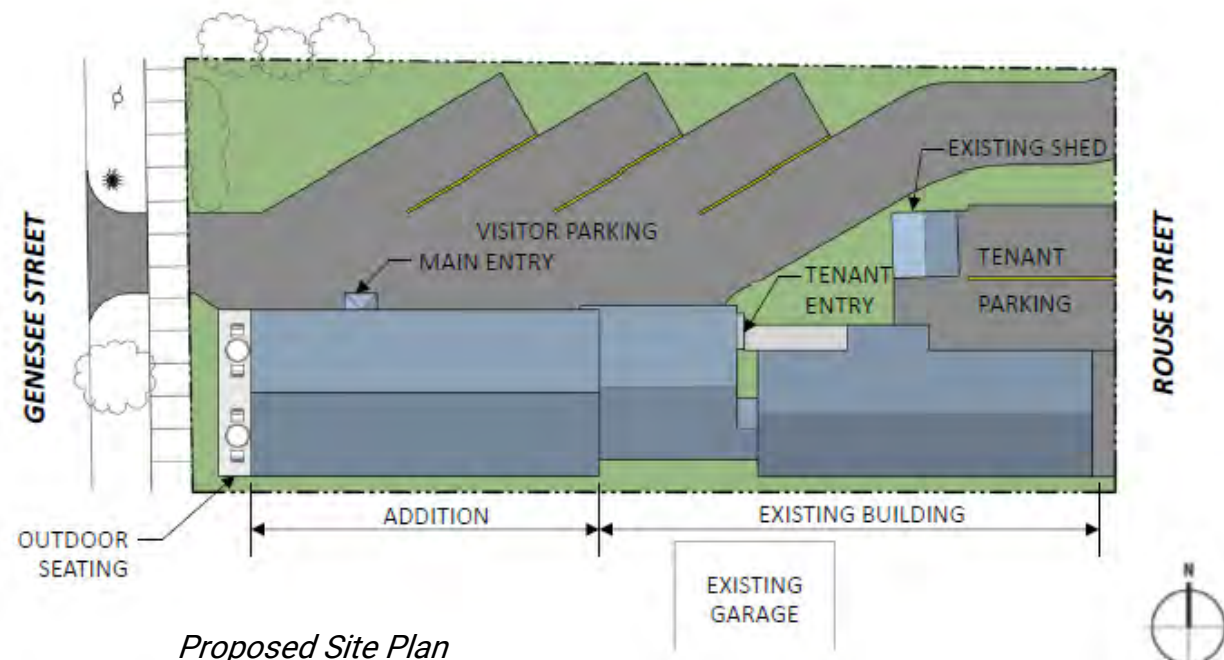
\$520,000 NYF Request (40%)

\$1,300,000 Total Project Cost

Sponsor: Sweet Tooth Annie

Site control: Yes

Existing use: Mixed-use



Proposed Site Plan



BUILDINGS

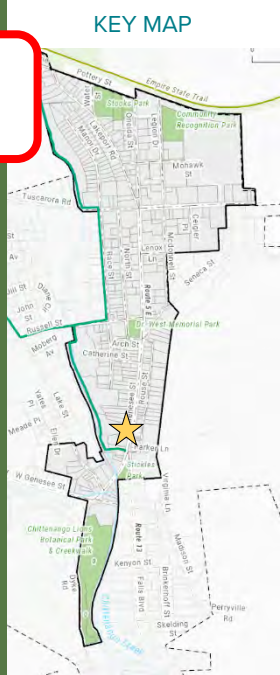
Improve 227 Genesee Street for Energy-Efficiency

The project includes several exterior improvements to an aging commercial building to improve its appearance and energy-efficiency to create a more desirable space for current and future businesses in downtown.



Scope being refined

KEY MAP



\$61,800 NYF Request (60%)
\$103,000 Total Project Cost

Sponsor: Just in Town Properties, LLC

Site control: Yes

Existing use: Commercial



Existing conditions



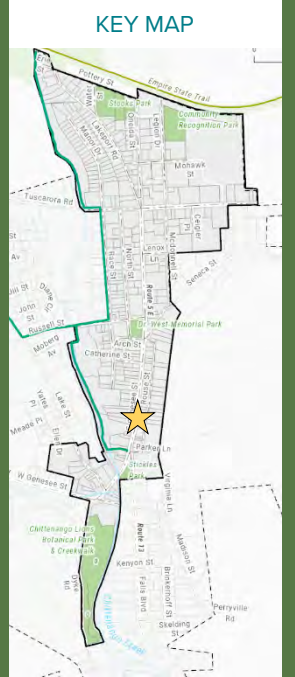
Proposed Concept



BUILDINGS

Create New Apartments at 254 Genesee Street

The project will renovate several gutted upper story apartments and return them to a livable condition. Activities will include demolition, roof replacement, complete structural and energy improvements to the building, plumbing and electric updates, and the installation of new kitchens and bathrooms. Three or four new housing units will be created.

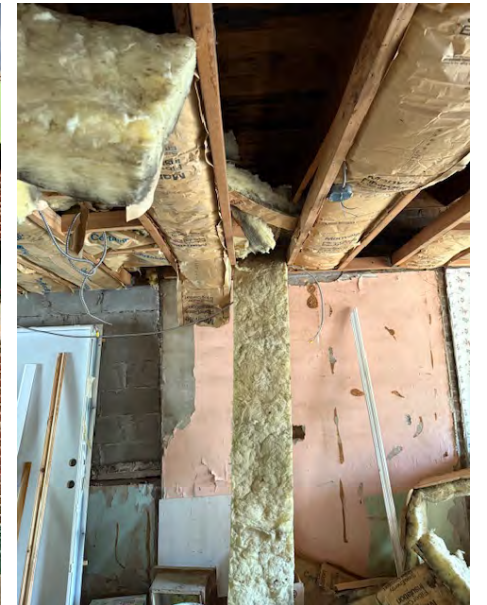


\$336,000 NYF Request (60%)
\$560,000 Total Project Cost

Sponsor: Kupczynski Holding LLC

Site control: Yes

Existing use: Mixed-use



Existing conditions

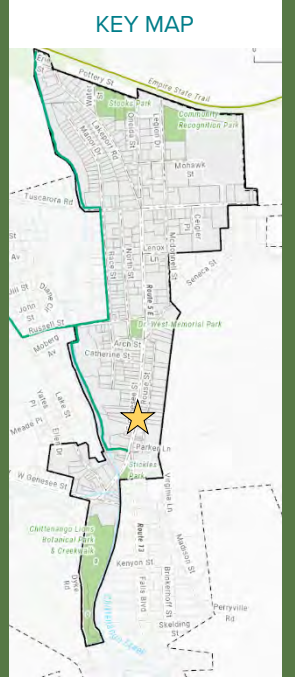


BUILDINGS | PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT

Scope being refined

Modernize Commercial and Housing Units at 236 Genesee Street

The project will improve the building's storefront facades, upgrade the nine second-story apartments, and create a new event space at Ruby Begonia's.



\$516,000 NYF Request (60%)
\$860,000 Total Project Cost

Sponsor: Kupczynski Holding LLC

Site control: Yes

Existing use: Mixed-use



Existing conditions

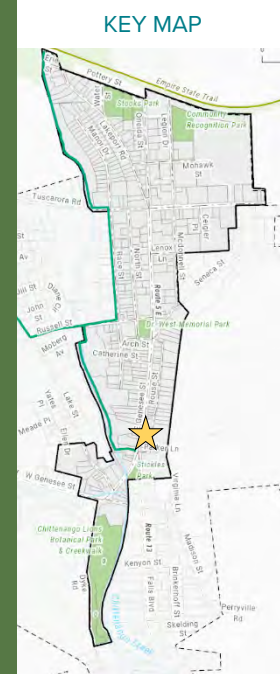


BUILDINGS

Beautify 216 Genesee Street

The project will replace the building's deteriorated exterior to bring a new and improved look to downtown.

! Scope being refined



\$82,500 NYF Request (75%)
\$110,000 Total Project Cost

Sponsor: HavenAir Enterprises LLC

Site control: Yes

Existing use: Mixed-use



Existing conditions



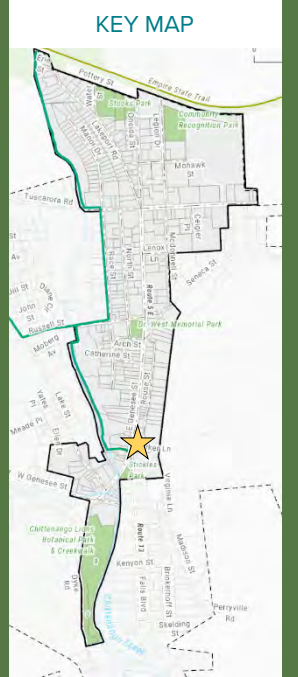
Proposed conditions



BUILDINGS

Renovate 210 Genesee Street to Add Additional Apartments

The project will make improvements to a mixed-use building to maximize the under-used second story space, revitalize exterior conditions, and replace the HVAC with an energy efficient system. Two additional apartments will be added to the building's existing five residential and two commercial units.



\$291,000 NYF Request (60%)
\$485,000 Total Project Cost

Sponsor: HavenAir Enterprises LLC

Site control: Yes

Existing use: Mixed-use



Existing conditions



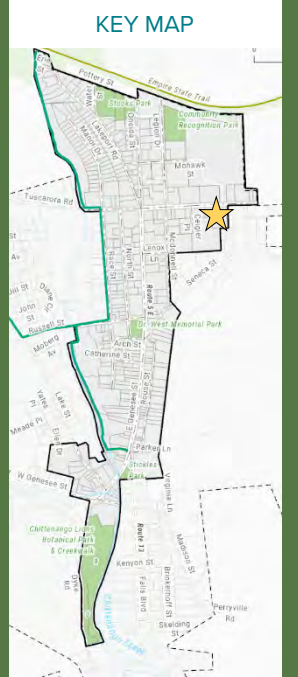
Conceptual image



BUILDINGS

Expand Sorbello's Gift and Garden for Community Programming

The project will expand the existing business' gift shop, warehouse, and produce house. It will add a third greenhouse and amphitheater to support regular public programming and events.



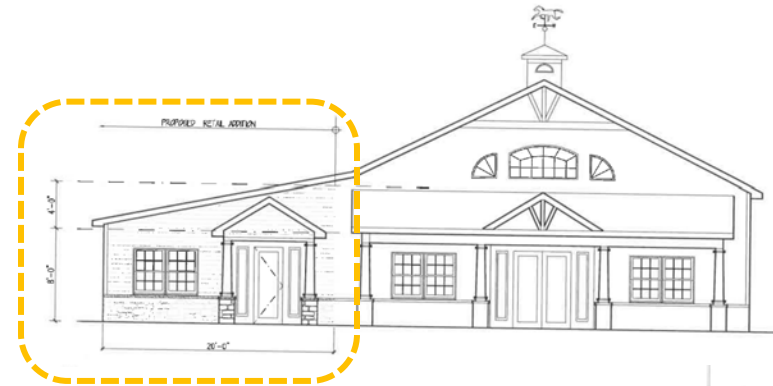
\$435,000 NYF Request (60%)

\$725,000 Total Project Cost

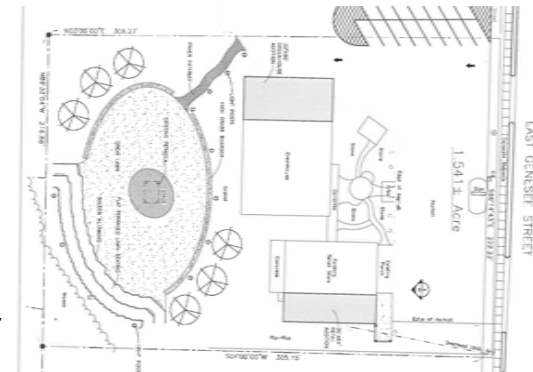
Sponsor: Sorbello's Produce Co. Inc.

Site control: Yes

Existing use: Garden Center and Gift Shop



Proposed addition



Proposed amphitheater



BUILDINGS

Create Outdoor Educational & Recreational Center at Canal Boat Museum

The project will develop an ADA accessible building with an outdoor patio to serve as an education and cultural center for year-round programming and expanded recreational opportunities. Once built, the project will strengthen connections between the museum, the Village of Chittenango, and regional trail networks.



\$950,000 NYF Request (90%)

\$1,050,000 Total Project Cost

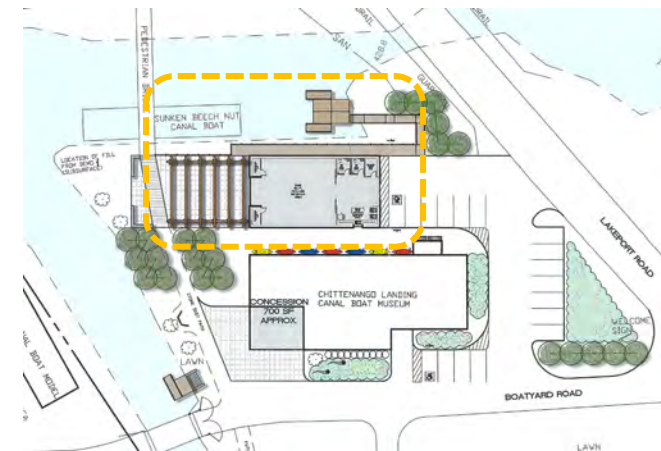
Sponsor: Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum

Site control: Yes

Existing use: Museum



Proposed rendering



Proposed site plan

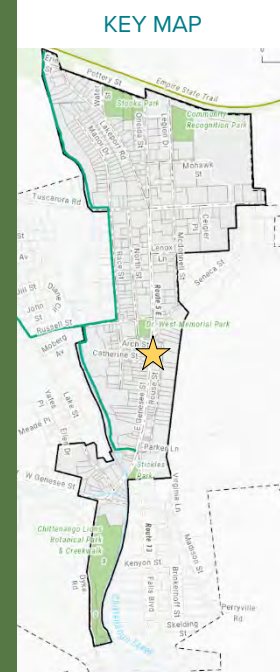


BUILDINGS

! Scope being refined

Modernize QuickServe Market

The project will renovate the interior and exterior of the existing convenience store. Includes roof replacement, installing new flooring, resurfacing the parking lot, and updating the HVAC system.



\$156,000 NYF Request (60%)

\$260,000 Total Project Cost

Sponsor: QuickServe Market LLC

Site control: Yes

Existing use: Convenience store



Existing conditions

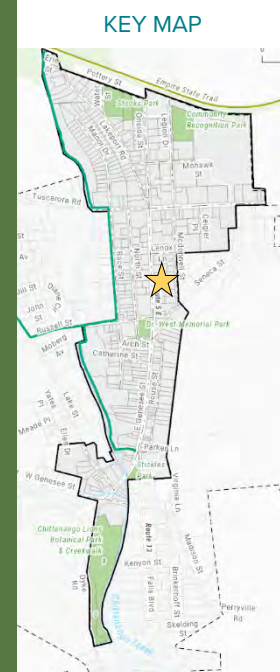




BUILDINGS

Construct New Multi-family Housing at 428 Genesee Street

The project will construct a new multifamily, market-rate, modular 8-unit building on a portion of a vacant lot along Genesee Street.



\$960,000 NYF Request (40%)
\$2,400,000 Total Project Cost

Sponsor: SoulCraft, LLC

Site control: Pending

Existing use: Vacant



*Existing
conditions*



BUILDINGS

Improve the Visitor Experience at the All Things Oz Museum

The project will replace the museum's doors, windows, and siding, add new lighting and heating and air conditioning to the upstairs, update the restrooms, and renovate the existing gift shop. A second floor addition will create a new exhibition space and expand storage for the collection.

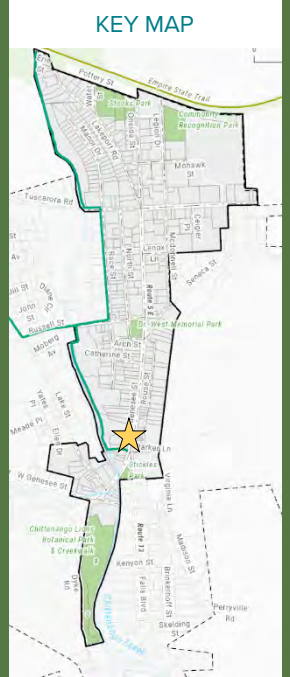
\$759,300 NYF Request (93%)

\$814,300 Total Project Cost

Sponsor: International L. Frank Baum & The All Things Oz Historical Foundation

Site control: Yes

Existing use: Museum



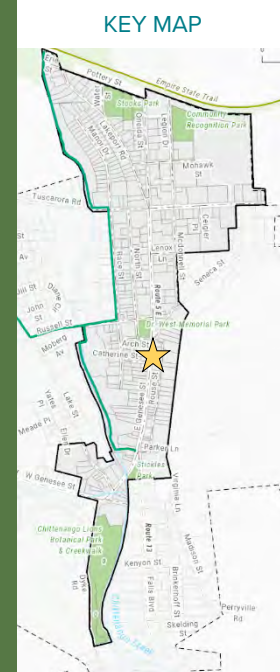
Existing conditions



BUILDINGS

Enhance Darlene's Kitchen for Improved Customer Experience

The project will renovate the existing restaurant's dining room, replace various dated kitchen and service equipment, and upgrade the heating and air conditioning system for increased energy-efficiency.



\$149,500 NYF Request (60%)

\$249,000 Total Project Cost

Sponsor: Darlene's Kitchen

Site control: Yes

Existing use: Restaurant



*Existing
conditions*

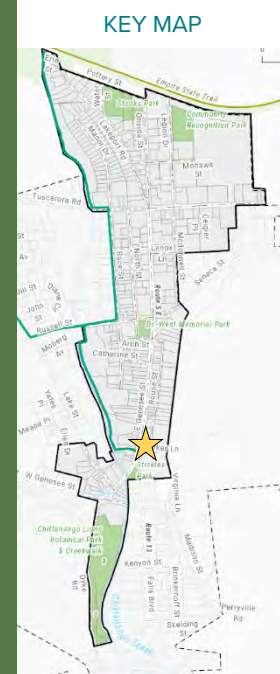


BUILDINGS

Create New Upper Story Housing at 211 Genesee Street

The project will create six new apartments on upper floors, renovate the exterior façade, and improve the site's connection to the Creekwalk.

! Scope being refined



\$465,000 NYF Request (60%)
\$775,000 Total Project Cost

Sponsor: JMRM Management, LLC

Site control: Yes

Existing use: Mixed-use



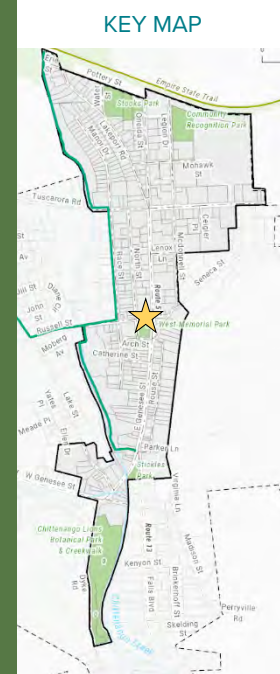
Existing conditions



PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT

Expand and Improve Dr. West Park for Community Use

The project will expand Dr. West Park across Russell Street to provide more green space for large events like Oz-stravaganza. It will also install a durable, self-cleaning public restroom facility so visitors feel comfortable extending their stay in the downtown area.



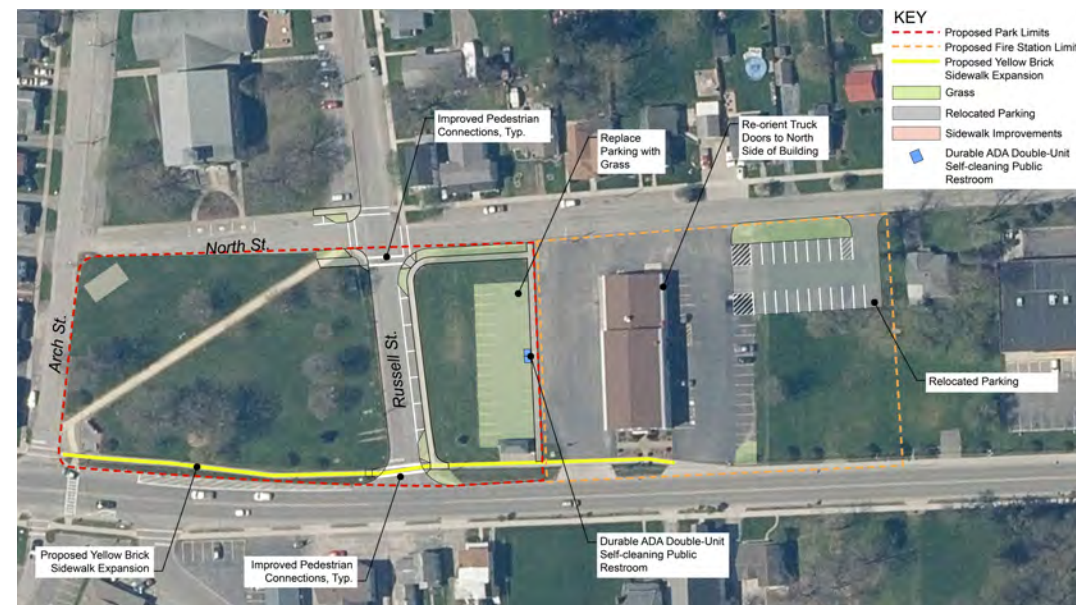
\$536,000 NYF Request (84%)

\$636,000 Total Project Cost

Sponsor: Village of Chittenango

Site control: Yes

Existing use: Dr. West Park and Fire Station



Proposed Concept



PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT

Implement Village Public Realm and Connectivity Improvements

The project is a multi-faceted effort to improve residents' quality of life and the visitor experience in the downtown area. Key components include: 1. Extend the yellow brick sidewalk from current northern end to Dr West Park. 2. Enhance Creekwalk with two entry point gateway arches and rebuilding the ADA fishing pier. 3. Create a new pocket park near the Village Offices to provide green space. 4. Install a mural at 201 Genesee Street that creates a visual landmark and celebrates features like Oz, Chittenango Falls, and the Erie Canal. 5. Create new gathering space at Lions Botanical Garden by installing a pavilion and paved seating area. 6. Install new digital sign at Genesee and Genesee Turnpike along with two village gateway signs to promote downtown.



\$450,000 NYF Request (90%)
\$500,000 Total Project Cost

Sponsor: Village of Chittenango

Site control: Yes

Existing use: Public realm, public space



Existing end of yellow brick sidewalk



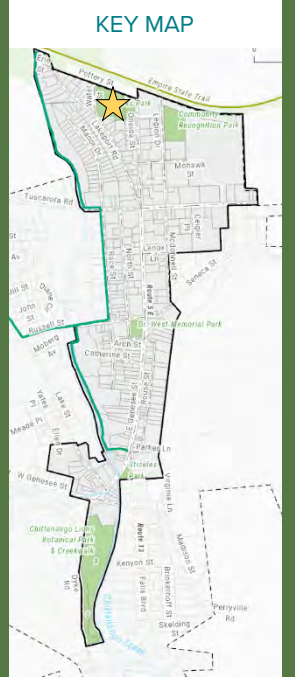
Proposed mural concept



PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT

Create Chittenango Recreation Center

The project will build a new modern, multi-use recreation center with an indoor basketball court for community use. The location will likely be at Stooks Park, though other location(s) are being considered.



\$950,000 NYF Request (90%)
\$1,055,000 Total Project Cost

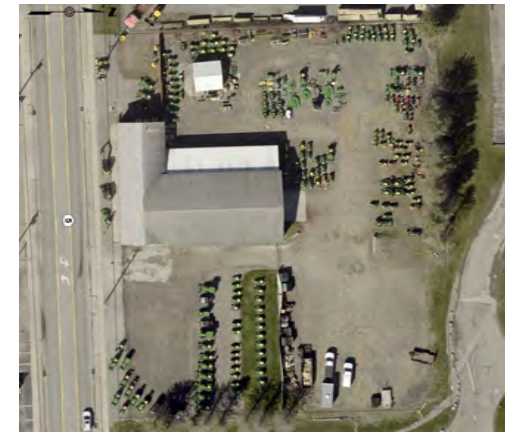
Sponsor: Village of Chittenango

Site control: Yes

Existing use: Public Park



Existing conditions



*Potential alternative location:
809 Genesee St.*

4

Next Steps



NY Forward Process

Late Oct

- LPC votes to recommend a list of projects totaling \$6-8M in NYF funding requests

Dec 2025

- Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) with LPC's recommended project list submitted to State

**1st half
2026**

- State agencies review SIP and make final project selections for Village's \$4.5M award

NY Forward Process

**2nd half
2026+**

- Project implementation begins
 - After sponsor finalizes contract with State agency
 - Within two years of award contract being signed

**Project
Completion**

- Sponsor reimbursed for their NY Forward award amount after project completed

Future Meetings

LPC Meetings

LPC#1: Tuesday, May 20

LPC #2: Wednesday, June 25

LPC #3: Wednesday August 20

LPC #4: Tuesday, September 23

LPC #5: Wednesday, October 15

LPC #6: Wednesday, October 29

Public Meetings

Public Meeting #1: June 11

- Kick-off and Opportunities/Challenges

Public Meeting #2: September 23

- Vision and Goals, Potential Projects

NYF Pop-Up

August 19 at Tuesdays in the Park

LPC meetings are working meetings for committee discussion. The public is welcome to observe, and there is a public comment period at the end.

5

How to Provide Input Tonight



Collecting Input

Project Open House

Grab a worksheet or scan the QR code and then visit the poster gallery

For each project on the worksheet:

- Review the poster information
- Share your level of support and respond to other questions

Please return your worksheet once you've completed it for all projects



Collecting Input

Online Feedback – Through October 8th

Project information will be posted on the Village website along with a survey similar to the worksheet for anyone unable to attend tonight.

Tell your friends!

Survey will close on **Wednesday, October 8**

<https://chittenango.gov/ny-forward/>



Use your phone's camera for a link to the survey.



Then you can take the survey on your phone instead of the worksheet.



Collecting Input

How Your Feedback Will Be Used

Public feedback is one of several aspects evaluated for each project.

Worksheet responses and online survey feedback will be summarized and presented to the LPC at their next meeting.

‘Public support’ is part of each project profile in the Strategic Investment Plan (SIP).



Chittenango NYF

**Share your feedback with us
to continue the Village's momentum!**

<https://chittenango.gov/ny-forward/>



NY Forward