HAMILTON NY FORWARD
PUBLIC MEETING # 1 SUMMARY

Public Meeting #1 – June 29th, 2023, 5 PM – 7 PM
The Hub, 20 Utica St, Hamilton, NY
Prepared by Highland Planning

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MEETING OVERVIEW

The first public meeting for Hamilton's NY Forward (NYF) planning process provided an overview of the program. Sixteen people signed in and shared their thoughts about Downtown Hamilton during the small group discussion portion of the workshop.

Village of Hamilton Mayor RuthAnn Loveless welcomed members of the public and other attendees. The consultant team's project manager, Phil Schaeffing with Stantec, then presented an overview of the NY Forward program and planning process and described highlights from the Village's application. The presentation also highlighted and promoted the Open Call for Projects which closes July 23. After the presentation, Megan Morsch, Public Engagement Lead at Highland Planning, facilitated two public engagement exercises. The first was an individual exercise for participants to review and comment on the draft vision statement on a worksheet. Then, participants talked in small groups to identify strengths, challenges, and opportunities for the Village and the NYF project area. These group discussions concluded with each group sharing their top five priorities with all meeting participants.

ATTENDEES

Stantec and Highland Planning greeted attendees, gave a brief overview of the meeting format and asked them a few questions about where they lived and what they were looking for in this study. The meeting was attended by a mix of people both inside and outside the study area and from various types of organizations including the two co-chairs and six members of Hamilton's NY Forward Local Planning Committee (LPC).

Name	Organization
Mayor RuthAnn Loveless	VOH [LPC co-chair]
Bill Butler	LPC
Anne Clavos	resident

Julie Dudrick	Village [LPC]
Dan Foust	Fojo Beans [LPC]
Kipp Hicks	MC IDA [LPC co-chair]
Henry Howard	Arts at the Palace [LPC]
Darci Leach	
Russell Lura	VOH Board
Sami Martinez	Madison Lane/LPC/Village Board
Bob McVaugh	village
Sue McVaugh	resident
Nancy Mitchell	VOH
Britty O'Connor	Flour & Salt/Chamber [LPC]
Clay Skanner	Hamilton Eatery
Todd Thompson	
Jane Welsh	resident

CONSULTANT TEAM IN ATTENDANCE

Phil Schaeffing AICP, Associate and Senior Planner/Urban Designer, Stantec
Steve Kearney, Principal, Stantec
Henry Bievenue, Stantec
Megan Morsch, Public Engagement Lead, Highland Planning
Julia Haydon, Public Engagement Associate, Highland Planning
Lissa D'Aquanni, Revitalization Specialist, Office of Planning, Development & Community Infrastructure, New York State Department of State

DRAFT VISION STATEMENT EXERCISE SUMMARY

The draft vision statement from the Village's NY Forward application was shared with participants. They were asked to write down which parts of the vision resonate with them, what could be better and to identify anything that might be missing from the vision statement.

Draft vision:
The Village of Hamilton will be a vibrant downtown center accessible to the community, the university and the greater region.

Main themes from the input received include:

- Present tense: Participants want the vision statement to reflect as "is" instead of "will be."

- Vibrant downtown: Many participants expressed support for the vision statement's focus on creating a vibrant downtown. They wanted to see more businesses, restaurants, and cultural attractions in the downtown area.
- Housing: Participants also expressed concerns about the lack of affordable housing in the downtown area. They wanted to see the vision statement include plans to increase the availability of affordable housing.
- Accessibility: Participants wanted to see the vision statement include more details about how the downtown will be made more accessible to pedestrians and people with disabilities.
- Connection between the community and the university: Participants also wanted to see the vision statement include more details about how the downtown will be connected to the university. They wanted to see more opportunities for students, faculty, and staff to interact with the community.

Overall, the public input was positive and supportive of the vision statement. Specific suggestions that residents made for improving the vision statement include:

- Add more details about how the downtown will be made more vibrant.
- Make it clear that the vision statement is not just about making the downtown more accessible, but also about making it more welcoming to everyone.
- Include more details about how the downtown will be connected to the university.
- Address the concerns of residents who are worried about the lack of affordable housing in the downtown area.

This feedback will be considered as the Local Planning Committee (LPC) revises the vision and works with the consultant team to develop draft goals and strategies that support the vision. It will help tailor the vision and goals to the specific interests and needs of the community.

Full written documentation is included in Attachment B.

THEMES AND PRIORITIES FROM GROUP EXERCISES

Groups of 3-5 participants each had a poster map of the NY Forward area that identified potential projects listed in the Village's application. Those project ideas were provided as examples of potential NYF projects only. Each group discussed four questions and wrote their answers on the posters:

- What do you love about this area?
- What opportunities do you see for the area?
- What are the area's challenges?
- What are your Top 5 priorities?

Themes from each of these questions is summarized below:

What Do You Love About This Area?

- Small-town charm
- Walkability
- Bikeability
- Low crime
- Outdoor recreation
- Strong school district
- Academic connection to Colgate University

What Are the Area's Challenges?

- Lack of resident population to support local businesses
- Shortage of village housing
- Geographic isolation from major population centers
- Lack of parking
- Lack of hotel space
- Maintenance issues for older housing stock
- Low interest in home improvement on older homes

What Opportunities Do You See For the Area?

- Capitalize on economic activity generated directly and indirectly by Colgate University
- Grow the residential and business populations
- Attract tourists and/or students and their families
- Improve parking
- Make downtown more vibrant
- Develop more green space
- Improve handicapped accessibility
- Create a community recreational facility
- Provide starter homes and senior homes/rentals

Top Five Priorities:

1. Housing - The village has a shortage of housing, especially for working families and seniors. This is a challenge because it makes it difficult for people to live and work in the village.

   "*The largest employer is Colgate but for small businesses, employees can't afford to live in the Village, some drive from Utica and then most of their income goes to getting to work."*

2. Parking - Parking is a problem in the village, especially for delivery trucks and people who work in the area. This makes it difficult for businesses to operate and for people to get around the village.

   "I heard in our space was that there's no parking right in front of our building. Oneonta has an amazing parking garage which I hear isn't doable here, so let's focus on trying to find somewhere else for people to park."

3. Pedestrian spaces - The 5-way intersection is a major traffic hub in the village, but it is not very pedestrian-friendly. This makes it difficult for people to walk or bike around the village, including people with disabilities.

   "We need to develop better pedestrian spaces, and there are inconsistencies with ways sidewalks are repaired in town."

4. Downtown revitalization - Many businesses in the village close early in the evening because there are not enough people around to support them. This is a challenge because it makes the village less vibrant and attractive to visitors.

   "Most businesses close at 1, 2, 3 in the afternoon because if we stayed open later it would be empty anyway."

5. Community recreational facility - The village has a vibrant arts and culture scene, but it could be better supported with other community activities. This could help to attract more people to the village and make it a more desirable place to live and work.

“Our priority is creating a community recreation facility where people can go and work out, a water park inside, a place to gather and have a community center that they’re proud of”

These themes are based on the participants' own experiences and observations of the Village and the NYF project area. The themes provide a good starting point for identifying specific projects and initiatives that could be implemented to improve the area. They will also be used to develop goals and strategies for the NY Forward planning process.

Full written responses and poster from the small groups are in Attachment C.

ATTACHMENT A: PRESENTATION

2 NY Forward Overview

NY FORWARD

What is the NY Forward (NYF) Program?

State directs **$100M investment*** to communities nominated by the ten Regional Economic Development Councils (REDCs)

*$4.5M for one community & $2.25 for two communities in regions nominating three downtowns; or $4.5M per community in regions nominating two downtowns.

Communities develop a **Strategic Investment Plan** to identify transformative projects to be funded in part through NYF

Learn more: https://www.ny.gov/programs/ny-forward

WHO'S INVOLVED?

The NYF process is a partnership between

Local Planning Committee (LPC) + **Community** + **New York State** + **Consultant Team**

MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

LPC Members

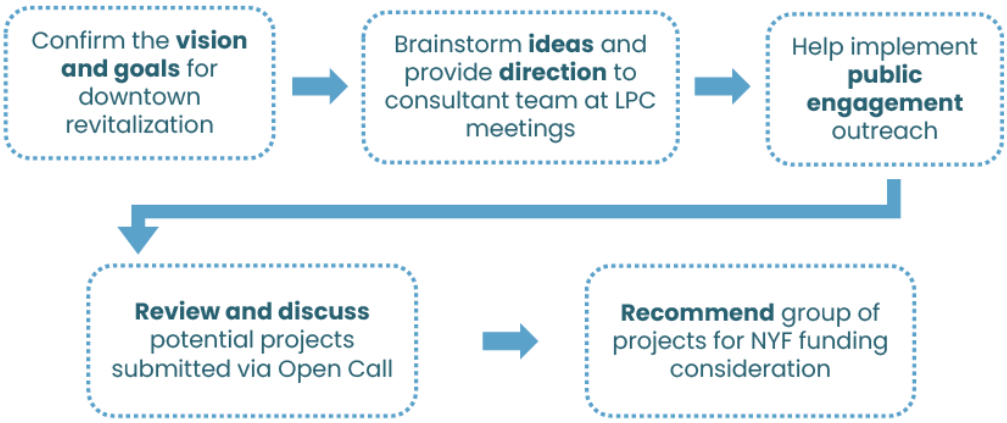
Co-Chairs:
Ruth Ann Loveless, Mayor
Kipp Hicks, CNY REDC/ County IDA

Joanne Borfitz
Bill Butler
Reverend Brooks Cato
Jeffrey Coakley
Suzanne Collins
Dan Foust
Jocelyn Gavitt
Henry Howard
Samanthi Martinez
Bill Dowsland
Julie Dudrick
Britty O'Connor
Brian Marks

LPC meetings are open to the public to observe. A public comment period is held at the end of each meeting.

ROLE OF THE LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Roles and Responsibilities



STATE TEAM

New York State Team

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DOS	Department of State – NYF Lead Agency Lissa D'Aquanni and Holly Granat
ESD	Empire State Development
HCR	Homes & Community Renewal
NYSERDA	NYS Energy Research & Development Authority
Governor's Office	Regional Representative

CONSULTANT TEAM

Team Members

Steve Kearney, Principal-in-Charge
Phil Schaeffing, Project Manager
Sarabrent McCoy, Urban Planner
Isabel Oyuela-Bonzani, Urban Designer

+ partner firms with expertise in public engagement, project economics, retail, housing, and cost estimating

CONSULTANT TEAM EXPERIENCE

DRI ROUND 1
Oswego, Elmira, Oneonta

DRI ROUND 2
Hudson

DRI ROUND 3
Albany

DRI ROUND 4
Schenectady

DRI ROUND 5
Rochester

NYF Process

- Village submitted an application to REDC and was awarded NY Forward funding
- Community planning process identifies potential NY Forward projects (now through October)
  - Sponsors submit Open Call for Projects form
  - Consultant team reviews project proposals
  - LPC votes to recommend list of projects for funding consideration (Strategic Investment Plan/SIP)
  - *Note:* recommended projects should total $4-5M in requested NYF funding
- State team reviews SIP and makes awards totaling **$2.25M** to subset of LPC's recommended project list
- Funded projects begin after contracting period
  - *Note:* NY Forward award is reimbursable grant (sponsor pays initially and gets reimbursed later, typically when project completed)

MAKING A SUCCESSFUL NYF PLAN

Key ingredients of a Strategic Investment Plan

A **clear vision** for the downtown	**Goals and strategies** to accomplish the vision	Recommended **catalytic projects** to implement the plan

NYF PROJECT IDEAS

Eligible project types

- New Development and/or Rehabilitation of Existing Structures
- Public Improvements
- Small Project Fund
- Branding and Marketing (Physical Components)

Ineligible project types

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

NYF PROJECT IDEAS

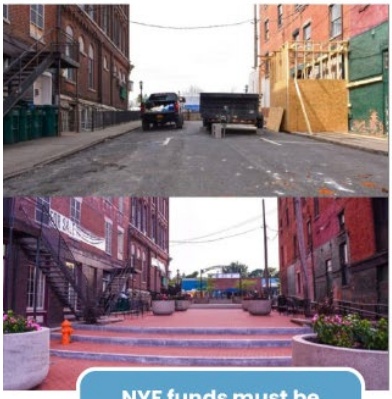
Eligibility Requirements

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

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

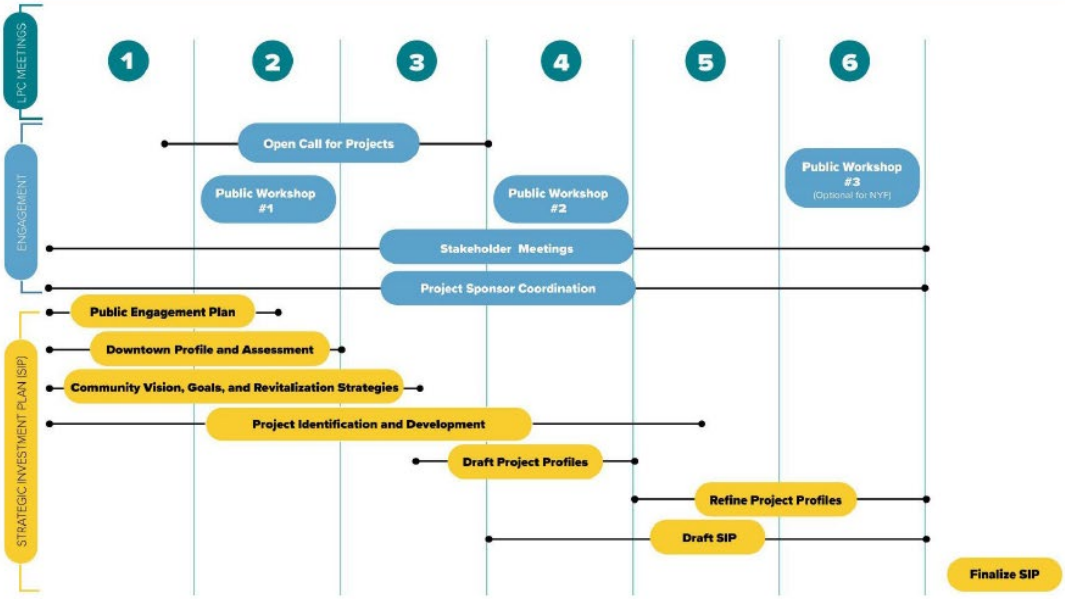
NYF PROJECT IDEAS

Implementable Projects vs. "Good ideas"



NYF funds must be designated toward capital initiatives!

NYF PLANNING PROCESS TIMELINE



3 Village Application Review

NYF BOUNDARIES

Hamilton's NYF proposed Area Boundary

Primarily along Utica, Eaton, Lebanon, and Broad Streets

VISION STATEMENT

Vision statement draft

Hamilton will be a vibrant downtown center accessible to the community, the university, and the greater region.

PROJECT IDEAS FROM VILLAGE'S APPLICATION

Project ideas from the Village's application*

Housing

- **Next Generation Housing**: remove blighted buildings and redevelop the land into 40-50 units of workforce housing
- **Coleman Court Pocket Neighborhood**: develop a neighborhood of single-family homes, townhomes, and apartments
- **Canal Terrace Neighborhood & Park**: develop 21 new homes and 25 acres of public park that connects to Canal Towpath Trail

* These projects will not be automatically considered by the LPC.
All projects must submit an Open Call for Projects form, available online.

PROJECT IDEAS FROM VILLAGE'S APPLICATION

Civic Spaces

- **Hamilton Five-Way Intersection**: Improve and enhance
- **Hamilton Green / Colgate Connection:** Update public amenities of the Green and improve pedestrian connection to Colgate
- **Alleyway Improvement Program**: Improve the downtown alleys through a fund
- **Electric Vehicle Charging Stations**: Install EV stations throughout the village

PROJECT IDEAS FROM VILLAGE'S APPLICATION

Other Project Ideas

- **Various Business Projects:** Projects for small business expansions of existing facilities, microenterprise grants, and a PCD small Business Fund.
- **Hamilton Community Room**: create a community space that links Coworking and Incubator spaces.
- **Trail and Wayfinding Improvements**: new trail connections and improve ADA accessibility for a portion of the trail
- **Hamilton Public Library Reading Garden**: develop a garden design created by students at SUNY Morrisville on a vacant section of their property
- **Arts And Culture Fund**: set up a general fund to invest in community arts initiatives

$33M Total Potential Investment

Project ideas

- Village's application to the State identified potential project ideas
- Actively working to identify additional projects
- LPC has issued **open call for projects** to consider
- Projects must be within the NYF area boundary

SPREAD THE WORD!

Open call for projects

- Requires detailed information about project sponsor, confirmed funding, plans, etc.
- NYF focused on implementable projects, ***not just ideas***
- Online form, office hours, webinar
- Consultant team available to discuss ideas philip.schaeffing@stantec.com

4 Next Steps

Calendar

Meetings

- LPC Meeting #1: 6/2
- **Public Meeting #1**: 6/29
- LPC Meeting #2: 7/11
- LPC Meeting #3: 8/1
- **Public Meeting #2**: 9/14
- LPC Meeting #4: 9/26
- LPC Meeting #5: 10/12*
- LPC Meeting #6: 10/24

*Additional meeting if needed

Open Call for Projects: 6/15 – 7/23

- Project Form Information Meeting: 6/30 from 10am to 1pm, The Hub
- Informational Webinar: 7/6 at noon, via Zoom

Strategic Investment Plan: Oct/Nov

5 Visioning Workshop

HOW TONIGHT WILL WORK

Your role tonight

Discuss openly, but respectfully.
There are no bad ideas!

Draw, write, speak –
however works best for you.

Exercises

INDIVIDUALLY

Complete the Vision Statement and Goals exercises.

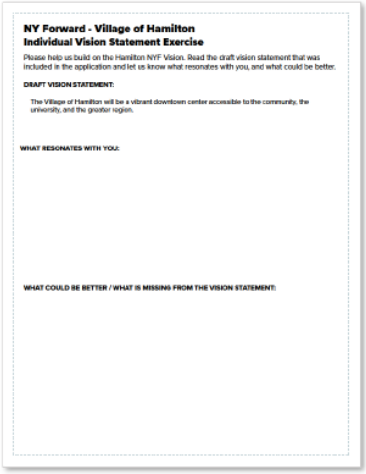
IN GROUPS

Discuss projects ideas, opportunities, and challenges of the NYF area.

INDIVIDUAL EXERCISE

Individual exercise:

- Review the vision statement and list of goals
- Write/Annotate: What resonates with you, what could be better



NY Forward - Village of Hamilton
Individual Vision Statement Exercise

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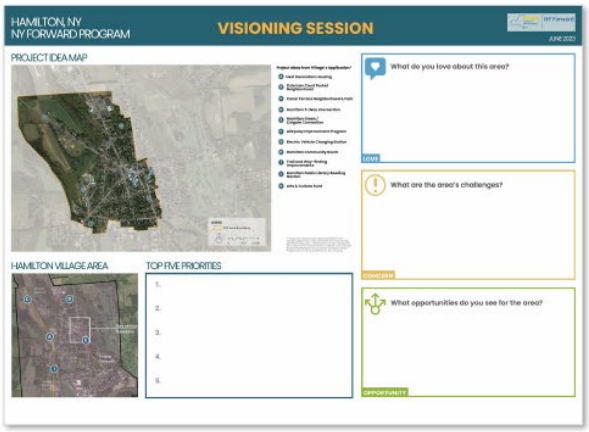
WHAT RESONATES WITH YOU:

WHAT COULD BE BETTER / WHAT IS MISSING FROM THE VISION STATEMENT:

GROUP EXERCISE

Group discussion:

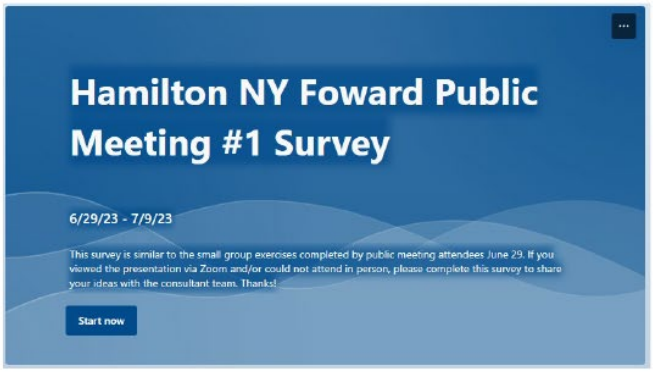
- Identify a notetaker at your table
- Identify assets, potential opportunities, and challenges
- Review and build on preliminary potential projects
- Agree on 5 shared priorities
- Prepare to report back to the room on your 5 priorities



ONLINE EXERCISE

Zoom Participants

- This concludes the Zoom webinar.
- The workshop exercises are available online until July 9.
- https://forms.office.com/r/7hjTL4vjva



ATTACHMENT B: INDIVIDUAL VISION WORKSHEET & FEEDBACK

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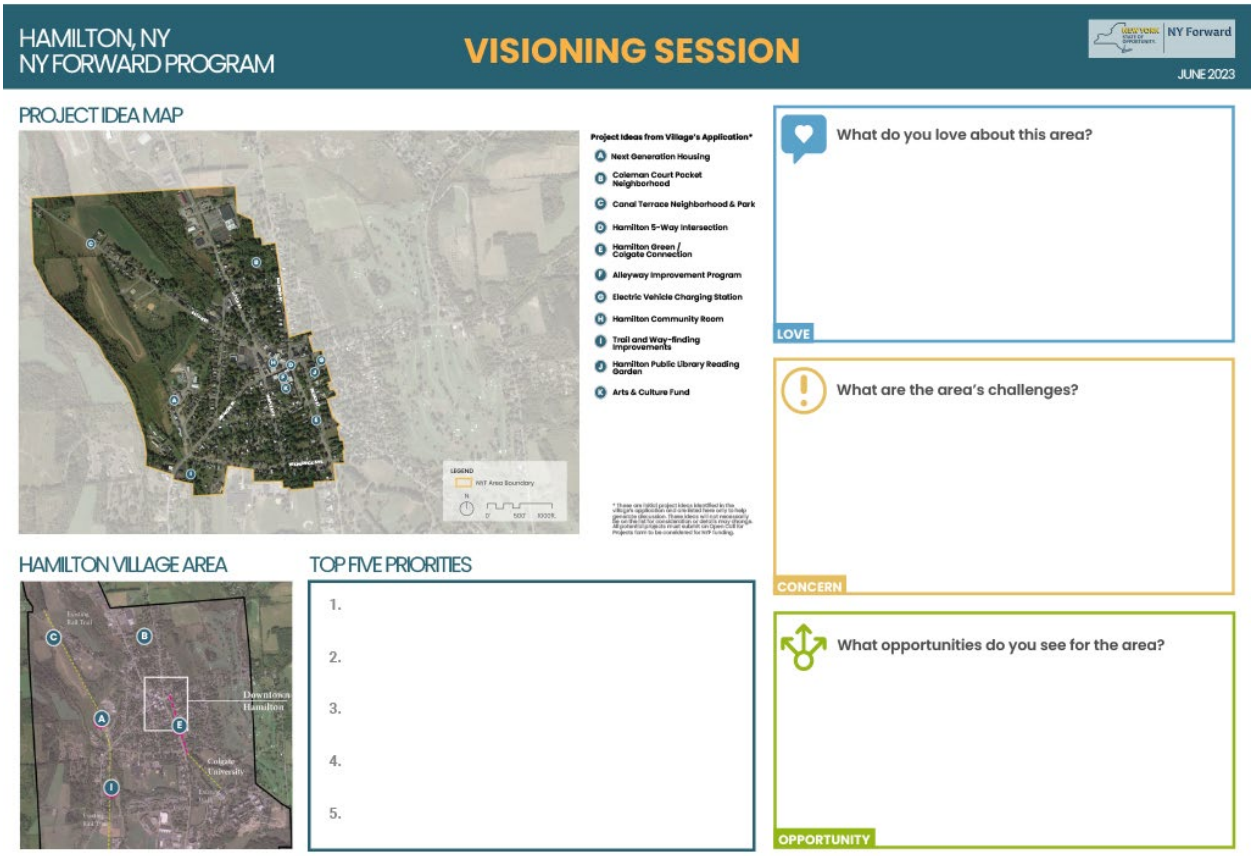
WHAT COULD BE BETTER / WHAT IS MISSING FROM THE VISION STATEMENT:

Participant Response	Theme
What resonates with you?	
Perfect	Other
vibrant downtown - will continue to be	vibrant downtown
pedestrian accessibility	accessibility

connection between community and university	connection between community and university
accessible	accessibility
accessibility	accessibility
community	community
vibrant downtown center	vibrant downtown
accessible	accessibility
vibrant downtown	vibrant downtown
accessible	accessibility
center of commerce for the region	Other
housing	Other
accessibility	accessibility
vibrant downtown	vibrant downtown
vibrant downtown	vibrant downtown
accessible	accessibility
vibrant downtown	vibrant downtown
seems fine and sufficiently open	Other
nebulous enough to allow for a variety of projects	Other
What could be better/What is missing from the vision statement?	
housing and civic spaces	housing
later hours for restaurants	restaurants
more public parking	parking
new housing	housing
business	businesses
commerce	businesses
delivery truck spots	businesses
live	housing
work	other
play	community gathering area
shop	businesses
cultural center	community gathering area
community gathering area	community gathering area
walkability	walkability
housing	housing
preserve and enhance historic assets	preserve resources
the need for more growth year-round	development

ATTACHMENT C: GROUP DISCUSSION POSTER & FEEDBACK



Group 1

What do you love about this area?

- Village life
- Walking/walkability
- Bike riding
- Much of what we need is here
- We function as a small city (Hospital, University, Utilities, Airport)
- Sweetness, not shallow
- Village Green – gathering place for Farmer's Market, concerts and informal meetings

What opportunities do you see for the area?

- Talk to Hamilton Police Department, DPW and Fire Department
- Solar farm

What are the area's challenges?

- Student behavior
- Road design, layout, parking location is inadequate for commuters
- Housing shortage would help

- Affordability: real vs perceived
- Communication
- Transition to assisted living situations
- High percentage of tax-exempt properties
- 5-way intersection - don't forget pedestrians

Top 5 priorities

- "D" 5-way intersection – include pedestrians
- Walkability: more housing so fewer cars, biking
- Housing
- Managing public perception and communication
- Getting all of community shareholders to weigh in on projects
- Arts and culture

Group 2

What do you love about this area?

- Quaint
- Picturesque
- Business community – locally owned
- Strong institutions
- Farmer's Market
- Commitment from community

What opportunities do you see for the area?

- The Hub: rehab, alley space, community space behind mom's/Fojo
    - Leverage mixed-use that's already happening
- Already established historic district – expand it
- Maple Avenue homes: make it for non-smokers
- Civic spaces – 12B Development
- Old laundromat, Verizon building
- Train depot area
- Plaza-like block, complete streets
- Extend trail connected to Shapiro Reserve

What are the area's challenges?

- The 5-corner intersection
- Housing
- Train depot – flood drain survey
- Pedestrian circulation, broken sidewalks
- Lebanon street building – high turnover last 4/5 years
- Parking, loading zones

Top Five Priorities

- Housing
- 5-way intersection
- Pedestrian spaces

Group 3

What do you love about this area?

- Safe community/great place to raise a family
- Walkable community
- Vibrant downtown

What are the area's challenges?

- Lack of resident population to support local businesses
- Shortage of village housing
- Geographic isolation from major population centers and major east/west highway
- Lack of parking
- Lack of hotel space

What opportunities do you see for the area?

- Capitalize on economic activity generated directly and indirectly by Colgate University

Top Five Priorities

- Increase village housing stock for working families
- Enhance downtown business activity during evening hours
- Develop more downtown green space and outdoor eating opportunities and parking
- Sidewalk improvements
- Handicapped accessibility
- Community recreational facility

Group 4

What do you love about this area?

- Small town/not a city
- Trails
- Walkability/bike ability
- Low crime
- Outdoors
- Food/local agriculture

What opportunities do you see for the area?

- People who come into Hamilton every day to work
- Growth: residential and business
- Empty buildings, vacant properties
- Seasonal influx of tourists and/or students and their families

- Academic connection to the campus
- Attractiveness of a very strong school district

What are the area's challenges?

- Parking, especially for delivery trucks that support businesses
- Businesses are not able to stay open year-round
- Restrictive housing stock
- Few year-round residents and limited opportunities for downsizing
- Maintenance issues for older housing stock and low interest in home improvement on older homes
- Density of residents per hours has plummeted.

Top Five Priorities

- Starter homes and senior homes/rentals
- Help the school
- "Today's Newspaper"

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PROJECT IDEA MAP

Project Ideas from Village's Application*

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HAMILTON VILLAGE AREA

TOP FIVE PRIORITIES

1. "D" 5 way intersection - include pedestrians
   Walkability. More housing so fewer cars
   Biking
2. Housing
3. Managing public perception / communication
4. Getting all of community shareholders to weigh in on projects
5. Arts & Culture.

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LOVE

What are the area's challenges?

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Housing shortage would help
Affordability real + perceived
Communication
Transition to assisted living situations
High % of tax exempt properties
5 way intersection - don't forget Pedestrians

CONCERN

What opportunities do you see for the area?

Talk to Hamilton Police Department
DPW
Fire Department

Solar Farm

OPPORTUNITY

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TOP FIVE PRIORITIES

1. HOUSING!
2. THE 5 WAY INTERSECTION
3. [illegible]
4. PEDESTRIAN SPACES
5.

What do you love about this area?

QUAINT
PICTURESQUE
BUSINESS COMMUNITY - LOCALLY OWNED
STRONG INSTITUTIONS / COLGATE
FARMER'S MARKET
COMMITMENT FROM COMMUNITY

LOVE

What are the area's challenges?

THE 5 CORNER INTERSECTION
HOUSING!
TRAIN DEPOT — FIRE PLAN SURVEY
PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION, BROKEN SIDEWALKS
LEBANON STREET BUILDING - HIGH TURNOVER (ALT MIXED USE)
PARKING, LOADING ZONES

CONCERN

What opportunities do you see for the area?

THE HUBBELL HAB, ALLEY SPACE, COMMUNITY SPACE BEHIND BOOKS | FOOD
ALREADY ESTABLISHED HISTORIC DISTRICT - EXPAND IT
MAPLE AVE HOMES - FOR NON-STUDENTS
CIVIC SPACES - TOD DEVELOPMENT
OLD LAUNDROMAT / VERIZON BUILDING
TRAIN DEPOT AREA
PLAZA LIKE BLOCK COMPLETE STREETS
EXTENDED TRAIL CONNECTED TO CHAPIN RESERVE

GENERALLY THE BUILDING STOCK DOES ALREADY PROVIDE MIX

OPPORTUNITY

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What do you love about this area?

SAFE COMMUNITY / GREAT PLACE TO RAISE A FAMILY
WALKABLE COMMUNITY
VIBRANT DOWNTOWN

LOVE

What are the area's challenges?

- LACK OF RESIDENT POPULATION TO SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES
  SHORTAGE OF VILLAGE HOUSING
- GEOGRAPHIC ISOLATION FROM MAJOR POPULATION CENTERS AND MAJOR EAST/WEST HIGHWAYS
- LACK OF PARKING
- LACK OF HOTEL SPACE

CONCERN

What opportunities do you see for the area?

Capitalize on economic activity generated directly and indirectly by Colgate University

OPPORTUNITY

HAMILTON VILLAGE AREA

TOP FIVE PRIORITIES

1. INCREASE VILLAGE HOUSING STOCK FOR WORKING FAMILIES
2. ENHANCE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ACTIVITY DURING EVENING ~~HOURS~~ HOURS
3. Develop more downtown green space and outdoor eating opportunities and parking
4. Sidewalk improvements/handicapped accessibility
5. Community Recreational Facility

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PROJECT IDEA MAP

Project ideas from Village's Application*

- A Next Generation Housing
- B Coleman Court Pocket Neighborhood
- C Canal Terrace Neighborhood & Park
- D Hamilton 5-Way Intersection
- E Hamilton Green / Colgate Connection
- F Alleyway Improvement Program
- G Electric Vehicle Charging Station
- H Hamilton Community Room
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What do you love about this area?

- Small town/not a city
- trails
- walkability / bikeability
- low crime
- outdoors
- food/local agriculture

LOVE

What are the area's challenges?

- parking, especially for delivery trucks that support the businesses
- businesses aren't able to stay open year-round
- restrictive housing stock
- few year-round residents, and limited opportunities for downsizing
- maintenance issues for older housing stock, and low interest in home improvement on older homes.
- density of residents per house has plummeted

CONCERN

What opportunities do you see for the area?

- people who come into Hamilton every day to work
- growth - residential + business
- empty buildings, vacant properties
- seasonal influx of tourists and/or students + their families
- academic connection to the campus
- attractiveness of a very strong school district

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HAMILTON VILLAGE AREA

TOP FIVE PRIORITIES

1. Starter homes + senior homes / rentals
2. help the school
3. "Today's Newspaper"
4.
5.