## <u>Village of Dolgeville to Hold Second Local Planning Committee Meeting for the</u> <u>NY Forward Strategic Investment Plan</u>

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**DOLGEVILLE, NY,** June 22, 2023 - The Local Planning Committee (LPC) for the Dolgeville New York Forward (NYF) program will hold its second meeting on **Thursday, June 29, 2023**, from **4:30-6:30 pm** at the Dolgeville Bassett Health Center, 36 Slawson Street, Dolgeville, NY 13329. The meeting open to observers from the public, with an opportunity for public comment at the end of the meeting.

The agenda for this meeting includes reviewing the Public Engagement Plan, preparing for a public workshop, tentatively scheduled for July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the Southern Girl Diner, launching the open call for projects, and key findings from the downtown profile and assessment prepared by the consultant team.

The Local Planning Committee (LPC) is co-chaired by Mayor Mary Puznowski and REDC Member Dr. Renee Shevat and consists of thirteen other members representing a diverse cross section of the Dolgeville community.

The Village of Dolgeville was selected by the Mohawk Valley Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) to receive a \$2.25 million award from New York State Governor Kathy Hochul through the NY Forward (NYF) program. Investment from this program will allow the Village to develop a Strategic Investment Plan and implement key catalytic projects to advance a community vision for downtown improvements. Projects selected for funding by the state will transform the community and support a vibrant local economy. Additional information can be accessed at <a href="https://www.villageofdolgeville.org/ny-forward">https://www.villageofdolgeville.org/ny-forward</a>.

NY Forward was launched in 2022 to support a more equitable downtown recovery for New York State's smaller communities, with a focus on hamlets, villages, and neighborhood-scale commercial centers. NY Forward is led by the New York State Department of State in close partnership with Empire State Development, Homes and Community Renewal, and New York State Energy Research and Development Authority. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.ny.gov/programs/ny-forward">https://www.ny.gov/programs/ny-forward</a>.