

Village of Dolgeville, NY New York Forward**Public Meeting #1****July 19, 2023 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM****Southern Girl Diner (83 North Main St)****I. Meeting Overview**

The Dolgeville New York Forward (NYF) Public Meeting #1 was held on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Southern Girl Diner, 83 North Main St., NY. The purpose of the meeting was to solicit input on the vision and goals for the Dolgeville NYF project, inform the community about the overall NYF process, and gather feedback on key issues and opportunities. A list of meeting attendees is included as Appendix A.

The meeting was open to the community-at-large and attended by 55 participants, including representatives from Laberge Group and Highland Planning, Village of Dolgeville representatives, members of the Local Planning Committee (LPC), representatives from New York State agencies such as the Department of State (DOS), and the general public. A list of attendees is included as Appendix A.

The meeting was promoted through different channels, including announcements, press releases, flyers, social media posts, and e-blasts. Various promotional materials, as per the Public Engagement Plan, were distributed to ensure widespread awareness of the meeting.

The meeting followed an open house format. A projector, screen, and computer were used to display a slideshow explaining the NYF process. The presentation is included as Appendix B. Additionally, boards were displayed, showcasing a map of the NYF area and providing opportunities for attendees to provide input. Five stations were set up to gather feedback on different aspects of the project, including:

- Assets
- Challenges
- Places and Spaces
- Goals Vision
- Priorities for Downtown Investment

A sixth station provided an opportunity for attendees to discuss the project submission process and ask questions. Hard copies of the NYF Application and project forms were available for participants.

Throughout the event, Highland Planning staff and Laberge Group representatives were present to assist and guide participants, answer questions related to the NYF process and to encourage visitors to explore different stations and provide their input. To facilitate survey responses, a QR code for the survey was provided, allowing attendees to share their thoughts and opinions.

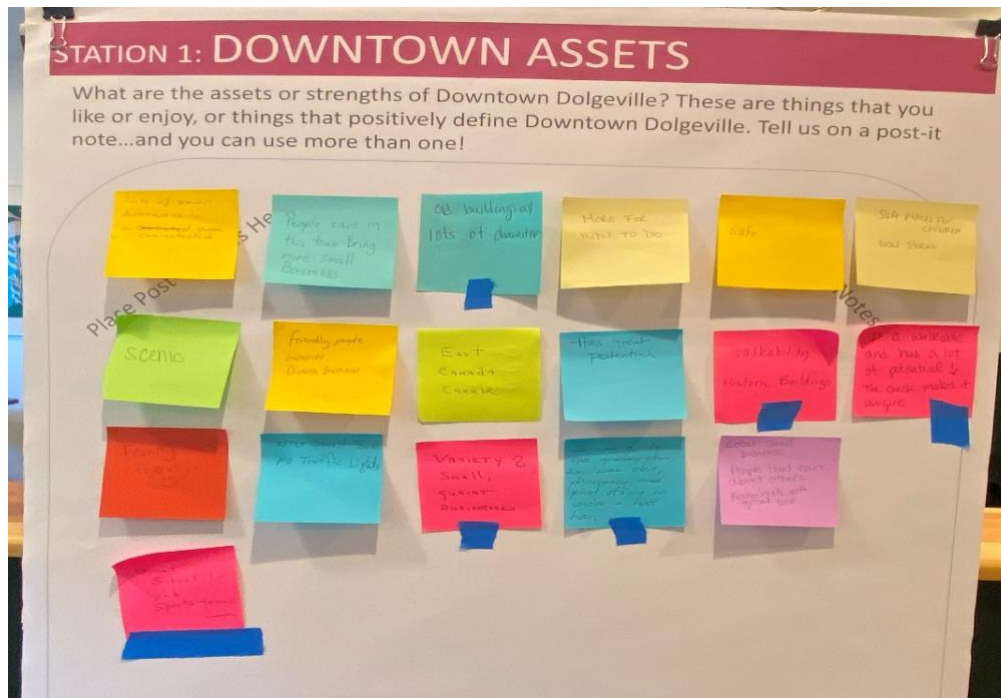
The project team arranged the room and began meeting setup at 3:00PM. This included the refreshments table, sign-in table, and necessary equipment. The open house was held from 4:00PM to 8:00PM, with participants arriving, signing in, and circulating among the various stations. The consultant team welcomed participants and staffed the stations. Members of the Local Planning Committee engaged with attendees, discussing needs and opportunities. The meeting concluded at 8:00PM, and completed paper surveys, boards and comments were collected.

II. Themes and Priorities from Engagement Exercises

Each of the five boards aimed to gain insight from attendees regarding the area's issues and opportunities, identify goals for the project area, identify assets and opportunities within downtown places and spaces, and prompt attendees to begin thinking about potential priority projects. The final board sought to brainstorm a Vision for downtown Dolgeville, that will serve to guide project goals and priority investments.

STATION 1: DOWNTOWN ASSETS

What are the assets or strengths of Downtown Dolgeville? These are things that you like or enjoy, or things that positively impact Cooperstown.



Transportation:

- No traffic lights
- Walkability

- Local small business
- Restaurants with great food
- Local stores

Infrastructure/Urban Planning:

- It is walkable and has a lot of potential
- Old building with lots of character
- Historic buildings
- The creek makes it unique

Community/Recreation:

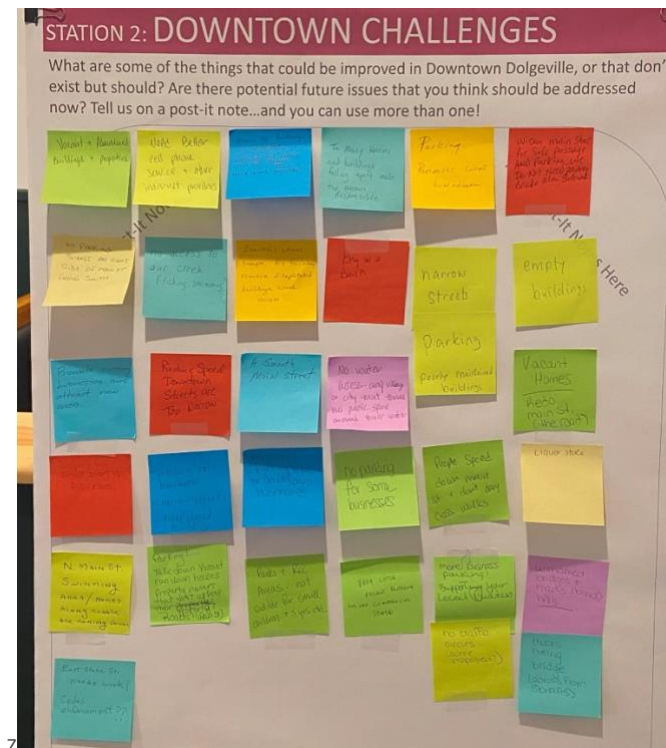
- Scenic
- Family-friendly
- School and sports teams
- People care in this town
- Friendly people
- Variety of small quaint businesses
- More for kids to do
- Has great potential
- Safe
- People that care about others
- Safe place for children

Workforce/Economic Development:

- Lots of small businesses in a concentrated area
- Bring more small business
- Industry
- Diverse business

STATION 2: NY FORWARD AREA CHALLENGES

What are some of the things that could be improved in the Dolgeville NY Forward Area, or that don't exist but should? Are there potential future issues that you think could be addressed now? Tell us on a post-it note...and you can use more than one!



Transportation:

- No parking signs on the right side of Main St going south
- Reduce speed Downtown Streets are too narrow
- Trucks hitting the bridge (Across from Stewarts)
- Unmarked bridges and roads (blind) hills
- Widen Main Street for safe passage and parking, we do not need paving bricks along sidewalks
- No traffic circles

Housing:

- Takedown vacant run-down houses, property owners that don't keep their property, roads - Main Street
- Vacant homes, redo the road on Main St.
- Empty buildings

Infrastructure/Urban Planning:

- Beautiful streetscape, fix facades, remove dilapidated buildings, creek access
- No water access - any village or city that thrives has public space around their water
- Vacant and abandoned buildings and properties

- N. Main St. swimming area/homes along the creek are coming down
- East State St. needs work, codes enforcement
- Very little vacant property for new commercial space

Workforce/Economic Development:

- Promote existing businesses and attract new ones
- Support for small start-up businesses
- More business parking, supporting your local business
- Liquor store

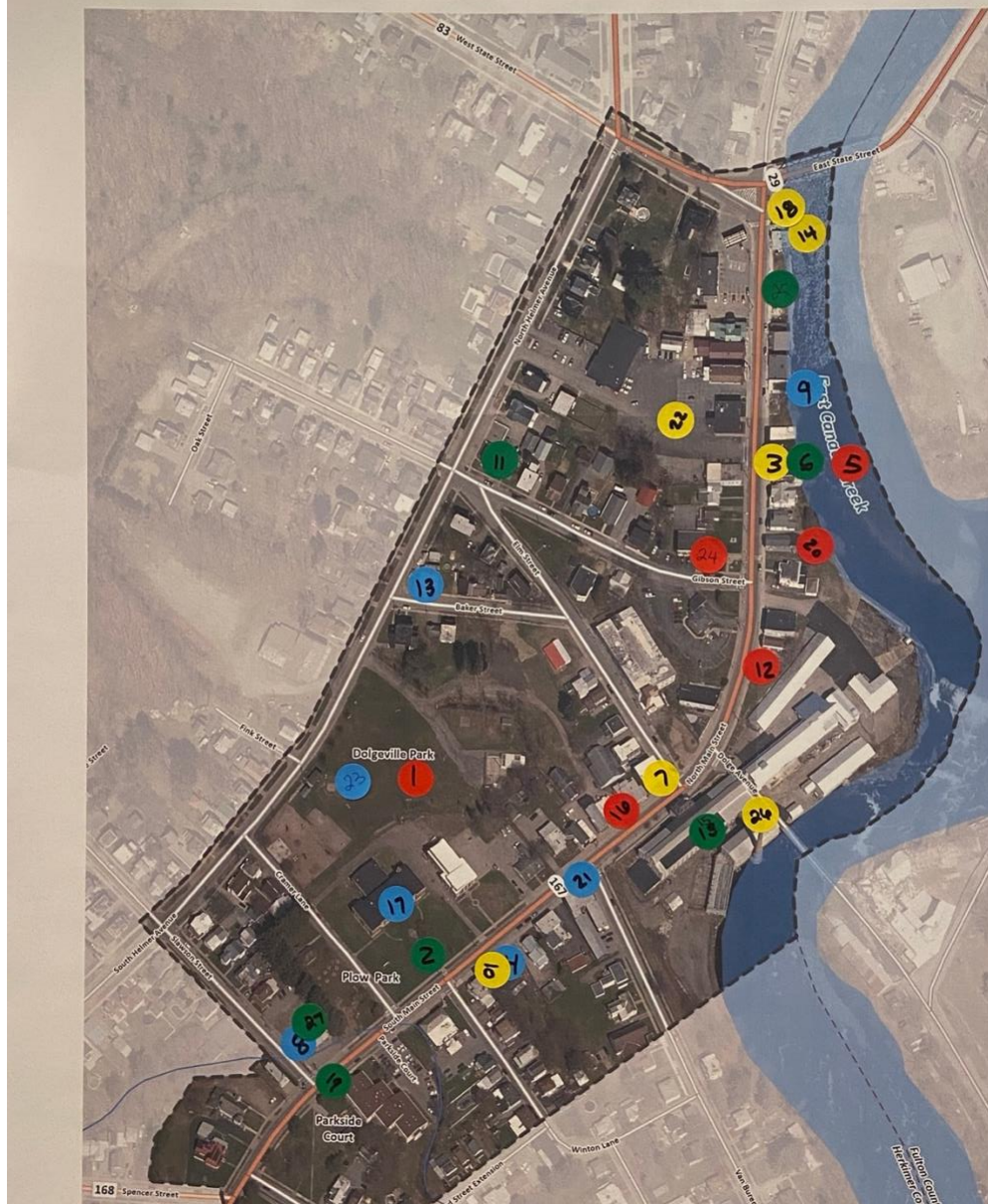
Community/Recreation:

- N. Main St. swimming area/homes along the creek are coming down
- Parks and rec areas - not suitable for small children > 5 yrs old
- Designated parking area for downtown businesses
- People speed down Main St and don't obey crosswalks
- More business parking, supporting your local business

STATION 3: PLACES AND SPACES

Using the paired number dots, place a dot to highlight a space or place in the NY Forward Area. Place the other numbered dot on a post-it note with your written comment describing what you like, what needs improvement, what is missing in that place or space you identified on the map.

STATION 3: PLACES AND SPACES



1. Create new pavilion in park, new baseball field, and new lights, field for Pop Warner practice
2. Create a parking area
3. Maintain existing buildings
4. Create Woman's Fitness Center - Main St.
5. Pedestrian/Bike trail along one side of the creek
6. Maintain existing building - McLaughlin
7. Preserve "News" Building
8. Carwash infrastructure/Flooring

9. Renovate the old liquor store to reopen as the town liquor store
10. Need work on the front facade and work on the rest of the building inside and out, tanning salon, satellite dish
11. Dolgeville Village laundromat - renovate building exterior
12. Renovate/add to George Ward Library possibly community room/daycare
13. Have the old food basket reopened remodel and update
14. Facade redo in a historic and appropriate fashion for the beautiful town
15. Multiuse space old manufacturing building
16. Gerry Snyder Esq 1867 historic building interior and exterior improvements
17. Multiuse and teen/senior center
18. Enava show (entertainment) – become an attraction (tourism), change for our future kids, hotel
19. Fix/replace streetlamps on Main Street
20. Update and repair historic buildings and add more square footage
21. Restore and continue historic restoration
22. Fix the existing parking area
23. Create a park that small children can use; five year olds with splash pod; also add/fix basketball court
24. Fix and reopen the youth center
25. Community garden in flood zones
26. Improve cell service
27. Location for parking, move location of carwash

STATION 4: PRIORITIES FOR INVESTMENT

What should be the focus for the Local Planning Committee for the NY Forward Area? This could be community needs, services, or amenities or other priorities.



Housing:

- Housing
- More dine-in restaurants
- The old Dolgeville news building turned into care and Airbnb upstairs

Infrastructure:

- Improve cellular service all downtown
- Need senior center/teen center
- Community organizer (wayfinding/information center)
- Public improvements
- Center Park projects
- Put power lines underground
- Move power lines underground Main Street
- Public parking

Workforce/Economic Development:

- Create jobs and more housing for new residents
- Developing businesses to create jobs and convenience for the town
- Creating more business, it will create more jobs, and support locally.
- Child care

Community/Recreation:

- Community pavilion
- Activities for kids
- Pavilion at park
- Space/field for Pop Warner + Baseball practice at the park
- Parks and Rec renovations, daycare, public kitchen
- Create a tourist attraction to draw people here

STATION 5: VISION

Draft New York Forward Vision: “The Village of Dolgeville strives to be a safe, inclusive community that draws on its unique features as a gateway to the Adirondacks and its central location to the East Canada Creek, supporting relaxation, tourism, and an overall healthy lifestyle. Building upon its storied history, the Village’s vision is to restore its economic, commercial, cultural and artist vibrancy, and its historic Main Street district, leading the Village into a prosperous, sustainable future.”

Place a dot below if you like the vision Statement. Please provide us with 3-5 words that describe your vision for the future of the Dolgeville NY Forward Area. Fourteen (14) attendees placed dots confirming the draft vision statement, and no attendees provided any modifications to the draft vision statement.

STATION 5: VISION

The Village developed a Vision Statement that was included in the NY Forward Application to the State. Please see below and let us know if it is capturing what you see as the Vision for the future of Downtown. If you feel that the Vision Statement is missing some important characteristics, please use the post it notes provided to give us 3-5 words that help describe your vision for the future of Downtown.

Draft NY Forward Vision

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Place a dot below if you like the above vision statement

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If you believe the draft Vision Statement could use some refinement, please use the post-it notes provided and give us 3-5 words you would like to see integrated into the Vision Statement.

Place Post-it Notes Here

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Appendix A: Meeting Attendees

Local Planning Committee:

Brenda Gehring
Chris Reynolds
Fred DeLuco
Geoff Grace
Mayor Mary Puznowski
Dr. Renee Shevat
Robert Maxwell
Sam Licari

Project Team:

Amber Kraszewski, Deputy Mayor, Village of
Dolgeville
Anne Redmond, Highland Planning
Danny Lapin, NYS Department of State
Mark Labuzetta, Empire State Development
Megan Morsch, Highland Planning
Rob Holzman, Laberge Group
Stefan Lutter, NYS Department of State
Susan Roth, Laberge Group

Stakeholders:

Buggrise, Elaine
Chmielewski, Tammy
David, Eric
DeLuco, Donna
DeLuco-Campione, Nathasha
Foster, Cody
Foster, Samantha
Gehring, Skip
Hall, Lloyd Don
Hanphere, Dale
Hanphere, Stella
Harpis, James
Hauthorn, Jamie
Hauthorn, Tim
Hoffman- Sweet, Carla
Jaguay, Amanda
Licaru, Tony
Lutter, Stefan
Lynch, Karla

Lynch, Wayne
Lyon, Bruce
Lyon, Tara
Madi, Bridel
Madore, Laura
Moore, Scott
Nagy, Brenen
Nichols, Charmane
Perkins, John
Polland, Scott
Puznowski, Paul
Reynolds, Justin
Rider, Marci
Rutrowski, Tiffany
Shevat, Renee
Strobel, Alfred
Strobel, Nancy
Tejada, Abrahan
Trodler, Cheryl



Village of Dolgeville NY Forward

Open House #1

July 19, 2023



Local Planning Committee (LPC)

Mayor Mary Puznowski – Co-Chair

Dr. Renee Shevat – REDC Co-Chair

Marilyn Williams

Chris Reynolds

Peter McGowan

Fred DeLucco

Robert Maxwell

Marvin Isum

Geoff Grace

Brenda Gehring

Jonathan Fredericks

Carmelita Maddocks

Sam Licari

Julie Izzo

Margery Balder



Project Team

State Agencies

New York State Department of State (DOS)

Empire State Development (ESD)

New York Division of Homes and Community Renewal (HCR)

New York State Energy Research & Development Authority (NYSERDA)

Consultants

Laberge Group (Lead)

Highland Planning (Public Engagement)

4Ward Planning (Economic Development)

Creighton Manning (Transportation)

Politi + Siano (Architecture; Urban Design)

Land Art Studio (Landscape Architecture)

Kim Lundgren Associates (Sustainability)



The NY Forward Program

Launched by Governor Kathy Hochul in 2022.

Modeled after the Downtown Revitalization Program (DRI).

Provided \$2.25M to Dolgeville to help implement catalytic and transformative projects.

Focuses on creating healthy, vibrant, walkable downtowns.



NY Forward Program Goals

 Create an active downtown with a strong sense of place.	 Build a diverse population, with residents and workers supported by complementary diverse housing and employment opportunities.
 Attract new businesses that create a robust mix of shopping, entertainment, and service options for residents and visitors, and that provide job opportunities for a variety of skills and salaries.	 Grow the local property tax base.
 Enhance public spaces for arts and cultural events that serve the existing members of the community but also draw in visitors from around the region.	 Provide amenities that support and enhance downtown living and quality of life.
	 Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support investments that are more resilient to future climate change impacts.

Overview of NYF Planning Process

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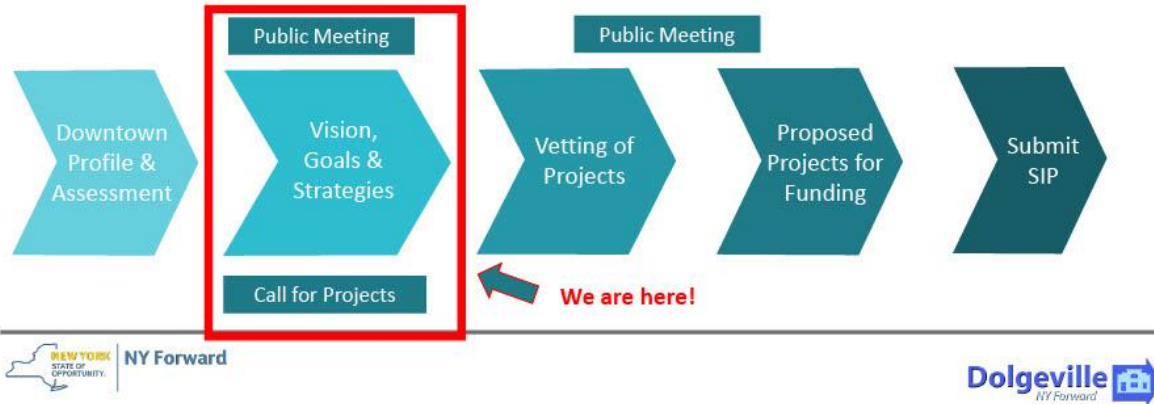


	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Kick-Off Site Visit								
Local Planning Committee Meetings	#1	#2		#3	#4	#5		
Community Meeting			#1		#2			
Downtown Profile & Assessment	Start	Skeleton	Draft	Final				
Vision, Goals, Strategies	Start		Draft	Final				
Project Profile Development			Start	Skeleton	Draft	Final		
Call for Projects								
Strategic Investment Plan					Outline		Draft	Final

Strategic Investment Plan Development

Dolgeville's NY Forward Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) will:

- Describe the Village's unique challenges and opportunities
- Present a clear vision and set of goals guiding downtown revitalization
- Identify and propose a suite of transformative projects



Public Input is Important!

Throughout the process, the public will have a variety of opportunities to provide feedback, input, and guidance:

Public Meetings



Two Open House Events

In Writing



Visit the project website

LPC Meetings



Conclusion of meeting

Outreach Events



Open House, Farmers' Market, website, survey

Open Call for Projects

Deadline for Proposals- August 2

How to Submit Your Project

- 1 Review the Eligibility Criteria
- 2 Review Project Requirements
- 3 Review State Program Goals
- 4 Fill out the NYF Project Form
- 5 Submit your Completed Project Form

Submit a project idea to be considered for funding through NYF!

Visit us at **Station 8** to learn more and to sign up for Office Hours



Project Requirements

- **Location** - Within or near NY Forward Boundary.
- **Timing** - Ability to break ground within two years of receiving funding.
- **Funding** - Financing commitments should be largely secured, or have a clear path to securing financing.
- **Size and Scale** - Projects must be large enough to be truly transformative for the downtown area.
- **Project Sponsor** - Sponsors must be public, not-for-profit, or private entities with the capacity and legal authority to undertake the proposed project.
- **Decarbonization** - New construction, renovations or additions may require decarbonization techniques.



Eligible Project Types

New Development and/or Rehabilitation of Existing Downtown Buildings

Catalytic or transformative projects that will provide employment opportunities, housing choices, and/or services for the community.

Small Project Fund

Locally managed matching small project fund to undertake a range of smaller projects such as façade enhancements, building renovation improvements to commercial or mixed-use spaces, business assistance, or public art.

Public Improvements

These may include projects such as streetscape and transportation improvements, recreational trails, wayfinding signage, new and upgraded parks, plazas, public art, green infrastructure, and other public realm projects that will contribute to the revitalization of the downtown.

Branding & Marketing

Examples include downtown branding and marketing projects that may target residents, investors, developers, tourists, and/or visitors. Costs eligible under this category must be one-time expenses, such as those to develop materials and signage. Ongoing operational costs, such as funding a downtown manager or maintaining a website, are not eligible.



Next Steps

- Attend Office Hours for project proposals
- Complete Downtown Profile & Assessment
- Evaluate and identify priority projects
- Community Open House #2 to review and comment on proposed Priority Projects (September)

