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Saranac Lake Local Planning Committee Announces Final Call for Projects for Consideration in the Downtown Revitalization Initiative

SARANAC LAKE, N.Y. – The Saranac Lake Local Planning Committee (LPC) will continue to accept proposed projects for consideration in the Downtown Revitalization Initiative Strategic Investment Plan until Friday, November 2, 2018 at 5:00 pm. An open call for projects has been ongoing since February 2018 when the first Call for Projects was announced. The LPC, with support from its state partners and consultant team lead by MJ Engineering and Land Surveying, P.C., will evaluate projects submitted over the past several months to identify those projects that will spur downtown revitalization and leverage public and private investment as part of the Saranac Lake Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI). A [Saranac Lake DRI Project Form](#) is available (click on hyperlink) on the Village website on the Community Development page. Proposed projects must be located within the DRI boundary and a map can be found included with the project form. Project forms should be directed to Jamie Konkoski at comdev@saranaclakeny.gov.

The evaluation of projects will also include opportunities for public feedback at various public engagement activities over the duration of the DRI planning process. Public engagement is a key component of the DRI process, is fundamental to the success of the DRI and is critical to the preparation of a locally supported DRI Strategic Investment Plan. Public workshops and engagement activities will be scheduled throughout the effort to allow opportunity for public input.

The DRI is transforming downtown neighborhoods into vibrant communities. In its third year, the program will invest \$100 million into 10 additional downtown neighborhoods across the state. Participating communities are nominated by the state's ten Regional Economic Development Councils (REDCs) based on the downtown's potential for transformation, and each community is awarded \$10 million to develop a downtown strategic investment plan and implement key catalytic projects that advance the community's vision for revitalization. The Village of Saranac Lake was recently selected as the North Country DRI community.

The DRI is a comprehensive approach to boosting local economies by transforming communities into vibrant neighborhoods that offer a high quality of life for all residents. Each community selected to participate in the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) will accomplish its goals through a unique state-local partnership that includes a Local Planning Committee (LPC), a consultant team, and state agency staff. With support from municipal staff and input from the public, this partnership will result in a strategic investment plan that will achieve the vision and goals for revitalization of the downtown.

The Local Planning Committee (LPC) is made up of local and regional leaders, stakeholders, and community representatives. LPC members will attend a variety of meetings at which they will be asked to brainstorm ideas, provide direction to consultants, review planning products, and prioritize actions. Mayor Clyde Rabideau and James McKenna of ROOST are the Saranac Lake LPC co-chairs.

More information about the DRI can be found at www.ny.gov/dri or on the community development page <https://www.saranaclakeny.gov>.

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