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FRANKLIN COUNTY MAIN STREET PROGRAM ANNOUNCES AWARDS

12 Properties in Saranac Lake and Tupper Lake Awarded nearly \$450,000 for Downtown Commercial and Residential Improvements

FRANKLIN COUNTY, N.Y. – The Franklin County Local Development Corporation (FCLDC) announced today the recipients of the Franklin County Main Street Program. The FCLDC applied for and was awarded a New York Main Street Grant in 2018 with the support of the Community Development Directors from both the Village of Saranac Lake and Tupper Lake.

Properties in portions of Main Street and Broadway in Saranac Lake, and Park Street in Tupper Lake were eligible to apply for the program. Twenty-one properties initially submitted applications to the FCLDC. The following locations were awarded funding through a committee review process. They were scored based on visual, commercial and residential impact, readiness, and impact to local and regional plans. Renovations to each property must be completed before October 2020.

Saranac Lake

- 86 Main Street – Façade restoration and renovation of two apartment units of mixed-use property
- 70 Main Street – Façade improvements of commercial property
- 45 - 47 Main Street – Façade improvements of commercial property
- 115 Main Street – Façade restoration and structural repair of mixed-use property

Tupper Lake

- 100 Park Street – Façade improvements of commercial property
- 115 Park Street – Façade improvements, structural repair and renovation of one apartment unit of mixed-use property
- 70 Park Street – Façade improvements of mixed-use property
- 123 Park Street – Façade restoration of mixed-use property
- 127 Park Street – Façade restoration of mixed-use property
- 60 Park Street – Façade improvements of commercial property
- 106 Park Street – Façade improvements of commercial property
- 93 - 95 Park Street – Renovation and creation of two commercial units in mixed-use property

Awarded through the Office of Homes and Community Renewal, the New York Main Street grant provides funding for local revitalization efforts and technical assistance to help communities build the capacity required to grow their downtown or neighborhood commercial district. The Franklin County Main Street awards come on the heels of the announcement of the FCLDC's Microenterprise awards which also focused its first round of funding in the villages of Tupper and Saranac Lake.

Duncan Winter, M.D, Owner of Surgical Eye Care (86 Main Street, Saranac Lake) said, “We are thrilled to be a part of the urban renewal projects taking place in Saranac Lake because of the Franklin County Main Street Program. It’s an exciting time for our community and I hope this input and energy will bring additional opportunities and pour unity into our town”.

Louise McNally, Director of Tupper Arts (106 Park Street, Tupper Lake) said, “Tupper Arts is nearly one year old and many exciting, beautiful things are happening inside. A new facade with big windows and a welcoming front door will give us an appropriate look for a Main Street business. Both the community and visitors will be able to see the artistic delights inside our doors: artworks, performances, workshops, classes, and gift shop”.

Paul Maroun, Mayor of the Village of Tupper Lake and Franklin County Legislator said, “The timing was perfect for the arrival of NY Main Street Program funds to support our Park Street property owners in their revitalization efforts. We can't wait to see the transformations”.

Lindy Ellis, Franklin County Legislators said, “Downtown revitalization is an economic development priority for Franklin County, and I have been proud to support efforts by the Franklin County Local Development Corporation to bring investment to our vital community centers”.

Clyde Rabideau, Mayor of Saranac Lake said, “As Downtown Saranac Lake continues its resurgence, I am thrilled to know that these key properties will see investment in the coming months”.

Jeremy Evans, CEO of the FCLDC said, “We are pleased to partner with the villages of Saranac Lake and Tupper Lake in their revitalization efforts and look forward to working with the awardees”.

About Franklin County Local Development Corporation

The Franklin County Local Development Corporation, in partnership with the County of Franklin Industrial Development Agency, exists to improve the quality of life in the Franklin County region by supporting economic growth, employment and community development. The FCLDC/IDA offers a broad range of services to help local businesses expand and succeed. From loans and tax incentives, to technical assistance, to buildings and business parks, we’re here to help grow local business.

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