



# Village of Wellsville

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## **Village of Wellsville Seeks Community Input for 2022 \$10M Downtown Revitalization Initiative**

New York State's Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) is a cornerstone of the State's economic development program aimed at transforming downtown neighborhoods into vibrant centers that offer a high quality of life and are magnets for redevelopment, business, job creation, and economic and housing diversity.

One of the first steps in the process is to solicit public input and suggestions for projects and a community vision. This is a public's chance to have their transformational suggestions heard and considered for inclusion in a DRI application.

A wide range of potential projects are eligible to be included. Anything from a new hotel to parks and public gathering places, facelifts of downtown buildings, expanded parking, destination venues and more. Come one, come all...let's get the ideas flowing!

The purpose of this public meeting is to identify what is missing and what would bring a whole new energy to downtown. Proposed community projects must be able to be completed within two years following a DRI award.

Wellsville will begin this community discovery process with two public meetings in the current calendar year: October 20<sup>th</sup> and November 17<sup>th</sup>. Meetings will be held at the David A. Howe Library and will begin at 6:00 pm. All community members, including those in the surrounding area, are invited to participate.

A DRI Strategic Investment Plan requires a clear vision for the downtown area; goals and strategies to accomplish the vision; an action plan with a timeline for projects, initiatives and actions; and a strategic investment plan with catalytic projects to implement the plan. Public engagement is a key component of the DRI planning process from start to finish.

For additional information and to see examples of past projects, please visit:

<https://www.ny.gov/programs/downtown-revitalization-initiative>. The Village has also created an email address for community input – ideas, comments, notice regarding planned projects and questions: [WellsvilleDRI@wellsvilleny.com](mailto:WellsvilleDRI@wellsvilleny.com).

The DRI represents a unique and significant opportunity to identify and fund projects aimed at revitalizing Wellsville's business district. Your suggestions can play an important role in supporting that revitalization. Let's all dream a little!