## Boonville to Hold Fourth Local Planning Committee Meeting and Announces Second Public Workshop and Online Survey for the NY Forward Strategic Investment Plan

September 9, 2024, Boonville, NY- The Local Planning Committee (LPC) for the Village of Boonville's NY Forward (NYF) program will hold its fourth meeting on **Thursday September 26**, **2024**, from **6:00 – 8:00 pm** at the Boonville Village Offices located at 13149 State Route 12, Boonville, NY 13309. The meeting is open to observers from the public, with an opportunity for public comment at the end of the meeting.

The agenda for this meeting includes:

- Review of the project evaluation criteria;
- Status update of the proposed projects being considered for NY Forward funding; and
- Upcoming public engagement opportunities.

The Local Planning Committee (LPC) is co-chaired by Judith Dellerba, Mayor of the Village of Boonville, and Dr. Laura Casamento, a Mohawk Valley REDC Board Member, and 13 other members representing a diverse cross-section of the Boonville community.

The Village of Boonville and the LPC will also be hosting a second public workshop on Wednesday October 2, 2024 from 4:00 – 8:00PM at the Erwin Library located at 104 Schuyler Street, Boonville, NY 13309. All are welcome to attend and are invited to drop-in anytime from 4:00 – 8:00PM to learn more about the proposed projects being considered for NY Forward funding and provide input.

Members of the public unable to attend the second public workshop are invited to complete an online survey to provide feedback on the proposed projects under consideration for NY Forward funding. The survey opens on September 25 and closes on October 9. Once open, the survey can be accessed at the following link: <a href="http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BoonvilleProjectFeedbackSurvey">www.surveymonkey.com/r/BoonvilleProjectFeedbackSurvey</a>

More information about the Boonville NY Forward Program and a full schedule of meetings can be found at <u>www.BoonvilleForward.org</u>.

The Village of Boonville was selected by the Mohawk Valley Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) to receive a \$4.5 million award from New York State Governor Kathy Hochul through the NY Forward (NYF) program. Investment from this program will allow Boonville to develop a Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) and implement key catalytic projects to advance the community's vision for downtown improvements.

NY Forward was launched in 2022 to support a more equitable downtown recovery for New York's smaller communities, with a focus on hamlets, villages, and neighborhood-scale commercial centers. NY Forward is led by the Department of State, in close partnership with Empire State Development, NYS 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>.

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