



NY Forward

Cooperstown NYF Project Feedback

Summary of Responses

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Background

The Cooperstown New York Forward (NYF) Public Workshop #2

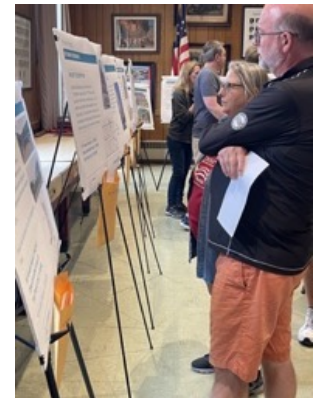
The Cooperstown Forward (New York Forward) Public Workshop #2 was held on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Cooperstown Fire Hall located at 24 Chestnut Street in Cooperstown, NY. The purpose of the meeting was to solicit input on proposed projects.

The meeting was open to the community-at-large and attended by 48 participants, including representatives from Laberge Group and Highland Planning, members of the Local Planning Committee (LPC), representatives from New York State Department of State (DOS), and the general-public.

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

The public was introduced to all proposed NYF projects. Feedback from the public is intended to guide project sponsors in strengthening proposed projects, and to assist the LPC in evaluating the final projects.

A flyer with an online survey was distributed to participants to share with those who could not attend the meeting. The online survey was open from September 6th to September 20th. 78% of responses were collected via the online survey, while 22% were collected at the workshop itself (paper forms).



Cooperstown NYF Project Feedback

The feedback contained in this report aggregates the responses collected at the workshop, along with the responses collected in the online survey.

The online survey was set-up so that a respondent viewed a project, and then had the opportunity to answer the four questions for that project (the 4 questions are listed on the following slide). Respondents were exposed to all projects, but answers to each question were not required to move forward.

In addition to the 15 projects, respondents were also exposed to a list of “other potential projects” for Cooperstown and asked the following open-ended question: Are there any projects on this list that you feel might be transformational or catalytic in downtown Cooperstown?

COOPERSTOWN NY FORWARD VISION & GOALS

VISION STATEMENT:

The Village of Cooperstown, a national destination, will build on prior dynamic downtown improvements to support a sustainable, robust, year-round economy that addresses the needs of workers, visitors, and families for generations to come. Cooperstown’s Strategic Investment Plan will strengthen access to scenic Otsego Lake; encourage new housing; establish fun, safe and accessible connections through the public realm; enhance quality of life for all residents; and create a memorable experience for visitors. Central to this vision is the strategic development and conversion of buildings, infrastructure and amenities that foster a resilient and equitable future to preserve the strong sense of place that is at the heart of the Cooperstown community.

GOALS & STRATEGIES:



Housing: Create a diversity of housing options appropriate for the varying needs of the community.



Business: Diversify businesses to support the needs of Cooperstown’s residents and visitors and provide year-round interest.



Connectivity: Connect people to places by creating a vibrant, safe and accessible public realm.



Sustainability: Promote a more environmentally sustainable downtown through public infrastructure improvements and by encouraging decarbonization efforts.

NEW YORK STATE NY FORWARD GOALS



Create an active downtown with a strong sense of place.



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.



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.



Build a diverse population, with residents and workers supported by complementary diverse housing and employment opportunities.



Grow the local property tax base.



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.

Questions Asked For Each Project

	Question type	Question wording	Response Choices
Q1	Select all that apply	This project aligns with the following Cooperstown NY Forward goals (select all that apply):	Create a diversity of housing options appropriate for the varying needs of the community.
			Diversify businesses to support the needs of Cooperstown's residents and visitors and provide year-round interest.
			Connect people to places by creating a vibrant, safe and accessible realm.
			Promote a more environmentally sustainable downtown through public infrastructure improvements and by encouraging decarbonization efforts.
			None of the above
Q2	Select one	Will this project help transform downtown Cooperstown?	Yes
			No
Q3	Open-ended	I like this project because:	<text insert>
Q4	Open-ended	How could this project be improved?	<text insert>

Responses by Project by Question

Peach coloring highlights questions by project with responses below 20 (relatively low sample size).

	Answered at least one question	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
53 Pioneer Street	82	78	75	30	12
134 Main Street	83	81	79	33	20
Doubleday Field	76	73	68	16	11
Fowler Way	77	74	71	21	8
Grove St. Pedestrian Improvements	79	77	74	22	9
Hoffman Lane Improvements	84	83	78	33	17
Key Bank (103 Main St.)	87	85	81	43	32
Lakefront Park Viewing Platform	81	79	74	23	22
Pioneer Alley Improvements	88	86	79	41	16
Pioneer Valley Microbrewery	84	81	79	36	18
Railroad Inn Expansion (28 Railroad Ave.)	79	76	71	23	18
Small Project Fund	71	64	66	19	11
Upper Main St. Wayfinding	82	78	77	22	13
Willow Brook Res (22 Glen Ave.)	83	80	76	26	25
Wood Bat Factory Flagship Store (33 Chestnut)	85	81	80	13	30
Grand Total	1221	1176	1128	401	262

The survey data is limited to a single respondent per IP address.

78% of responses were collected via the online survey, while 22% were collected at the workshop itself (paper forms).

Open-ended responses

Q3	Open-ended	I like this project because:	<text insert>
Q4	Open-ended	How could this project be improved?	<text insert>

- The open-ended questions, Q3 and Q4, allowed respondents to provide feedback in their own words. They could type whatever they desired.
- Since all questions were optional, and providing open-ended feedback takes more effort than answering a multiple-choice question, the number of respondents answering each open-ended question is lower than the number who answered the closed-ended questions Q1 and Q2 for each project.
- A brief summary of open-ended feedback is included on the main summary slide for each project.
- All open-ended feedback is shown verbatim in the **Appendix** by project. **No** editing, nor corrections for spelling or grammar, were applied. The responses for Q3 and Q4 are shown on separate slides for each project.

Public Feedback Summary

Non-Profit Project

53 PIONEER PROJECT- 53 PIONEER ST.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project totals 3,072 square feet and includes a full restoration of the interior of three floors and the facade of the building. It will restore a historic building to its former distinction and provide a year-round, flexible use, and shared community space for patrons and visitors to the Village.

NY Forward request: \$ 424,300
Other Committed Funds: \$0
Total Project Cost: \$ 424,300



53 Pioneer Street

- Of 78 responses, 55 felt that it aligned with at least one of the Cooperstown NY Forward goals.

Aligns with at least one goal (net)	55
Create a diversity of housing options appropriate for the varying needs of the community.	20
Diversify businesses to support the needs of Cooperstown’s residents and visitors and provide year-round interest.	45
Connect people to places by creating a vibrant, safe and accessible realm.	40
Promote a more environmentally sustainable downtown through public infrastructure improvements and by encouraging decarbonization efforts.	35
None of the above	23

- Of 75 responses, 54 felt that this project will help transform downtown Cooperstown.

- I like this project because: (30 responses)

People in Cooperstown like the idea of fixing up the old downtown building. They think it can turn a run-down spot into a nice place for arts and events. They also appreciate keeping the town's history alive and making the main area look better. Many folks are happy that the project will help the community instead of just helping businesses.

- How could this project be improved? (12 responses)

Some think using a mix of private money and government funds would work best. If current owner hasn't done much, maybe someone more committed should take over. They feel it's important to show the community the benefits, like cheaper workshops. Others worry because the project has taken a long time and spent a lot of money without finishing.

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Private Project

134 MAIN ST.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Completely rehabilitate the vacant 2nd and 3rd floors totaling 4,800 sf into four (4), 2-bedroom apartments for long-term rentals. The project will also make significant exterior renovations to repair decaying woodwork, repaint the entire structure, replace windows, and install a new roof. This project will create high quality, safe and affordable apartments on Main Street.

NY Forward request: \$ 250,000
Other Committed Funds: \$ 450,000
Total Project Cost: \$ 700,000



134 Main Street

- Of 81 responses, 47 felt that it aligned with at least one of the Cooperstown NY Forward goals.

Aligns with at least one goal (net)	47
Create a diversity of housing options appropriate for the varying needs of the community.	47
Diversify businesses to support the needs of Cooperstown's residents and visitors and provide year-round interest.	8
Connect people to places by creating a vibrant, safe and accessible realm.	12
Promote a more environmentally sustainable downtown through public infrastructure improvements and by encouraging decarbonization efforts.	10
None of the above	34

- Of 79 responses, 41 felt that this project will help transform downtown Cooperstown.

- I like this project because: (33 responses)

Many respondents emphasize the need for more housing, especially affordable options, in the village core. There's appreciation for transforming a rundown, visible building into something beneficial, given its proximity to notable places like the Hall of Fame. Some see the potential for a good return on investment. However, there are concerns about ensuring the housing remains affordable, and a few calls for better amenities like parking.

- How could this project be improved? (20 responses)

Many respondents emphasize the need for clarity on funding sources, with some preferring private over public funds. A recurring concern is ensuring the housing remains affordable, with calls to clearly define "affordable" and consider the needs of all community members, not just higher earners. Additionally, people want more detailed plans, especially considerations for parking.

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Public Project

DOUBLEDAY FIELD

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project includes regrading the field, improving the drainage system, investing in new irrigation, installing new base anchors and replacing the netting at the historic grandstand. Improving drainage is critical to bring high profile tournaments to Cooperstown and reduce cancellations due to poor surface conditions.

This project was originally part of the 2017 Doubleday Field Improvement Plan, resulting from the 2016 Comprehensive Plan.

NY Forward request: \$1,370,000
Other Committed Funds: \$0
Total Project Cost: \$1,370,000



Doubleday Field

- Of 73 responses, 20 felt that it aligned with at least one of the Cooperstown NY Forward goals.

Aligns with at least one goal (net)	20
Create a diversity of housing options appropriate for the varying needs of the community.	1
Diversify businesses to support the needs of Cooperstown's residents and visitors and provide year-round interest.	8
Connect people to places by creating a vibrant, safe and accessible realm.	12
Promote a more environmentally sustainable downtown through public infrastructure improvements and by encouraging decarbonization efforts.	11
None of the above	53

- Of 68 responses, 20 felt that this project will help transform downtown Cooperstown.

- I like this project because: (16 responses)

Many respondents appreciate the focus on improving Doubleday Field, seeing it as a vital part of Cooperstown. They recognize its role in boosting tourism, which in turn can benefit the local economy and provide more public revenue. Some note past enhancements and believe further improvements can increase the field's usage and safety. A few express concerns about funding sources and question why certain upgrades weren't made earlier.

- How could this project be improved? (11 responses)

People have mixed feelings about improving Doubleday Field. Some feel other projects should get funding priority. Others suggest attempting to get input and support from organizations like MLB. Concerns arise about the high costs and whether the money is being used effectively. A few respondents question the overall benefit to village residents and emphasize the importance of hiring knowledgeable professionals for the project.

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Public Project

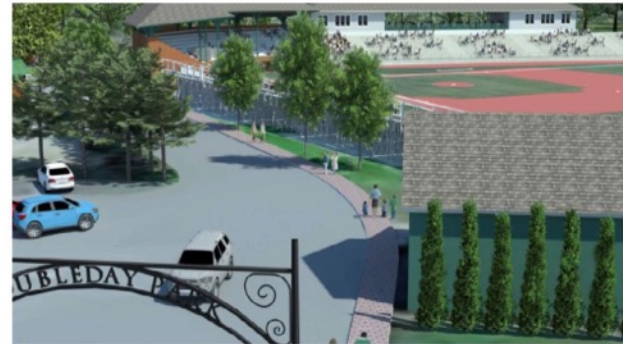
FOWLER WAY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project will create a pedestrian and vehicle safe pathway along Fowler Way. The improvement will permit safe ADA compliant access to the ramp and seating at the 1st Base Bleachers.

This project was originally part of the 2017 Doubleday Field Improvement Plan, resulting from the 2016 Comprehensive Plan.

NY Forward request: \$ 720,000
Other Committed Funds: \$30,000
Total Project Cost: \$ 750,000



Fowler Way

- Of 74 responses, 33 felt that it aligned with at least one of the Cooperstown NY Forward goals.

Aligns with at least one goal (net)	33
Create a diversity of housing options appropriate for the varying needs of the community.	0
Diversify businesses to support the needs of Cooperstown's residents and visitors and provide year-round interest.	5
Connect people to places by creating a vibrant, safe and accessible realm.	29
Promote a more environmentally sustainable downtown through public infrastructure improvements and by encouraging decarbonization efforts.	11
None of the above	41

- Of 71 responses, 30 felt that this project will help transform downtown Cooperstown.

- I like this project because: (21 responses)

Many respondents are in favor of the project due to its focus on improving accessibility and safety, especially for pedestrians. They highlight concerns about the current unsafe conditions of the area and view the improvements as a way to make it more pedestrian-friendly and compliant with ADA standards. There's appreciation for the potential to enhance the look of the entrance to Doubleday Field, emphasizing its significance to the village. However, some concerns arise about the project's cost, with a few questioning its value for the money.

- How could this project be improved? (8 responses)

Some respondents suggest tabling the project or seeking funding from MLB. There are concerns about pavers in winter conditions. Speed bumps, and aesthetic improvements like benches and plants, are recommended for improved pedestrian safety and appeal. Questions arise about why certain aspects weren't tackled in the initial project.

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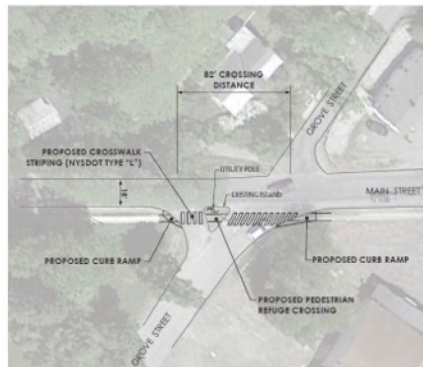
Public Project

GROVE ST. PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This area was identified as being in need of pedestrian improvements in a recent traffic study. This project creates connectivity between Main Street, upper Main Street, Glen Ave., and the Red Lot by adding sidewalks on Grove and Main Street.

NY Forward request: \$ 135,000
Other Committed Funds: \$0
Total Project Cost: \$135,000



Grove St. Pedestrian Improvements

- Of 77 responses, 35 felt that it aligned with at least one of the Cooperstown NY Forward goals.

Aligns with at least one goal (net)	35
Create a diversity of housing options appropriate for the varying needs of the community.	0
Diversify businesses to support the needs of Cooperstown's residents and visitors and provide year-round interest.	1
Connect people to places by creating a vibrant, safe and accessible realm.	31
Promote a more environmentally sustainable downtown through public infrastructure improvements and by encouraging decarbonization efforts.	11
None of the above	42

- Of 74 responses, 28 felt that this project will help transform downtown Cooperstown.

- I like this project because: (22 responses)

Many respondents favor the project due to its focus on enhancing pedestrian safety and walkability, especially given the current challenges and dangers in the area. The improvements would encourage more people to walk and support local businesses, reducing pedestrian accidents. Additionally, it's seen as a way to connect parking lots to Main Street, making the town more inviting and accessible.

- How could this project be improved? (9 responses)

Respondents propose adding a safe sidewalk and considering the inclusion of a bike lane. Some question the need based on observed foot traffic, while others feel there are more transformative projects. A lighted pedestrian sign was also recommended for added safety.

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Public Project

HOFFMAN LANE IMPROVEMENTS

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project will transform Hoffman Lane by improving pedestrian design and managing stormwater. A sidewalk will be added along the length of the lane, and decorative lampposts will be added to make walking in the evening safer. In Lakefront Park, the current impermeable upper parking area will be relocated to open the vista to the lake.

Project was identified in the 2016 Comprehensive Plan.



NY Forward request: \$ 1,290,669*
Other Committed Funds: \$ 0
Total Project Cost: \$ 1,290,669

***GIGP Grant Requested:**
\$831,036.00



Hoffman Lane Improvements

- Of 83 responses, 47 felt that it aligned with at least one of the Cooperstown NY Forward goals.

Aligns with at least one goal (net)	47
Create a diversity of housing options appropriate for the varying needs of the community.	1
Diversify businesses to support the needs of Cooperstown's residents and visitors and provide year-round interest.	12
Connect people to places by creating a vibrant, safe and accessible realm.	42
Promote a more environmentally sustainable downtown through public infrastructure improvements and by encouraging decarbonization efforts.	26
None of the above	36

- Of 78 responses, 40 felt that this project will help transform downtown Cooperstown.

- I like this project because: (33 responses)

Residents of Cooperstown have diverse opinions about the project involving Hoffman Lane. Many appreciate the project as it enhances access from Main Street to the lake, promotes walkability, and addresses safety concerns with better lighting and infrastructure. They feel that the project can make the alleyway more inviting and potentially boost local businesses. However, there are concerns about the project not fitting the Cooperstown atmosphere, potential loss of parking spaces, and environmental impacts, such as tree removal.

- How could this project be improved? (17 responses)

Cooperstown residents suggest the Hoffman Lane project maintain the town's traditional feel, voicing concerns over too much lighting and emphasizing the importance of preservation. Many highlight practical aspects, questioning the feasibility of sidewalks or bike lanes, and emphasizing improved drainage. There's also a call for careful alley planning due to its tight nature and the need for better parking solutions.

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Private Project

KEY BANK-103 MAIN ST.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Internal demolition and reconstruction of ~24,000sf of space on the 2nd-4th floors into 21 apartment rental units. A mix of studio, 1, and 2 bedroom apartments will be available for long-term rentals. The redevelopment will consist of a new elevator and mechanicals, while the exterior will be refreshed and the windows refurbished.

NY Forward request: \$ 1,300,000
Other Committed Funds: \$ 5,200,000
Total Project Cost: \$ 6,500,000



Key Bank (103 Main St.)

- Of 85 responses, 50 felt that it aligned with at least one of the Cooperstown NY Forward goals.

Aligns with at least one goal (net)	50
Create a diversity of housing options appropriate for the varying needs of the community.	48
Diversify businesses to support the needs of Cooperstown's residents and visitors and provide year-round interest.	18
Connect people to places by creating a vibrant, safe and accessible realm.	13
Promote a more environmentally sustainable downtown through public infrastructure improvements and by encouraging decarbonization efforts.	12
None of the above	35

- Of 81 responses, 49 felt that this project will help transform downtown Cooperstown.

- I like this project because: (43 responses)

Residents generally favor this project because they see a significant need for additional housing in Cooperstown, especially amidst what some describe as a rental crisis. There's an emphasis on ensuring that the housing is affordable, particularly for workers, young people, singles, and seniors in the area. Concerns are raised about the financing and partnerships involved, with a call for transparent investment details.

- How could this project be improved? (32 responses)

The community sees housing as essential but emphasizes thoughtful planning. Residents' primary concerns are parking, and affordability (for local workers who are not high earners). The project's design should respect the historical integrity of the building. There's curiosity about its financial aspects and owner contributions.

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Public Project

LAKEFRONT PARK VIEWING PLATFORM

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Village of Cooperstown will construct a cantilevered platform for fishing and scenic enjoyment to provide greater access to Lake Otsego. The railing will incorporate signage with historic and environmental information relevant to this location.

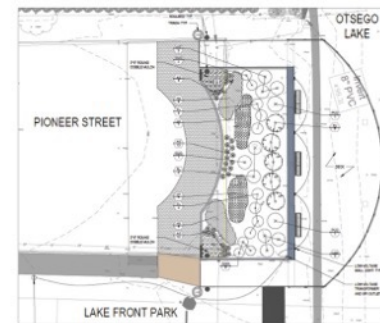
Project was identified in the 2016 Comprehensive Plan.

NY Forward request: \$ 448,956*

Other Committed Funds: \$0

Total Project Cost: \$ 474,646

***CFA Grant Request : \$224,478**



Lakefront Park Viewing Platform

- Of 79 responses, 34 felt that it aligned with at least one of the Cooperstown NY Forward goals.

Aligns with at least one goal (net)	34
Create a diversity of housing options appropriate for the varying needs of the community.	3
Diversify businesses to support the needs of Cooperstown's residents and visitors and provide year-round interest.	7
Connect people to places by creating a vibrant, safe and accessible realm.	31
Promote a more environmentally sustainable downtown through public infrastructure improvements and by encouraging decarbonization efforts.	9
None of the above	45

- Of 74 responses, 26 felt that this project will help transform downtown Cooperstown.

- I like this project because: (23 responses)

Residents have mixed feelings about the lakefront project. Many appreciate the initiative because it enhances access to the lake, particularly for handicapped individuals. It could attract more visitors downtown to appreciate the lake, as well as aid in erosion control. Concerns are raised about increased noise, and some worry about losing the few free and accessible spots currently available to sit by the lake.

- How could this project be improved? (22 responses)

Residents seek improvements that respect the serene essence of the lakefront while making it more functional and welcoming. Many oppose obstructions like metal railings and plexiglass shields, instead proposing enhancements like clear views, better vegetation management, and accessible seating. Concerns about maintenance, safety, accessibility, and signage were raised. The cost and value of the project were questioned, with some suggesting funds be allocated elsewhere or used for transformative changes like a new boat launch or better park amenities.

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Public Project

PIONEER ALLEY IMPROVEMENTS

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project proposes to improve the pedestrian environment in Pioneer Alley by developing stormwater infiltration infrastructure, repaving the surface with macadam and brick and adding lighting.

Project identified in 2015 Comprehensive Plan.

NY Forward request: \$ 506,521
Other Committed Funds: \$ 0
Total Project Cost: \$ 506,521



Pioneer Alley Improvements

- Of 86 responses, 75 felt that it aligned with at least one of the Cooperstown NY Forward goals.

Aligns with at least one goal (net)	75
Create a diversity of housing options appropriate for the varying needs of the community.	8
Diversify businesses to support the needs of Cooperstown's residents and visitors and provide year-round interest.	43
Connect people to places by creating a vibrant, safe and accessible realm.	69
Promote a more environmentally sustainable downtown through public infrastructure improvements and by encouraging decarbonization efforts.	45
None of the above	11

- Of 79 responses, 73 felt that this project will help transform downtown Cooperstown.

- I like this project because: (41 responses)

Residents see the potential upgrade of the alley as a valuable improvement for Cooperstown. Many emphasize the current state of the alley as being unattractive, unsafe, and in dire need of a makeover. They believe that revamping it would not only make it visually appealing but also safer for pedestrians, especially when accessing community hubs like the Farmers' Market. An enhanced alley would likely encourage more visitors, benefiting local businesses. The alley's historical significance is noted, and there's hope that improvements would be respectful of this heritage. Additionally, better lighting and making it pedestrian-friendly were highlighted, with some suggesting it might even be made exclusively pedestrian.

- How could this project be improved? (16 responses)

Concerns are raised about the high cost for improving a space that's infrequently used, especially with existing issues like garbage dumpsters, utilities, and noisy HVAC units. There are doubts about the choice of pavers due to safety and maintenance reasons. Suggestions include transitioning to a pedestrian-only space, introducing outdoor seating, updating building paint, and adding signage for alley-side stores. The presence of dumpsters, smokers, and delivery trucks needs to be addressed to truly transform the alley. There's a call for funds to improve the back of buildings and suggestions to consider aesthetics like murals and cobblestone.

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Private Project

PIONEER VALLEY MICROBREWERY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Proposal to develop a brewery in an underutilized building with primary access on Pioneer Alley. This includes exterior improvements such as paint and repairs as well as the interior conversion of the building into brewery, with taproom at the Pratt Hotel. Anticipated benefits include activating businesses in and surrounding Pioneer Alley throughout the year as well as beautifying and activating a vacant building in a popular pedestrian location.

NY Forward request: \$ 300,000

Other Committed Funds: \$ 282,000

Total Project Cost: \$ 582,000



Pioneer Valley Microbrewery

- Of 81 responses, 57 felt that it aligned with at least one of the Cooperstown NY Forward goals.

Aligns with at least one goal (net)	57
Create a diversity of housing options appropriate for the varying needs of the community.	4
Diversify businesses to support the needs of Cooperstown's residents and visitors and provide year-round interest.	57
Connect people to places by creating a vibrant, safe and accessible realm.	35
Promote a more environmentally sustainable downtown through public infrastructure improvements and by encouraging decarbonization efforts.	25
None of the above	24

- Of 79 responses, 58 felt that this project will help transform downtown Cooperstown.

- I like this project because: (36 responses)

It addresses the need for building improvements, diversifying the business landscape, and providing a fresh experience for both residents and tourists. The initiative to convert an existing eyesore into a vibrant microbrewery would not only rejuvenate Pioneer Alley but also offer an alternative attraction to baseball. Microbreweries have the potential to become year-round attractions, bringing both tourists and locals together in a communal setting.

- How could this project be improved? (18 responses)

This is not a public infrastructure project and should be privately financed. The location might be better suited on Main St. Any potential negative impacts like traffic, odors, and noise should be addressed to ensure they won't affect surrounding businesses.

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Private Project

RAILROAD INN EXPANSION- 28 RAILROAD AVE

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Proposal to construct three (3) free-standing long term residential units, comprising of approximately 900 square feet of efficiency space.

NY Forward request: \$ 150,000
Other Sources: \$300,000
Total Project Cost: \$ 450,000



Railroad Inn Expansion (28 Railroad Ave.)

- Of 76 responses, 26 felt that it aligned with at least one of the Cooperstown NY Forward goals.

Aligns with at least one goal (net)	26
Create a diversity of housing options appropriate for the varying needs of the community.	24
Diversify businesses to support the needs of Cooperstown’s residents and visitors and provide year-round interest.	5
Connect people to places by creating a vibrant, safe and accessible realm.	7
Promote a more environmentally sustainable downtown through public infrastructure improvements and by encouraging decarbonization efforts.	2
None of the above	50

- Of 71 responses, 18 felt that this project will help transform downtown Cooperstown.

- I like this project because: (23 responses)

Many people believe long-term affordable housing is essential, and this project offers that. There is concern about the project being funded with public money, while benefiting property owners.

- How could this project be improved? (18 responses)

There is significant concerns about public financing for private ventures. There's a desire for clarity on the project's specifics; many respondents felt not enough information was provided to effectively evaluate this project. Several people worried whether this new housing would be truly affordable.

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Public Projects

SMALL PROJECT FUND

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project would establish a \$300,000 'Small Project Fund' which would be managed locally and be used for various smaller projects such as façade restorations, minor building improvements, business assistance, or public art.



Village of Attica, NY Main Street NY Façade project

Small Project Fund

- Of 64 responses, 57 felt that it aligned with at least one of the Cooperstown NY Forward goals.

Aligns with at least one goal (net)	57
Create a diversity of housing options appropriate for the varying needs of the community.	33
Diversify businesses to support the needs of Cooperstown's residents and visitors and provide year-round interest.	49
Connect people to places by creating a vibrant, safe and accessible realm.	42
Promote a more environmentally sustainable downtown through public infrastructure improvements and by encouraging decarbonization efforts.	46
None of the above	7

- Of 66 responses, 62 felt that this project will help transform downtown Cooperstown.

- I like this project because: (19 responses)

Many respondents appreciate the initiative as it offers support to small businesses, enhancing the visual appeal of the historic village. Some believe these smaller projects, though individually minor, can collectively transform the downtown area. There's also a call for ensuring the fund is matched with private contributions.

- How could this project be improved? (11 responses)

Respondents believe that the funds for the project should be matched with private investments and have a clear decision-making process. Suggestions for improvement include having a cap on requests to ensure equitable distribution, as well as increasing the funding. There's also a call for more community input and considering initiatives that elevate Cooperstown's existing assets, such as providing internet access, improving childcare, and establishing senior housing.

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Public Projects

UPPER MAIN ST. WAYFINDING

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project proposes to activate upper Main Street from the Red Lot to the Otsego County Campus by installing wayfinding signage similar to that already found on lower Main Street. Signage will serve to inform residents and visitors about points of interest such as businesses, services and historic points along this popular pedestrian route.



NY Forward request: \$ 52,080
Other Committed Funds: \$ 2,800
Total Project Cost: \$ 54,880



Upper Main St. Wayfinding

- Of 78 responses, 34 felt that it aligned with at least one of the Cooperstown NY Forward goals.

Aligns with at least one goal (net)	34
Create a diversity of housing options appropriate for the varying needs of the community.	2
Diversify businesses to support the needs of Cooperstown's residents and visitors and provide year-round interest.	5
Connect people to places by creating a vibrant, safe and accessible realm.	31
Promote a more environmentally sustainable downtown through public infrastructure improvements and by encouraging decarbonization efforts.	6
None of the above	44

- Of 77 responses, 30 felt that this project will help transform downtown Cooperstown.

- I like this project because: (22 responses)

People have mixed feelings about the signage in town, with some believing it's cluttered, while others appreciate the potential for directing tourists and promoting local businesses. Supporters highlight the project's benefits, such as promoting local history, enhancing walkability, and creating a more vibrant business district. The modernized signage can also make certain areas feel more accessible, like making the parking lot on upper Main St. feel closer.

- How could this project be improved? (13 responses)

Many feel the project might be a waste of money, believing that locals and visitors already know their way around Main St. Concerns were raised about the high cost, especially for just a few signs. There's a desire for less clutter and simplicity in the design of signs, with some suggesting modern solutions like digital signage or WiFi-connected boards.

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Private Project

WILLOW BROOK RES.- 22 GLEN AVE

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Proposal to demolish two existing buildings and merge lots to develop one residential apartment building (9 one-bedroom units) and one townhouse building (4 two-story units with attached garage). Developers will seek Passive House Certification.

NY Forward request: \$ 2,000,000

Other Committed Funds: \$2,765,000

Total Project Cost: \$ 4,765,000



River
ARCHITECTS

Willow Brook
Townhouse View From Grove St.



Willow Brook Res (22 Glen Ave.)

- Of 80 responses, 38 felt that it aligned with at least one of the Cooperstown NY Forward goals.

Aligns with at least one goal (net)	38
Create a diversity of housing options appropriate for the varying needs of the community.	35
Diversify businesses to support the needs of Cooperstown's residents and visitors and provide year-round interest.	4
Connect people to places by creating a vibrant, safe and accessible realm.	9
Promote a more environmentally sustainable downtown through public infrastructure improvements and by encouraging decarbonization efforts.	12
None of the above	42

- Of 76 responses, 20 felt that this project will help transform downtown Cooperstown.

- I like this project because: (26 responses)

People appreciate much-needed affordable housing. The involvement of private funding and the potential for the project to revitalize parts of the village are seen positively. There's a belief that the housing can uplift the overall look of the town. However, some have reservations about the large allocation of funds to this one project.

- How could this project be improved? (25 responses)

Improving the project involves addressing concerns related to its cost, location, and design. There's unease about the high cost per unit, the location being distant from downtown, and potential risks like flooding near Willow Brook. Historical preservation is a major theme, with suggestions against demolishing a historic house and favoring existing buildings over new construction. There's a strong desire for more transparency about housing affordability, increased private funding, and better integration with the village's aesthetics.

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Private Project

WOOD BAT FACTORY FLAGSHIP STORE-33 CHESTNUT ST.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Proposal to demolish existing batting cages and rebuild to expand the use to batting cages, food and beverage and retail sales. The new use will be expanded from a single story, 4,392 sf facility, to a two story 13,700 sf facility, and will be designed to complement Double Day Field and neighboring properties.

NY Forward request: \$ 2,000,000
Other Committed Funds: \$ 2,350,000
Total Project Cost: \$ 4,350,000



Wood Bat Factory Flagship Store (33 Chestnut)

- Of 81 responses, 11 felt that it aligned with at least one of the Cooperstown NY Forward goals.

Aligns with at least one goal (net)	11
Create a diversity of housing options appropriate for the varying needs of the community.	0
Diversify businesses to support the needs of Cooperstown's residents and visitors and provide year-round interest.	9
Connect people to places by creating a vibrant, safe and accessible realm.	4
Promote a more environmentally sustainable downtown through public infrastructure improvements and by encouraging decarbonization efforts.	2
None of the above	70

- Of 80 responses, 15 felt that this project will help transform downtown Cooperstown.

- I like this project because: (13 responses)

This project is seen as valuable because it could enhance the local baseball experience, improve the aesthetic of the community, and draw more visitors to Doubleday Field. It offers additional attractions for families, potentially boosting local spending. Some believe that the currently underutilized and dated facility deserves an upgrade, and the new project represents a fresh start. However, skepticism about the use of public funds for potential private gain are evident.

- How could this project be improved? (30 responses)

The project is viewed as having too large a scope and being too expensive, particularly for its perceived limited benefits to locals. Concerns arise about the use of public funds for a private business, especially when it doesn't seem to diversify the local economy. The design and potential size of the building are contentious, with some believing it would overshadow other local landmarks.

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OTHER POTENTIAL PROJECTS

Project Name	Address	Funding Request	Other Committed Funds	Total Cost	Description
The Otsego Lodge	77 Main	\$ 245,000	-	\$ 245,000	Façade, HVAC
Rudy's Wine and Liquor	143-147 Main	\$ 218,800	-	\$ 218,800	Façade/roofline restoration, Insulation
Veterans Club	60 Main	\$ 200,445	\$ 50,000	\$ 250,445	Elevator, HVAC, Water heater, Roof Repair, Insulation
Metro Cleaners	115 Main	\$ 195,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 270,000	New apartment with deck at Doubleday Field
Paper Kite	175 Main	\$ 150,000	-	\$ 150,000	Siding, Front façade, windows, porch
Hotel Pratt	50 Pioneer	\$ 116,000	-	\$ 116,000	Exterior Paint, window replacement
Green Law	50 Main	\$ 105,000	-	\$ 105,000	Re-side building
Tin Bin Alley	114 Main	\$ 100,000	-	\$ 100,000	Façade, existing apt improvements, seal roof
209 Main	209 Main	\$ 75,800	\$ 4,200	\$ 80,000	Exterior, windows, insulation and electrical
Wax Museum	97-99 Main	\$ 60,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 135,000	Façade
Kates Upstate	62 Main	\$ 50,000	-	\$ 50,000	Façade
52 Pioneer	52 Pioneer	\$ 48,000	-	\$ 48,000	Exterior paint, bathroom rehab
Cooperstown Classics	81 Main	\$ 45,880	-	\$ 45,880	Exterior, HVAC
Mels at 22	22 Chestnut	\$ 45,000	-	\$ 45,000	Screening refuse area
Old Restaurant	124 Main	\$ 40,000	\$40,000	\$ 80,000	Façade
139 Main Street	139 Main	\$ 28,300	-	\$ 28,300	Façade/Building Improvements
21 Railroad Ave	21 Railroad	\$ 37,575	-	\$ 37,575	Sidewalk Rehabilitation
Mickeys Place	29 Chestnut	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 100,000	Improve surface parking

Mentions of each location	
Hotel Pratt	14
52 Pioneer	6
Rudy's Wine and Liquor	4
Paper Kite	3
Veterans Club	2
Kates Upstate	2
Tin Bin Alley	1
Mels At 22	1
Green Law	1
Metro Cleaners	0
139 Main Street	0
21 Railroad Ave	0
Otsego Lodge	0
209 Main	0
Wax Museum	0
Cooperstown Classics	0
Old Restaurant	0
Mickeys Place	0
Total Mentions	34

Are there any projects on this list that you feel might be transformational or catalytic in downtown Cooperstown?				
1. Veterans Club. This non-profit club, provides a great year round venue at the heart of the Village for service and youth organizations. With improved access (elevator) the local benefit is large. Individually, none of these are probably transformative, but when 7-8 buildings are visually improved on the Village's Main Street - then overall it really is transformative.)				
Granted, many of these addresses are on our Main Street. However, exterior refreshing can be a deductible business cleanse for each of these businesses. The benefit is primarily private. The \$4.5 M grant could be meaningful seed money for public benefit projects that I will mention later, if asked.				
There is no single project that is transformational. Taken together the facade rehabs on Main St. are all probably needed; maintenance of the building is expensive. If the village does not look nice because of tired looking buildings then we lose some of what makes Cooperstown special				
Yes, hotel Pratt, 52 pioneer street			Paper Kite, Rudy's, Veteran's Club, 52 Pioneer	
52 Pioneer Street Hotel Pratt		ALL OF THEM- WE NEED A FACELIFT!		Pioneer Alley project will be a nice addition to a very sad looking paved alley
Yes, Hotel Pratt needs all the help it can get.		Yes, revitalizing the hotel Pratt 52 pioneer street		Rudy's Wine: owner hoping to restore facade to earlier/original design. Kate's Upstate: new owner of old, classic bank building. Support of local, diverse business.
Hotel Pratt there is a need for places to stay		You need a parking garage		52 Pioneer This is a landmark building that should be restored.
Hotel Pratt painting and windows would really add to downtown appeal			Rudy's, Kate's Upstate, Paper Kite, Green Law office, 52 Pioneer	
Facade restoration on Main Street or 50 & 52 Pioneer would be good			The liquor store needs a serious renovation, its current state detracts from the beauty of Main Street.	
Mel's garbage screening project would be nice. That area is ugly.			I am sure that Tin Bin Alley can afford to replace their own roof	
Yes Hotaling pratt. 52 pioneer		All of the above		
Hotel Pratt	None	Tin bin alley	the pratt	Paint and maintain the front in the back of the buildings on main street. The landlords let them go to far too long.. update moldings. windows, etc..
Hotel Pratt	Vet's Club	No	yes	Hotel Pratt
Yes Hotel Pratt and 52 Pioneer street would transform downtown cooperstown for the better.				Old CVS building needs something!!!!
				YES, Hotel Pratt and 52 Pioneer st. good people
I feel like the Hotel Pratt and 52 Pioneer would be great options and would transform Cooperstown for the better.			I see nothing on the list to draw new business to the area and nothing that will help the community in general.	

Appendix

Q3. I like this project because:	
Transform? Are you kidding? This historic building can hopefully be saved HPARB would approve this	That building is a disaster & it needs to be fixed!
Improves a historic building that has been under construction for years and would be an asset to downtown.	Put Life into this building
This is an historic landmark.	There is already a lot of support for the arts here, and indoor spaces for year round activities are in short supply.
Cleans up an eyesore. Gives funds to nonprofits, not to private developers.	No housing.
Very important	This building of all the ones in the village deserves to be saved.
Restoring building for community use preserves Cooperstown's identity.	been over 30+ years and a have of millon raised to get this far. needs to be compleated
It helps restore historic building.	SAD THE STATE OF THIS HISTORIC BUILDING- SAVE IT!
Please do this for the history of the village.	53 Pioneer Project will rehab the facade of an historic Village building, will expand community use space (The Smithy and the Cooperstown Art Association), and create a protected garden space behind the building.
This building is an eyesore and needs to be improved. Arts organizations on Main St bring vibrancy to our community year round.	Needs to be done to visually improve downtown
Historic value is high. It would make the block north of Main Street more welcoming.	In addition to improving the appearance of 53 Pioneer, it will provide community space for a variety of artistic and cultural purposes.
beautiful historic building that is important to Cooperstown.	This has become a sad eyesore community space sounds wonderful.
Improves our downtown vitality	Good idea for 53 Pioneer-get it done-they have been working for years-give it a purpose also!
It's nice having things to do in Cooperstown with out driving to far	Good use of funds for historic preservation
The programing that will be able to be offered in this historic downtown structure, will provide valuable connections for visitors - with welcoming exhibits on the history of the Village, walking tours, etc. I also like this project as it offers an infrastructure improvement which will be used year round, by a non-profit with years of programming in the Village.	Adds business to Pioneer R
	It is an eyesore and needs to be restored. Unsafe currently.
	This building is an eye sore currently

Q4. How could this project be improved?
Private funding.
Nice idea to help restore the Smithy, but there are other federal and NY Historic Preservation funds for this.
Amazing as-is.
Think about quantifying the non profit impact to the community; ie free or discounted workshops, etc.
Looks horrible now.
I would like to see that there was support from the community to sustain this project and its programs after it was completed. The building may look better but if the organization must have the funds to develop programming and to maintain the building
This historic building should be restored with a combination of private and public grant funds.
outline the future activities here and how the town will benefit by use.
Note of caution! This project has had hundreds of thousands of dollars and it's still not complete for the last 30 years. Been used for stealing taxpayers money.
Anything but housing.
Specific decarbonization efforts must be respectful of the historic nature of the building and other surrounding historic buildings (The Smithy at 55 Pioneer is Cooperstown's oldest building.
The current owner has abandoned the core of this building for years. Someone with real commitment might merit this project.

Q3. I like this project because:	
More housing, eliminate shabby appearance.	Rundown building turned into housing.
More smiling :)	My favorite-\$250,000 for 8 bedrooms is a great return on investment.
It will help a bit, but too narrow a benefit.	Provides much-needed housing oin the village core.
The addition of apartments at the Village core is a benefit	More housing
No more housing more businesses, professional offices, shops, or cafés only	Rentals needed
If the idea is to reward private property owners for neglecting their property, this is a great idea. Hope this is sarcastic enough.	Will opnly be worth it if the housing is affordable.
Housing!!	Creates housing
need housing that is affordable.	Great idea!
We need housing.	More housing is needed-long term!
is thi affordable housing? who owns this and will this be open to people who need affordable housing and public assistance which this is.	Need year round housing.
Project provides new apartment housing. Building is falling into disrepair and needs help! Because it is located across the street from the Hall of Fame, it is highly visible to tourists.	More housing that's affordable is needed in the area. The need for this is a main concern for all workers in the area...teachers, medical professionals and shop owners.
Provides more affordable housing	It meets a need for affordable housing downtown.
The building needs help to make It sustainable and profitable	Need apts., so this looks god. Also need parking.
More housing!	Creates affordable housing
The village needs more housing	Increase housing long term.
More housing would be great	Housing is needed in this area
It improves the appearance of an historic building and adds needed housing opportunities.	

Q4. How could this project be improved?
Seems this should be done by private funds
Individual investors should do this.
I again object to the idea of public money being used to reward private property owners who have neglected their property.
No more housing, professional, business offices, shops, or cafés only.
need more units
I would like assurance that the apartments are affordable.
Please make sure housing is affordable not all of us are doctors
Information about cost of this housing. Will it be affordable?
Yes as long as it is not used for short term rentals
"Affordable" needs to be clearly defined - affordable for who?
is \$0.70m realistic for renovation of that dump?
The alley side of the building might become a part of the Hoffman Lane Improvements project in a combined effort to upgrade the tourist visual experience.
Elevator?
More details needed.
Parking?
Affordable?
Balcony?
Make sure this is affordable for workers and not over-priced like the new Chestnut complex.
If they can't figure out the parking mandate, there is no reason to fund this.
Parking? Where?

Q3. I like this project because:
I don't think this project shouldn't be considered, but I think there is other funding for the field.
It's nice to see people supporting others!
Doubleday Field should get more use
The improvements made to the Doubleday complex over the past 3 years have greatly benefited the tourism economy. Improvements to the Field will allow for increased use of the field - a benefit to many ancillary businesses as well as providing increased public revenue.
Double day is a gem!
Its needed
Doubleday Field is the heart of our village.
IT WILL BE NEW
Doubleday is one of two main attractions for baseball fans visiting Cooperstown. Maintaining and improving Doubleday should be an ongoing mission for the Village.
It will bring in additional tourism activity-more income for village.
Public money should be spent on public projects hallowed ground.
This can lead to increased village revenue.
Improves field conditions for players/spectator safety.
So, why wasn't this done in 2017?
It finishes initial project-a money raiser
It will enable more use of this famous field.

Q4. How could this project be improved?
Other projects need funding/improvements.
Public money spent for public purposes is a worthy goal.
Ask MLB-they use the field and could use it more.
More than enough money has already been sunk into Doubleday Field
It seems to me like bringing more baseball to Cooperstown comes in at about #11 on my list of top ten things that the Village needs.
Too expensive, not worth it. Seems like using the funds just to make repairs is not worth it.
More smiling:)
Hire professional people who know what they are doing.
Cost is too high-Are more than field improvements in the narrative statement contemplated?
Nice, but doesn't help underlined goals.
I fail to see the benefit to our village residents; perhaps \$\$ generated goes back to residents?

Q3. I like this project because:
Accessibility is always great.
I walk through here often and it is unsafe. This project would make the area more pedestrian friendly.
It will bring some charm to the parking lot.
currently the area is crumbling
Fowler Way improvements including signage, an ADA sidewalk as well as a Doubleday Field arch as on Main Street will be transformative to the Village's downtown. By redirecting traffic from State Rte 28/Chestnut to all day parking and the Doubleday complex will reduce the vehicles orbiting Main Street in search of parking. An ADA sidewalk will connect Chestnut Street to Doubleday and to ADA stadium seating.
ADA compliance and access is important!
It is needed. That is a dangerous area to walk in.
Creates safer pedestrian access to Doubleday Field.
This is a cute little street but dangerous to walk on.
The town needs to make it look more attractive for an entrance to a baseball stadium.
Again, Doubleday field is the heart of our village. It should be treated as such.
ADA
makes visitor access to Doubleday Field easier
Much needed, safe pedestrian pathway.
Not worth \$250k
It's needed and cost effective.
It's a dangerous walk and this would be a great improvement.
It finishes the Doubleday project.
Makes town more attractive.
Safety & ADA compliance.
It addresses pedestrian safety.

Q4. How could this project be improved?
Table it.
Ask MLB for this money.
Not with the cost.
Leave it alone.
A few speed bumps would probably be a good idea if there is going to be easy access for pedestrians to approach the stadium on foot. Benches and flowers and shrubbery would enhance it.
Focuses on tourists.
Not much room as it is. Will create a problem with Fowler parking. Please address the issues here with non permit holders. Why was this not completed in the original project?
Brick pavers ice up in the winter more so than concrete and eventually heave and displace. Recommend alternative pavers.

Q3. I like this project because:
It provides a safe pedestrian walkway.
With the greater use of Grove Street by Bassett Hospital and the potential for further development at the former Bat Company building, this project provides a pedestrian safe pathway from Main Street.
Improves pedestrian access.
Not a priority
It would help people who live up in that area walk down to Main St.
It could improve safety?
AMS a public safety area.
Safety
The first thing that people parking in the upper lot see is this very dangerous pedestrian crossing. It does not invite them to continue to walk downtown or to visit the businesses in the area.
we need sidewalks
It connects the parking lot with a better sidewalk
It promotes housing projects in the area
Encourages pedestrian access
We have way too many car vs pedestrian accidents. Encourage people to walk in this area and make it safe to do so!
YES IT NEEDS HELP
Promotes use of upper Main parking lot, and makes walking into town a comfortable and safe option for visitors.
It supports walkability.
It will greatly improve pedestrian safety.
The safer walk space space is always welcome and nescessary.
Currently a difficult pedestrian area.
Every street needs a sidewalk as so many people like to walk around town.
This needs a crosswalk

Q4. How could this project be improved?
Put in a safe sidewalk where needed.
Should be a budgeted village improvement some year
I like it, but it doesn't seem very transformative. I think other projects are better.
Are residents asking for a sidewalk? Little or no foot traffic ever observed.
Improve red lot parking
Do it!
Include bike lane?
I'm not sure if the side walk extends to anohter sidewalk area. The more sidewalks the better.
Need lighted pedestrian sign.

Q3. I like this project because:	
<p>Pedestrian access from Main St. to Lakefront Park-perfectly in line with state's slated goals</p>	<p>It is long overdue. The only spot in which one can see the lake from Main Street. Should provide an attractive gateway to our beautiful lake</p>
<p>The current Lane is a danger to walkers--no sidewalks really and potholed street</p>	<p>Makes the alleyway more inviting, and allows for more foot traffic. I feel like a lot of the business is located in alleys throughout the village, get neglected by customers because they don't want to go down crabby old alley. Now, if we can just get them to cover the dumpsters that even better.</p>
<p>Improves pedestrian access between Main St. and the lake</p>	<p>It connects Main Street to the lake visually and gives children a place to play and older residents a place to gather and enjoy the view without having to walk down the hill.</p>
<p>It connects Main St. to Lake and encourages visitors to enjoy the lake. Be thoughtful about tree removal if there is erosion. Consider creating French drain behind buffer strip park.</p>	<p>It connects Main St. with the lake. I love this project. I also love the idea of relocating the parking over to Fish Rd.</p>
<p>It improves Main Street to lake access and is desperately needed</p>	<p>Provides direct access to and view of the lake from Main Street. Better management of storm water. Relocates a parking lot to promote decarbonization. Re-purposed parking lot could tastefully showcase ways our village is being environmentally and energy use progressive while putting family needs first (healthcare and fitness, housing, childcare, high speed internet for all)</p>
<p>Connecting Main St to the lake is important. Both Main street and Lakefront Park are destinations, help people visit both.</p>	<p>It will transform rhw alley into a pedestrian-friendly walkway. Better lighting is essential.</p>
<p>I do not like this project because it does not seem to conform to the Cooperstown atmosphere. Could it contain lake info? Not images of other sorts. Why isn't Covnal Rock Park included at all?</p>	<p>Located almost directly across from the HOF, as improved Hoffman Lane will encourage visitor access to existing business, address storm water issues and provide an attractive pathway to Lakefront Park.</p>
<p>Maybe it will help downtown but how will new businesses be added if everything is privately owned?</p>	<p>It may improve pedestrian safety but Hoffman Lane is too narrow for much effect.</p>
<p>So many people and businesses use this alley</p>	<p>The lane needs help as far as the pavement.</p>
<p>Improves access to Lake views at Lake Front Park. But removes 10-12 parking spaces that are useful to businesses on Main Street.</p>	<p>As a village resident and frequent pedestrian, I have often had close calls on Hoffman Lane.</p>
<p>It beautify and improve access to Lakefront Park.</p>	<p>Lake visibility, ped safety.</p>
<p>A fabulous project to improve this well utilized alley.</p>	<p>The more sidewalk, the safer and better. Lights at night are also welcome.</p>
<p>Supports walkability & infrastructure</p>	<p>Needs a sidewalk</p>
<p>It encourages safer walkway. I don't know about removing parking spaces above Lakefront Park. Who does use them now?</p>	<p>Lighting is very important and helpful</p>
<p>Safety reasons-more walkable, lights</p>	<p>I like the Hoffman lane project but the lakefront parking move could adversely effect residents</p>
<p></p>	<p>PLEASE - COBBLESTONE!</p>
<p></p>	<p>It looks awful now.</p>

Q4. How could this project be improved?

The parking lot has existed for about 100 years and should remain per the original purpose. Move it to where? There is no room for a sidewalk on Hoffman Lane. Drain it and pave it then leave it alone. Parks close at darkness, no street lights on Hoffman needed.

This change is too "glitzy"-couldn't it be more like our other parks-the iron fencing blocks people sitting and the "glass" images seem tacky to me. Seem more rural-like.

The park is a quiet place. Fishing platform is a bad idea-village cannot maintain things now. Infringes on a residential property-drug deals happen already-Hire Bob usse back.

Traffic is minimal-no incidents reported. Improve drainage-no lights-Lakefront Park closes at dark. DO NOT relocate parking lot. Leave Cooperstown alone.

Ban most vehicles

Keep two of the old cedars at the top of the stairs.

Would need to see more details to gauge potential improvements. But connecting the stairs of the park at the bottom with walking paths would be very beneficial

No pavers!

1) illuminate/reduce the lighting in the lakefront park... Such lighting is disturbing to nearby homes. Sufficient lighting already exist. No need to make brighter, sufficient lighting already exists

This alley is already tight, careful planning is needed to make it work

Widen it, uniformly pave it, clean up back alley behind stagecoach as well, maintain the back of those buildings, it looks horrible

Locate (and expand) parking options for tourists and residents wanting to shop/dine on Main Street.

Is the road wide enough for dedicated bike lane? That seems unnecessary to me, especially given how slow traffic on that road is.

Good to improve parking area.

Well planned.

Arched entrance "gate" nearly identical to that now at entrance to Doubleday Field-behind very similar stone pillars, almost same size.

Where does the water flow after filling infiltration chambers? At upper park, keep 2 sculptures, old evergreens at the top of the stairs even if you chop down several trees. Willows at base of park are good for erosion control, so don't chop them down!

Q3. I like this project because:			
There is a serious need to revive and enliven this building.			We need more housing options for young people, singles and seniors.
Provides much-needed housing in the village core			Adds additional living space to downtown
Vacant floors and eyesore will be transformed into housing. Elevator supports age-friendly.			The addition of 21 apartments at the Village's Main Street core would be a transformative improvement on a very underutilized building.
We need more housing. I love it. It is an iconic building that is currently underutilized.			Cooperstown is suffering a rental crisis.
There is a significant need for additional housing.			Downtown apartments are an important improvement.
Much needed improvement.	More housing is needed.		Better use of downtown space for housing
Great idea for upscale rentals	The village needs more housing!		COULD BE VERY COOL LIVING SPACE- GREAT CONDOS!
Additional housing options.			More housing & foot traffic on Main St.
Residential use always makes downtowns more lively.			More housing that is affordable is needed in the area. The need for this is a main concern for all workers in the area, teachers, medical professionals and shop owners.
More housing	So needed!	Housing is needed	
Significant amount of housing!	Housing!!	Good luck	we need housing. make it affordable. Obvious need-utilizes valuable real estate.
Facilitate for key bank!	More housing.		
Your comment here Or nothing	Housing on Main St, is needed.		
HOUSING SORELY NEEDED	We need more housing		
Great project, however....	It provides housing		
I hate this project because I do not favor any project that will increase the value of property owned by some of the wealthiest people in town.	21 long-term units? At least 21 more people living on Main Street year round? Working locally, shopping locally? Sounds great.	The private : public ratio of proposed spending is 4:1 and the project makes best use of the largest downtown building.	I would agree with this project, if the rent is reasonable. Paying \$1000 a month for rent in Otsego County is not reasonable.
			Who has committed the other \$5.2M? Key Bank should be a major partner since it gains to be attractive to 20+ new clients. At least this would bring 20 new rentals to the Village, though I don't think the tourists or residents notice what is in the upper floors of this building. I'd assist the committed investors in securing commercial loans that are conditioned on LED features in the apartments.

Q4. How could this project be improved?			
High end rentals only. Make it classy and good quality to provide housing for professionals to want to live and stay here.		Information about cost of this housing. Will it be affordable?	
HE WENT TO JAIL FOR RACKETEERING		Parking is the main issue	Above goals
Parking is the big issue obviously. "Affordable"-10 Chestnut is not affordable by local standards.		Units should be affordable, not luxury	Where is parking for the apartments?
Parking is a concern, but still worth it. Given a project of this size, I hope there are construction guarantees and bonded money and stuff like that.		The wealthy property owners should use their own money to improve this building.	
Parking?	Green roof?	BALACONIES	
Do not let parking issue stop project.		Do have to wonder where 21 more cars will get parked downtown May - August	
	Make a portion of the apartments low or moderate income	You need to provide parking. You can't add 21 apartments without providing parking.	
How high will the cost be to rent? Many rentals are priced towards hospital employee, however, unattainable for others outside the medical field.		This project has come up a few times. Parking has always killed it. What would change this time?	
Make sure this is affordable for workers and not over priced like the new Chestnut complex.		Where will the prospective renters park?	
I think people will comment on parking, but we should be able to solve that problem.		Need parking	Ensure parking options. Tell us where residents can park.
By specifying and accommodating parking needs resulting from the project.		If they can't figure out the park space mandate, it makes no sense to fund this.	
I have concerns about where tenants would park, but I think that is solvable. I would like assurance that the apartments were affordable.		Too narrowly focused on 1 building-we need more stores vs. Main St. housing.	
Better design images and information on the intended exterior improvements (\$1 million). This building is an historic structure adjacent to historic Doubleday Field. Approvals from HPARB, SHPO and other agencies will be required.		same questions as the page before. housing is good, affordable housing is very good in this area but what is the owner putting in? equal matching? what are the restrictions for renters and owner?	
Affordable rent under \$1000 a month. If the county cannot increase the minimum wage to equal ability to pay no sense in doing this project, I know so many families who are struggling because they cannot afford the rent. People are asking around here. Do the math how much do you have to make an hour to work a 40 hour work week and pay \$1500 or even \$1000 in rent. That's not to mention your renters insurance, your car payment, your car, insurance, possible, daycare, gas, groceries, water, bills, and more			

Q3. I like this project because:		
This is very problematic for residents in this area. Lakefront park is already very busy, visitors and tourists treat Pioneer street and the surrounding residents with little respect. It is already loud, and problematic for people living here. Please do not do this to residents.		Sounds ok for fishing, etc., but do want the "old" platform to remain & put platform near the side of the boats, etc.-leave place where you can visualize the entire road.
Increased access to the lake		An excellent improvement that will get a lot of use
This project is unnecessary, in fact, a step backwards in enhancing visitors' and residents' enjoyment of this beautiful lake. Right now, this is one of the very few places people, especially older local people can sit by the lake without paying. Almost all of the waterfront is in private hands and unavailable or unreachable easily by foot. The benches there offer the only good view down the lake unobstructed by boats or the nearby private dock to the west.		Visitors to the Village are often unaware of scenic Lake Otsego and Lakefront Park just one block from the Village's Main Street. This project will allow an ADA compliant path for all to view and enjoy the Lake, as well as learn, through signage, about conservation efforts and historic information. This will also address storm water run off.
Bringing people to see the lake is great, but I'm not convinced this is a huge improvement.		Visitors hardly know there is a beautiful lake when downtown. We need to lure them towards the lake to show off that this town is more than just baseball.
It will allow not only handicapped people but anyone to be out on the lake, the jewel of our village.		it provides a place for everyone to enjoy the lake, not just the handful of wealthy residents.
It would help with erosion and use of park utilization		It is necessary to make greater use of the lakefront and provide better access.
The Lake is hard to visually access	CAN BE MORE	Access to Lake views good for tourism.
It will promote greater access to the lake for people who do not have boats.		It increases access to the lake. This is my favorite project!
I like the current buffer garden. It is handicap accessible.		Lake access, visibility
It will be a beautiful addition to a highlight of downtown Cooperstown.		Town needs more free destinations for locals.
The town needs more places for locals to enjoy and visitors want to come.		Major benefit for reasonable cost.

Q4. How could this project be improved?		
Thought experiment: First, go down to the waterfront and and sit on a bench in this spot. What do you see? Some grasses at your feet, a wild flower or two, and a beautiful, clear view down the lake. Next, imagine the same view with a metal railing at eye level, no breeze through low grasses, a no-longer-transparent plexiglass shield obscuring the waves, and a large metal sign or two blocking Sleeping Lion. One thousand dollars would improve the planting currently in front of the benches by replacing tall plants with 2' grasses and perennials. The money is best spent elsewhere.		
Infringes on residential home. Contrary to purpose of Lakefront Park asa place for peaceful enjoyment.		Keep the buffer strip that is there, just cut it back so lake is visible while sitting.
(cont'd...)The benches offer on of the most peaceful places to rest on the eintire lake. To remove existing vegetation, to build a railing directly blocking the view of a seated visitor, to replace earth with plastic or concrete decking is to destroy a rare spot of tranquility, for what? This of your elderly citizens, please. This money could be better used elsewhere.		
Abandon this project.		Add more features for families and children
Cost seems excessive for a limited use location.		I spend time in this spot many times a week-excellent improvement.
Who will maintain?	A boat boat launch is needed	Needs to be accessible all year.
Funds to improve existing park or the park portion of the Hoffman Lane project seem more transformative and worth while.		Its to overclutters with plants. It needs to be opened up a little more again. The plants and scrubs are a little overboard now.
Making sure that visitors know where to find Lakefront Park		Nice idea. Would be much more appealing than the mess that is there now.
Do not do it. this is not an improvement for residents but a nuisance. Sound will carry to all areas or the village at night and day...everyone will be impacted.		Substitute low benches for fence. Recommend against fishing-too dangerous and disruptive of quiet enjoyment view.
Extend further into the lake		Not needed-put the money towards other projects.
"BOARDWALK" TO FENIMORE		Making sure of good access and signs to make it more noticeable.
Instead, if the Village is also going to have a public access and view, remove the steps currently at the bottom of Lake Street, and replace them with safer stairs, handicap accessibility ramps and a viewing rail that prevents people from falling in.		

Pioneer Alley Improvements

Like (open-end)

Q3. I like this project because:			
People use the alley way a lot, so that is god!	Yes, please-this is an unattractive smelly area.	The Farmers Market is one of our community's hubs/gathering places. Pioneer Alley is unsafe for walking	
It's more inviting for customers to come down and visit.	Alley greatly needs upgrade	Deffinatley this alley needs a costmetic makeover!	It is such a historic alley
the area is currently a mess. this will help immensely for everyone...year round and tourism		Good for all of Cooperstown	Love this!
It will help the Farmers' Market	Might make the alley a little less sketchy...	The pavement now is an eyesore.	Alley needs to become pedestrian friendly
An excellent project that will improve a "ratty" alleyway		The alley is currently physically in awful condition.	
Any thing to help hat ugly stinky alley will be an improvement		Will provide much needed safety improvements for pededtrians.	
Much more attractive and inviting.	Necessary.	May allow more storefronts, make access to farmers market safer.	
The alley is an eyesore. Anything would be an improvement.		Public money should be spent on public projects. Improves safety on heavily used pathway.	Saves an old building and provides housing. Willowbrook increase housing
Good idea-do a good job.	The alley is a mess		
This alley is the most dirty, loud, grungy part of downtown Cooperstown. Improvements that make it more inviting are welcome.		It would make getting to the farmers market easier and much nicer looking for tourists.	
Visually improving this Alley will encourage visitors to walk down it. One business, Pioneer Patio recently won the Village's Beautification Award for its floral plantings. Improving the public infrastructure will encourage other businesses to improve their buildings. It will provide better access to the Farmers' Market.			
I like the idea of adding lights because it can be dark down there at night.		Helps make a better environment for visitors to shop and explore.	
THAT ALLEY IS A MESS- HUGE PUDDLES, NEEDS ATTENTION		More inviting to visit businesses on that alley.	
I think visitors are able to find their way to the Village Park without this project. I think 1/9 of our total budget could be used in better ways to address the intent of the \$4.5M		Creates a safer route to farmers market. Upgrade to the visual looks too!	
		Pioneer Alley has heavy pedestrian traffic.	Supports aging in place, walkability, increase use of farmers market.
I will make our village more popular in the off season if things get cleaned up and not so run down looking. Classier		Will this become only pedestrian? No cars is a good idea.	
I shop at the farmers market regularly and due to my age, the current condition of the alley is a hazard. Falling would be a significant problem for me.		Pioneer Alley is an eyesore. Unsafe, poorly lit. Noise from airconditioners, garbage cans. Needs to be eliminated or improved.	

Q4. How could this project be improved?
That is a lot of money for a space where very little time is spent...
There are garbage dumpsters and utilities, I'm a little concerned it is lipstick on a pig.
I don't know if I would do pavers, they shift and are slippery when wet. Maybe do colored concrete and draw a lines to look like pavers. Or put a sand mixture of paint over top so it's not slippery when wet
Roadway needs improvement to provide safe use for farmers market access
No pavers, They're dangerous And will create a lawsuit
What will you do with the dumpsters, propane tanks, lout HVAC units etc? Not much point sprucing up the paving with stinking garbage piled up on it.
Some outdoor seating. No car traffic, possibility cobble stone pavement
Can it be changed to walking only with no car traffic? Some cars go the wrong way and too fast. Have you thought about painting a mural on the ice cream shop building? That would be an awesome photo area for tourists.
COBBLESTONE
HVAC units from surrounding buildings make the alley noisy. Are noise abatement measures possible?
update in building painting, notice on pioneer alley mainstreet stores as to what they are (store name) on alley side. spruce up the alley with pants/trees. Make use of the building next to farmers market.
There should be funds to improve the back of the buildings.
Will the dumpsters and smokers be hidden?
Pioneer Alley-an eyesore for years, no housing
Where will trucks make their deliveries to main & pioneer businesses ?
Brick pavers likely won't hold up to heavy use & maintenance. Bury utility wires, abate noise produced by ventilation and othe rfacilities on back of Main St. buildings.

Q3. I like this project because:		
I like this project for any possible improvement to the building. The building is more suited for a unique retail establishment adjacent to the year round Farmers' Market, than a brewery.		It's fun! It will only work if Pioneer Alley is improved. I like that it is connected to the Pratt Hotel. I never would have thought that the Beverage Exchange would work, but it does and it does so all year round.
Breweries "create a cool tourism aspect for out-of-towners, but it's also good for residents."		Diversity of business. I presume the project is Pioneer Alley (no Pioneer Valley) Microbrewery...
Already enough breweries in the area.	Great attraction for visitors and residents	It would be amazing to have a microbrewery right in town
We need more in town than baseball. It would be fun for locals and visitors to keep this town alive and not so dated looking.		I like the novelty concept of this project in its location. We DON'T need any more baseball retail. Give the locals and visitors something different, like this project and being next to the farmers market is ideal.
This is a ludacrous location for something that needs good vehicle access.		Already enough breweries in the area.
I do not favor any project that enriches private property owners at tax payer expense.		I think it would peak interests of everyone and bring more people to our town through out the year.
This building needs help and fixing and making pioneer alley safer and more attractive is a win		Need a brewery in village. Alley improvements needed.
It will bring great revenue in to the village. People flock to microbreweries		This should be financed privately. Money should be spent on paving Stage Coach Lane.
Your comment here! Or nothing	Good foe all of Cooperstown	It uses an existing building for business opp.
Benefits business all year	It's a great project idea 🐱🐱🐱	I think it will help the restaurant scene in Cooperstown. It sounds like the connection of the brewery & the Pratt is great.
I enjoy this type of business. It would draw a lot of people to Cooperstown.		Micr breweries are cool! But, it's not a great spot really.
It will expand the clientele brought to main street	We don't need any more micro breweries.	It would rehab an historic building and spread out some of the foot traffic that usually is concentrated on Main St.
The existing building is an eyesore.	Needed!	We have a hard alcohol brewery but not local beer in the village.
It converts the late night crowd into a earlier gathering of a different mindset		Ok, sounds good-building is currently unattractive.
WHO ELSE WILL FIX THAT BUILDING?	perfect for downtown! cant wait for it!	The only play making a product. If you want to revitalize this town, make something!

Q4. How could this project be improved?
This is not a public infrastructure improvement. It's a private business and should be financed privately
Move it to Main Street
Should be done entirely with private funding if it is a worthy idea.
A proposal to improve the building for retail, rather than a brewery with its associated, smell and infrastructure needs.
Don't spend public money to enrich private property owners.
Make it something non-alcoholics and kids can enjoy.
Fixing Pioneer Alley
There is no way on earth that this project could possibly be completed at that cost.
Paint pave lamp posts flowers bushes benches outdoor seating
Will a microbrewery have a negative impact (traffic, odors, noise) on existing businesses abutting Pioneer Alley? How can they be minimized.
With funding and support it's a win for everyone around.
I don't understand why the public should pay more than 50% of a private business venture.
Pratt needs improvement; could drag this down.
I seem to recall the building not having water, so that would be a concern, but fixable.
Funding a person's business is not a good use of tax payer's \$\$\$. Perhaps you could use the \$\$\$ to help support historic design but business has to pay for restoration.
Has alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.
This seems a poor location for this intensive use especially considering other area breweries outside of the village
Brewery odors and logistics make this unrealistic

Q3. I like this project because:
Long term housing is needed; paying for new construction on this property
It has parking
It is disturbing that the wealthiest & property owners in town want public money to increase the value of their projects.
Private funding is available.
It adds housing
It is a modest expansion to add housing at a reasonable cost.
I dont agree
Should be done with private investments.
The addition of housing is always a benefit to the Village.
Housing as needed
I don't like the project. I think there should be more shops on Railroad Avenue not more housing.
More people living in village
It seems like a good location for such expansion.
Small studio housing is needed & not everyone wants a huge house or yard.
Great idea!
Need more housing
More housing is needed,
More affordable housing needed
We need more AFFORDABLE housing!
Yay long term housing
Will expand housing availability, but not necessarily affordable housing.
Adds to existing housing without adverse impact on neighborhood
Railroad Inn-Can have a pod if they want it. They do a good job after the former "farm" building.

Q4. How could this project be improved?
Should fall to the homeowner
Will there be 3 separate home generating taxes as much? This is not downtown!
I dont agree
Private money should finance private business.
There's not enough information to make a decision
Information about cost of this housing. Will it be affordable?
The design of the structures and their layout on the existing property are not provided. Is one building, with three, 900 sq ft apartments a better design idea than 3 separate structures?
I hate the idea of using public money to make rich property owners richer.
It needs cafes, shops and office space
By private investment only
Unclear where it would go and other details needed to make good comments.
Housing is important, but it must be affordable and used by year round residents. And by affordable I mean within the price range that local teachers, police, hospital employees and hospitality workers can afford.
More units
The way this is written makes it sound like each unit will be 300 sf. Is that for real? Not sure you'll be able to rent that.
Provide a range of affordable rent options.
3 structures for \$450k does not make sense in terms of cost. Review of cost estimate recommended.
Private funding
I don't know enough about this. are we subsidizing a private landlord by building housing for them to make money? is this affordable long term housing with a cap on rents? what does the owner kick in?

Q3. I like this project because:
Because some building owners need just a bit of a boost to improve their properties or expand usage (like adding apartments). These are not high end projects, but every little bit of support we can give to business owners helps maintain the atmosphere of the village
making a historic village visually improved is good for business
This discretionary fund for small projects should be part of the annual budget, not a piece of this one-time grant.
This will help small businesses
Small projects individually might not seem Transformative - but the ability to assist several property owners in improving their buildings will have a great visual impact in our downtown.
Love the flexibility to support small efforts!
Good idea for some flexibility in improvements.
Paint, decorative molding, and windows are definitely needed on Main Street.
small project are more important then the big ones that are way over priced
HELP THE SMALL GUY
This fund could support facade repairs and upgrades when and where needed.
the facade of all buildings is a winner
It will help lift up and ripple through the community.
We have a project which we'd like to apply for this with!
Logical assistance for mall projects.
It allows to help businesses to restore beauty to the village. I lke that it is ongoing.
Good idea if matched with private funds.
Support existing businesses who have weathered Cooperstown variable seasons.
It would provide some funding for projescts not yet on the table.

Q4. How could this project be improved?
Funds expended should be matched with private funds.
Who will decide how the funds will be used?
You haven't asked here for other ideas. Our village is blessed to have our lake, our hospital and healthcare system, the HOF and Glimmerglass Opera, and it's people. Let's use this grant as seed money to take it up a notch and be an example of how other communities could offer internet to all along with classes at the library and your home to use technology to connect us better as a village and implement smart energy usage; offer municipally-spearheaded quality child care to attract young families by renovating empty downtown space that connects with Lakefront Park, pay for plans for the village to identify where we could put 1-story senior housing so that they could sell their places for more rental places and affordable home ownership; support for completing the Growing Lab at the Cornell Cooperative Extension with the condition that it helps improve our school lunch program and meals on wheels for seniors and classes on nutrition at Senior Connections? Pay for a comprehensive plan so that we know where we have available for affordable family housing and age-appropriate housing for seniors; plans to remove cars and buses from downtown and create attractive car and bus parks off North Main with trolley routes and sidewalks connecting them with our community center. Really, the downtown is only one of the centers of our community. Let's use the funds to distinguish Cooperstown in these additional ways. Smart starts may help us receive more grants and private investment also. Thank you for this opportunity to contribute.
The funds available could be greater.
A cap should be placed on the amount requested for each project so all the money doesn't go toward one applicant
bring a carquest auto parts to downtown Cooperstown!
Add decorative molding, update, clean windows, paint, paint paint
The fund could be directed toward privately owned buildings to support (10%-20%) and encourage facade maintenance and repair.
It could support agin in places but current proposals are all maintenance. Why not require something that supports accessibility?
Providing more funds!
Why is this project being considered

Q3. I like this project because:	
The signing in this town is ridiculous and it's very cluttered. No more signage people have cell phones and can check websites. This town is too small for the amount of signage we have it's awful. Over the top.	Visitors using the Red Lot would have improved wayfinding signage. Businesses on Railroad Avenue and upper Main Street would also benefit.
More signs directing people to upper Main & beyond.	It's always been challenging to get tourists to continue up Main St.
Wayfinding is nice-I think we should focus more on driving Main St. tourists up, not Upper Main/Railroad down.	It makes the business district more vibrant.
Adds more signage clutter to Cooperstown.	Nice project
It would make the parking lot on upper Main St. feel closer to Main St. and its attractions.	Inform visitors of Village history
It extends Main Street in both directions and encourages people to explore.	It promotes the history of the county seat.
Low Cost helpful signs that help our tourism industry at no cot to locals.	Supports walkability
Good improvement for a reasonable cost	Signage always helps engage new locals and tourists.
If parking from the Lakefront Park area is to be transferred to near the Red Lot and more parking created, I would support good sidewalks and way finding along the way, as well as regular trolley service from these lots to the downtown, lakefront, HOF, other museums. Projected revenue from parking and trolley feeds should be factored into the budget for this. Maybe the grant could pay for only the planning and the village could secure 20-year funding for the project. Then it would be attractive for people to walk downtown or take the trolley from the attractive parking "park" where they left their vehicle.	Modern signage.
	Lets people know they can walk from trolley lot. Helps promote businesses along the way & on Railroad.
	It continues the initial wayfinding project. Successful.
	Ideas for good signage is always a good idea; also gets cars off of Main St.
The existing signs are great.	

Q4. How could this project be improved?
Waste of money. People know where Main St is, no signs needed.
Price is too much.
Is it really that hard to find the three blocks of Main Street?
Less signage, less clutter on main street. Simplicity openness, continuous maintenance of paving, and paint repairs. We wait too long to address maintaining
\$50,000 seems like a lot for 7 signs. I think people parking in the red lot probably walk downtown anyways, not sure of efficiency.
All who use the red lot know where Main St. is. \$52k for signs-better spent somewhere else.
Keep history on everyone
The funding should include new signs for the Otsego County Buildings to compliment the wayfinding signs.
With wifi connection
Digital signage, LED boards, etc.
The signage the village has hasn't proved to be effective
Fine.
Sidewalks so those who park up there can walk in.

Q3. I like this project because:		
We need more housing and I love the project. I like the amount of private funds included.		More affordable housing!! Housing!
I don't scrap rentals; the last 2 were rentals, single family housing here. Provide a range of housing.		Provides more needed affordable housing Adds housing
Will only help if the housing is affordable.		Those houses are eyesores and ready to fall down of their own accord
100% private funding should work.	AGAIN- IT WILL BE NEW AND CLEAN	It updates the look of our town, so it doesn't look so upstate New York rundown and dated.
It's a large amount to residential development not great potential for recovery of cost		Additional, small footprint (and hopefully affordable) housing
Should be done with private funding.		Good idea-tax payers shouldn't be paying for this.
The need for apartment and townhouse style housing within the Village is very needed.		Affordable Housing
Existing house part of our historic district.		More housing.
Provides much-needed housing in the village core.		Housing-hopefully "affordable"
It allows housing in town for those who may want to downsize		I answered yes to the above question because we need so much housing and because development in this area of the village will mean more attention to the businesses in this part of Cooperstown. However I do have reservations. First the funds are almost half the the total NY Forward funds. The company making the request is well thought of, but there are so many worthwhile projects that this funding request seems too much.
Creates more housing opportunities. I like their idea.		
Will only be worth it if the housing is affordable.	It will provides much needed housing	

Q4. How could this project be improved?			
Currently shows a very high cost per unit to fund a private development. Does not diversify business or provide and noticeable additional business for downtown.		Not very fitting with the village but needed	Turns village into Saratoga.
Are townhouses sold off? Or rentals? Either way, main concern is just that this is so far from downtown, I don't know if it should really qualify for these funds.		Make it more attractiveperhaps so it blends in to the Village	
Demolishing a historic house would not get HPAPB approval.		It can't. The problem is location. This is not downtown revitalization.	
It seems to help developers, not those in need of affordable housing	This project could be improved if the wealthy property owners used their own instead of public money.	I walk by this site often and I do have two concerns about the location near Willow Brook potential flooding and nearness to a stream that feed into the Lake, our water source. I would like assurance that at least some parts of the project are for affordable apartments used by year round residents.	
Information about cost of this housing. Will it be affordable? Also, what happens to the existing buildings? The greenest building is one already in existence		Affordability	*priority Has no relationship to downtown
While an attempt has been made to emulate the design of the historic, national listed property (corner property -36 Grove Street), ultimately the development is a modern design with the dark, black windows typical of net zero buildings. The Glimmerglass Historic District listing notes this: Historic note: This little house was built by Henry Phinney, a prominent businessman in Cooperstown as his office. It stood across from his mansard-roofed cottage (20 Glen Avenue) in a pattern of work and home being kept close together, which was common in the early 1800s, but was decreasingly so by this period. Visitors to the Village often cite the beautiful, historic, well maintained buildings which make the community so attractive. The continual loss of historic structures is a permanent, forever loss to the historic fabric.		Love it. Do it now.	
		Nice landscaping.	
		REALLY MAKE IT AFFORDABLE	
		Insure adequate parking	
		This seems to be a poor use of older buildings that merit preservation and continued use.	
		Preserve rather than demo an existing building.	
		More private funding.	
		The design of the building does not impress me	
Leave it alone		It looks nice.	

Q3. I like this project because:
This property is very valuable. Private funding to make improvements should be used.
Provide visitors another baseball experience
It improves the look of our community
It brings people over to Doubleday Field, and hits tourism well. That being said, maybe we don't need more baseball.
More attraction to "keep visiting families" in town during their visits.
Offers more for families to do in town and help keep more money in town to have a more rounded environment.
It would improve upon a pedestrian area and draw people towards double day field
An underutilized facility in a key location could be improved
It looks awful now and its too dated. An upgrade is needed so it would be a festive baseball attaction for this town.
IT WILL BE NEW
Make village more attractive
Oh but you still need more parking
I hate this project because: This is total bullshit. Using public funds to make the rich richer is a disgrace!

Q4. How could this project be improved?		
Eliminate the massive scope of this expensive project. It does not serve the full time residents of C-town.		Cross-promote with other local businesses.
Why would we provide public funds to allow the property owner to demolish a functioning property? And why would we subsidize nearly 50% of the total cost?		I feel it could be a smaller improved batting cage and store option with lower costs
Rendering looks ugly. I worry it would take away from recently made improvements to Doubleday Field and parking lot.		Why would this building be torn down when nothing else in town is allowed to be taken down. What about the historic fabric of our village?
Good existing business-50 years-what's in the new building? Know more.		Any update and reconfiguration would be an improvement.
Uses too much of grant. Does not diversify economy.		This does not seem like a beneficial project, except for the owner.
We do not need this.	Not a lot of details to plan	No, make a private investment only.
Keep it one-story so as not to block Doubleday Court. Since when is this a bat factory?		The building is BIG. Too BIG. It will overwhelm the developed vision of Doubleday (not Double Day) Field.
This project reduces downtown available parking. The existing building & batting cage should become part of an expanded, beautified municipal parking lot.		This project requires way too much village support to kick this off at this time.
need something more than baseball in this town		A lot of money for minimal impact
Change the design and use the space for a purpose other than a baseball venue		Not using public money to increase private profits
If it could make money, it would already have been built. Large interior commercial spaces can be dead zones off season. It's a white elephant even in concept and shouldn't use taxpayer money.		Very unclear how this expansion of an existing business (batting range) is transformative. The nature of the business a bat company and batting range, is very seasonal and does not add to the year round businesses, needed for the Village's core.
Leave it alone. Privately owned and profitable.		only way to improve the project is to make sure it never happens.
The total project amount is dubbed what it would cost to do the project. I can NOT approve.		\$2M of taxpayer \$\$ should never be given to a private property
Private funding should be used.	This does not benefit locals.	Too expensive for a limited use facility.