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City Seeks Public Input on \$10 Million Downtown Revitalization Initiative Application

Ogdensburg, NY – In late July, New York State announced Round 5 of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI). The 2021 program will invest \$200 million in up to 20 downtown neighborhoods across the State. Each Regional Economic Development Councils (REDCs) will solicit applications and chose one or two downtowns that are ripe for revitalization and have the potential to become a magnet for redevelopment, business, job creation, greater economic and housing diversity, and opportunity.

Following the announcement, City Officials have responded saying they will apply for funds. “Ogdensburg is fortunate to already have a lot of documented public input through previous rounds of the DRI, and other public planning initiatives including the Brownfield Opportunity Area, the Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan, and Oswegatchie Blueway Trail. All of that input is still relevant, and the City has addressed some of the suggested actions already, which positions Ogdensburg well in terms of showing commitment to the vision and concepts for which the City will be seeking DRI funding,” said Mayor Mike Skelly.

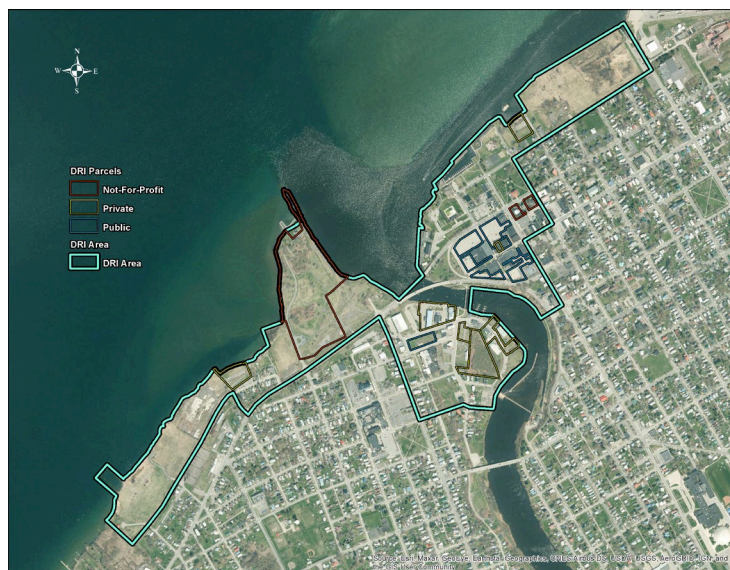


Figure 1: Proposed DRI Boundary

The City will hold a virtual community meeting to solicit public input on the community vision and potential projects and the proposed boundary for the application on **Wednesday, September 1st at 6:00 PM**. **The city will utilize Go to Meetings, the format used for public meets over the last year.** The city will also accept public comments in writing submitted to the Department of Planning and Development at asmith@ogdensburg.org or 330 Ford Street, room 11, Ogdensburg NY 13669. Written comments must be received by noon on Friday, September 10, 2021 to be incorporated into the application.

All members of the community are encouraged to participate in the community engagement process on **September 1st at 6:00 PM**. Your feedback will help shape a vision for Ogdensburg’s downtown revitalization, as well as a preliminary list of projects and initiatives that may be included in a DRI Strategic Investment Plan.

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*Please register for Ogdensburg's Downtown Revitalization Initiative Virtual Public Meeting on
Sep 1, 2021 6:00 PM EDT at:*

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/990409705212703755>

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