

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Boonville Announces Open Call for Project Proposals for its NY Forward Strategic Investment Plan**

May 30, 2024, Boonville, NY – The Village of Boonville is launching an Open Call for Project Proposals to be considered by the Local Planning Committee for potential inclusion in the Village’s NY Forward Strategic Investment Plan. Eligible project types include public improvement projects, new development or rehabilitation of downtown buildings, façade enhancements or small-scale building renovations, and branding and marketing initiatives for downtown.

Proposed projects must be located within the Village of Boonville’s NY Forward boundary, be able to break ground within two years of receiving funding, have financing largely in place, and be sponsored by a public, non-profit, or private entity with the legal authority to undertake the project. Proposed projects located near or adjacent to the Boonville NY Forward boundary will also be considered if a statement of justification is provided.

The Open Call for Project Proposals opens on June 3, 2024 and will close on August 1, 2024 at 5PM. Applications may be submitted to the Boonville Village Hall or by mail and must be received or postmarked by 5PM on August 1, 2024 to be considered. Interested project sponsors may access the application form online at [www.BoonvilleForward.org](http://www.BoonvilleForward.org). Hard copies of the application are also available at the Boonville Village Hall at 13149 NY-12 and at the Erwin Public Library, 104 Schuyler Street in Boonville.

The Village’s project consultant, Laberge Group, will hold office hours on June 27<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 pm and July 18<sup>th</sup> from 4-8 pm, to assist potential project sponsors with their applications. Additional technical assistance will be offered through virtual appointments. To schedule an appointment, visit the NY Forward website at [www.BoonvilleForward.org](http://www.BoonvilleForward.org).

Team members will also be available to answer questions about the Open Call for Projects Form on June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Farmers Market at Erwin Park from 12:30 to 3:30.

The Open Call for Project Proposals is part of the NY Forward program, through which Governor Kathy Hochul awarded the Village of Boonville \$4.5 million from New York State for downtown development. Investment from this program will allow Boonville to develop a Strategic Investment Plan and implement catalytic projects to advance the community’s vision for downtown improvements. Projects selected for funding will transform the community and support a vibrant local economy.

More information can be found at: [www.BoonvilleForward.org](http://www.BoonvilleForward.org).

NY Forward was launched in 2022 to support a more equitable downtown recovery for New York’s smaller communities, with a focus on hamlets, villages, and neighborhood-scale commercial centers. NY Forward is led by the Department of State, in close partnership with Empire State Development, NYS Homes and Community Renewal, and New York State Energy Research and Development Authority. For more information about the NY Forward program, please visit <https://www.ny.gov/programs/ny-forward>.

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