



# VILLAGE OF PULASKI

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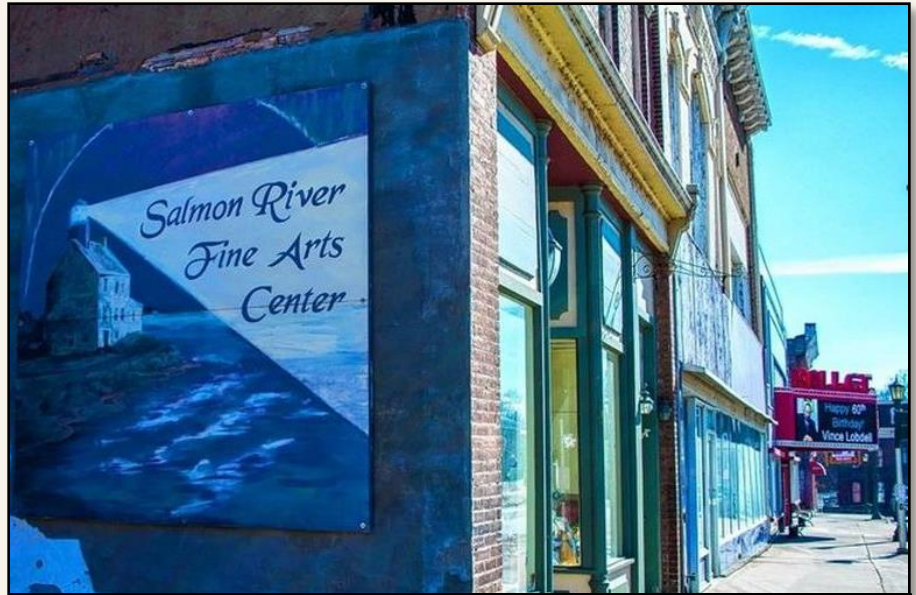
**Village of Pulaski, Oswego County**

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Salmon River Fine Arts Center

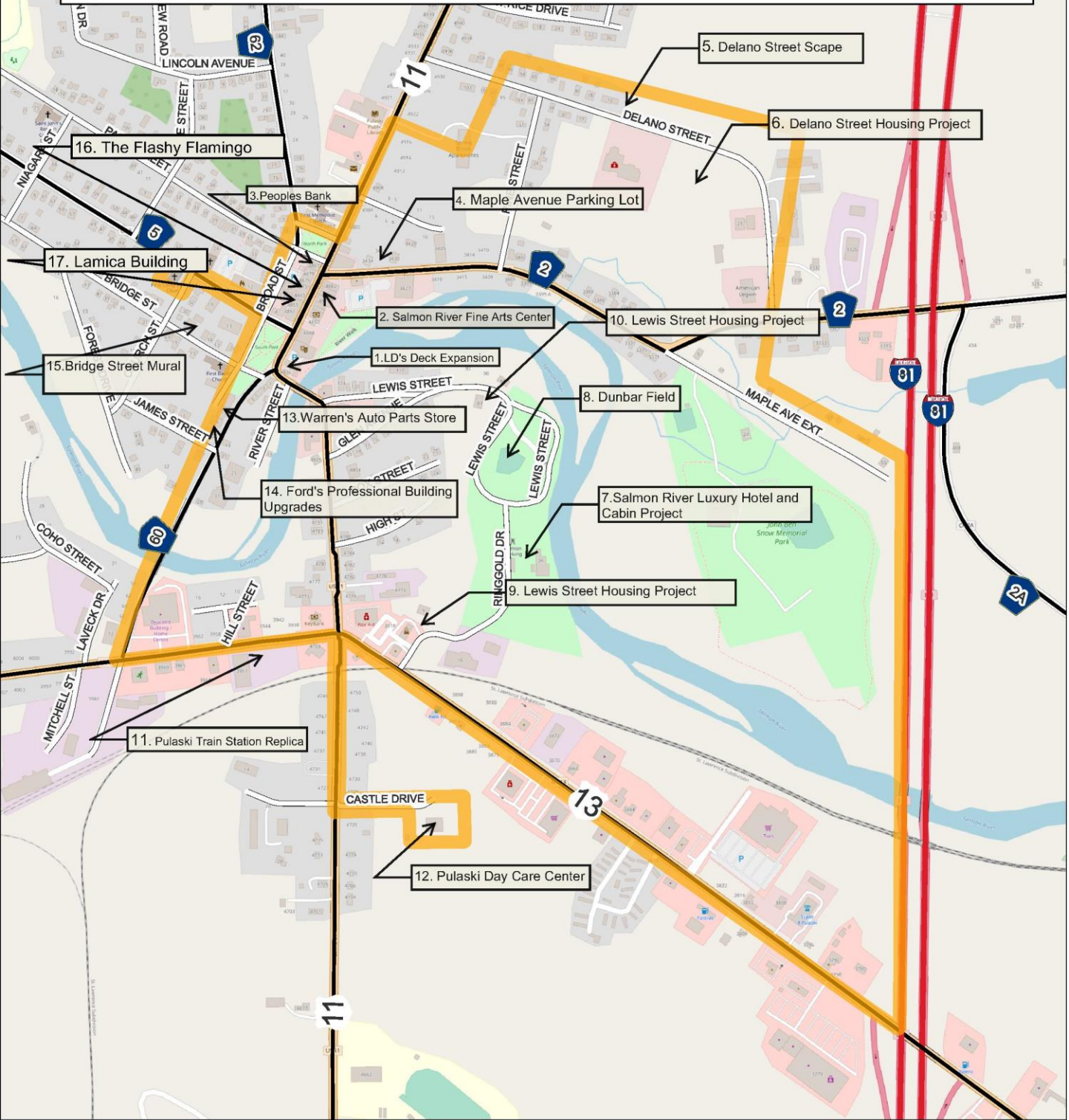


South Park during Winter



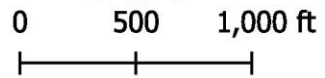
Kallet Theater on Main Street

# DRI-NY Forward Proposed Project Area Pulaski, New York



## Legend

- Road by Jurisdiction
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- Project Area Outline



## 2.) Geographic Area & Justification

Welcome to the Village of Pulaski, home of the World's Best Salmon Fishing! The Village of Pulaski is in northern Oswego County and is the economic hub for this Region and beyond. The Village lies between the eastern shores of Lake Ontario, the historic scenic route 3, "The Seaway Trail," and Tug Hill Plateau. The Village of Pulaski is also at the crossroads of Interstate 81 and State Highways 11 and 13, and a Freight to a Railroad line that runs from Canada to Syracuse, NY. The Salmon River, a world-class fishing destination, runs through the heart of the Village. The DRI / NY Forward boundary would encapsulate the Salmon River area, enhancing the properties leading to and around the river.

The Village of Pulaski has a rich history, dating back to when the Salmon River was a gathering place for native tribes such as the Onondaga and Oneida Clans of the Haudenosaunee Nation and early European explorers. Their interactions eventually paved the way for the arrival of settlers in the area. Immigrants in the area recognized the abundant natural resources the Salmon River offers. They cleverly harnessed its power to construct commercial buildings, grist mills, and sawmills. They would navigate their goods downstream on boats, reaching Port Oswego, where they shipped to distant cities. The river's energy became a vital force that powered these industries, contributing to the growth and development of the community.

Today, the Salmon River brings in thousands of sportspeople each year looking to experience the thrill of fishing for the salmon that return each fall. With the influx of fishermen come tourists looking to glimpse all the excitement these fish bring to the tree-lined shores.

A short walk from the Salmon River will put you at the Historic core of the Village, Main Street, which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1983 as the Pulaski Village Historic District. Main Street comprises the reconstructed commercial area in the DRI / NY Forward district, meticulously rebuilt with fireproof bricks, ensuring the safety of the vibrant businesses that call Pulaski home. Main Street has local businesses, an art center, boutiques, restaurants, and two public parks. After a devastating fire in 1881, Pulaski companies showed remarkable resilience by swiftly reopening under temporary shelters. Today, Pulaski thrives as a bustling commercial destination, offering diverse establishments contributing to its dynamic economy.

Pulaski actively seeks DRI / NY Forward funding to boost its economy's potential job creation, uplift a disadvantaged community, and increase the quality of life for our residents. This funding would accelerate progress, helping Pulaski build a brighter future for all residents. With determination and strategic planning, Pulaski aims to maximize opportunities and create a thriving and inclusive community for everyone.



Aerial View of Main Street

## 3.) Vision Statement

The Village of Pulaski wants to elevate residents' quality of life and attract visitors and future residents. Our comprehensive vision includes expanding commercial and hospitality venues, providing essential daycare services, enhancing parks, and expanding housing options. We are committed to preserving the Village's charming and welcoming atmosphere while prioritizing improvements to core infrastructure streetscapes and creating a world-class hospitality venue. Additionally, we aim to stimulate job growth by establishing a daycare facility, enhancing convenience with improved parking and electric car chargers, elevating the non-profit Salmon River Art Center, generating more housing, and fostering community development through a dedicated fund for smaller-scale projects. The Village is ready to be shaped into a thriving and harmonious Village for all!



Village Residents gather at South Park for the Annual Lite Up Pulaski.



Fishman enjoying the World-Class Salmon River.



Pulaski Community Cupboard.



Fireman's Field proposed area for 88 Room Hotel.



Railroad Arches located on the walking trail



Village Residents gather for the Turkey Trot 5K.

## 4. Past Investment & Future Potential

The Village of Pulaski has collaborated with the Preservation Revitalization of Pulaski (PROP) on numerous initiatives. PROP is a non-profit, volunteer organization begun in the 1980s dedicated to preserving and revitalizing the Village of Pulaski. PROP has initiated and collaborated with the Village on multiple projects, such as the Farmer's Market, Banner Project, Festivals, and enhancement of the parks. Prop's help has been invaluable and involved the community in many village improvements.

These gradual modifications, spanning several decades, have had a constructive and unified influence on our community. The persistence, meticulousness, and conscientiousness of a committed citizenry who takes pride in their community have completed these projects.

The community is making strides towards a sustainable and environmentally conscious future. In 2021, charging stations were added to the Snow Memorial Building, making it easier than ever to power electric vehicles. Going ahead to 2022, completing the 2nd Main Street Program brought improved infrastructure and revitalized businesses to the heart of the community. Additionally, the Village attained the Climate Smart Community Bronze Award the same year, demonstrating its dedication to reducing its carbon footprint and promoting sustainability.



The community continued its environmental efforts with Tree City designation in 2023. The Restoration of the historic masonry railroad Arches on the Salmon Riverwalk is also slated for completion in 2023, preserving the community's historic landmarks for generations. Selkirk Landing housing was completed and occupied in 2023. Restore NY 6 projects will commence in 2023, and the Main Street Anchor Project is slated for 2024, revitalizing the shores of the Salmon River and acting as a catalyst for future hospitality and reactional projected proposal if awarded DRI/ NY Forward. These projects testify to the community's commitment to progress and sustainability.

The Village is also improving its infrastructure, particularly stormwater management and wastewater treatment systems, with projects completed in 2024. The sidewalk project to the High School and additional housing will begin in spring 2024.

Other ongoing efforts include promoting green building practices, encouraging sustainable transportation options, supporting local businesses, and events that promote sustainability and community building.



Before and after Pictures of Kallet Theater after the Main Street Grant



## 5.) Recent and Impending Job Growth

The Village of Pulaski boasts numerous job opportunities across various industries, including education, manufacturing, health care, service providers, and tourism. Notably, the largest employers in Pulaski have experienced expansions and have been actively recruiting new talent.

Felix Schoeller North America, Inc. invested \$24.1 million in a new manufacturing line and building renovations, generating 30 full-time jobs, including 23 United Steel Workers Union members. Connex Care's Pulaski location recently completed a \$2 million renovation and has filled 12 positions, with plans to add 22 more. Fulton Industries has also expanded its operations in the area. In addition to manufacturing, their headquarters, research, and development are in Pulaski. Currently offering five additional career opportunities.

Healthway Manufacturing invested \$2.8 million in converting a former auto dealership into a 32,000 sq. ft. filtration manufacturing facility, creating 75 new jobs.



Resource Fair at the American Legion

The Village of Pulaski boasts a strategic advantage with its prime location near State Route 81. The proximity enables our residents to conveniently reach significant cities like Watertown and Syracuse within a mere 30-minute drive. Moreover, our favorable position also ensures that residents have easy access to nearby towns such as Oswego, Fulton, and Mexico. With such proximity to these bustling areas, our residents enjoy the best of both worlds: the tranquility of village life and the convenience of nearby urban centers.

Looking ahead, the Village anticipates the creation of new employment positions through ongoing Restore NY and Main Street Anchor projects, with numerous new jobs expected. The Salmon River Hotel and Luxury Cabin Colony and the proposed retail space at the People's Bank and Train Station development is expected to generate employment, respectively.

Furthermore, the increased tourism resulting from these projects is expected to benefit other commercial enterprises, including sports shops, antique shops, retail and grocery stores, and restaurants. Notably, since the COVID pandemic, any retail space in the Historic District has been rented within a month of vacancy, indicating a high demand for commercial real estate in the area.

## 6.) Quality of life

The Village of Pulaski is a beautiful and charming community that offers its residents a high quality of life. The Village boasts a peaceful and serene environment, surrounded by lush green trees and open spaces. The community is tight-knit, and the people are friendly and welcoming, making it a great place to raise a family.

### Commercial, Retail, and Restaurants

The commercial areas in the Village offer a wide range of products and services, making it convenient for residents and visitors to meet their needs. The presence of two large grocery chain stores and two farm stores ensures that people can access fresh produce and other essentials. Many restaurants cater to various tastes, while gift shops and antique stores offer unique items that could make great souvenirs or gifts. The banks and credit unions make it easy for people to carry out financial transactions, while the Laundromat and dry cleaners enable them to take care of their laundry needs. The Village is a bustling and vibrant community with many businesses within easy reach.

### Access to Healthy Food

Pulaski may be a small rural area, but it has a thriving food scene with numerous options for fresh produce and local cuisine. The Amish community plays a significant role; they tend to roadside stands filled with in-season produce. The Farmer's Market in the local park is also a popular event during the summer. Despite its size, Pulaski prioritizes food accessibility and security, with a Food Pantry, deliveries from CNY food bank, and a Senior Nutrition Center at our new housing development, Selkirk Landing. The community also offers programs like "Meals on Wheels," weekend backpacks for elementary school students, and free monthly dinners at one Church. Overall, Pulaski's focus on food and community is evident, making it a great place to support local businesses and enjoy fresh fare.



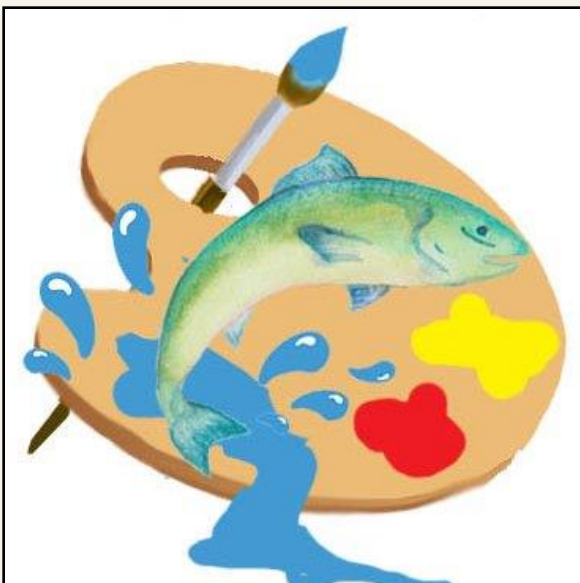
Farmers Market at South Park





## **Recreational, Arts and Entertainment**

**Opportunities** Overall, Pulaski offers many activities and attractions for people of all ages and interests, making it a great place to visit or call home. Whether fishing in the Salmon River on the eastern shore of Lake Ontario, enjoying the arts at the Fine Arts Center, attending live events at the Kallet or exploring the natural beauty of the area's state parks, there is always something to do in Pulaski. The community's strong sense of civic engagement and commitment to providing opportunities for everyone ensures that this small town has much to offer. Community Events are held in the parks and throughout the Village during different seasons: the Village-wide Garage Sale, Family Fun Weekend, Memorial Day Ceremony and Band Performance, Farmer's Market throughout the summer, Turkey Trot, Light-Up Pulaski the first weekend in December, and a Winter Fest in January, United Way partners with the Village for Stone Soup event and the Village Joined together with Office of the Aging to host our first resource fair. Community events are not just for entertainment, but they also serve as an opportunity for residents to come together and get to know one another, strengthening the sense of community and creating a more vibrant and connected village. Offer online learning opportunities. Broadband accessibility has transformed how the Village operates and delivers services to its residents.



**Salmon River Fine Arts Center**



**ConnexCare on Delano Street**

## **Access to Health Care Facilities**

The Village of Pulaski is the main campus for Connex Care. The Pulaski Health Care Center is a patient-centered healthcare practice providing Northern Oswego County residents with comprehensive healthcare and related services. The services include routine medical care for all family members, dental services, laboratory testing and radiology, physical therapy, mental health services, substance use disorders, urgent care, and school-based health centers. In addition to this campus, there are other independent practices, including an urgent care facility, dental procedures, eye doctors, and physical therapy. Connex Care is also a significant employer in the area.

## **BROADBAND ACCESSIBILITY**

The availability of broadband internet access in rural areas such as small villages has been a game changer. Thanks to Spectrum and Frontier Companies, village residents now have access to high-speed internet, which has helped to improve communication, streamline information sharing, and enhance business activities. With reliable broadband, government services have become more efficient, businesses can grow and expand, and the school district can offer online learning opportunities. Broadband accessibility has transformed how the Village operates and delivers services to its residents.

## **7.) Supportive Local Policies**

The Village of Pulaski has implemented comprehensive and equitable policies to safeguard the quality of life for both present and future residents. These proactive measures have been carefully formulated to foster sustainable development, ensuring ongoing enhancements and long-term viability for the community. By prioritizing these supportive policies, Pulaski is committed to creating an environment that thrives and evolves for the benefit of all its residents. These policies include:

### **Comprehensive Plan**

Ten years ago, the Village of Pulaski and the Town of Richland were granted funding to work together on a comprehensive review and update of their shared Comprehensive Plan. The Village of Pulaski and the Town of Richland achieved this objective successfully with the assistance of the Central New York Regional Planning & Development Board. In 2022, the Committee, comprising a few members from the Village and Town, diligently updated the Comprehensive Plan to ensure its continued relevance and effectiveness.

### **Establishment of a Historic District and Historic District Review Board**

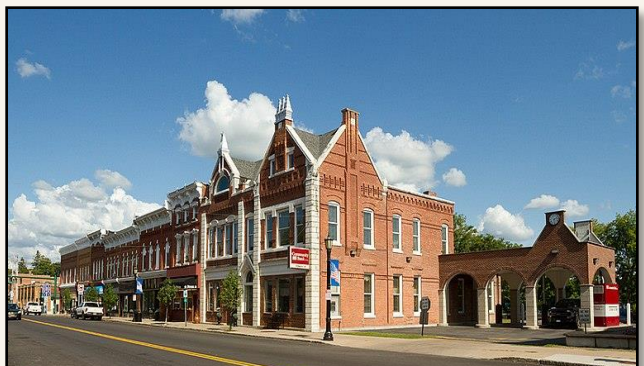
The Village recognized the need to safeguard its historic buildings and, consequently, the downtown commercial district included in the Register of Historic Places. The Village created a local law establishing a Historic District and a Historic District Review Board. The primary objective of this board was to assist the Planning and Zoning Board in rendering informed decisions on modifications made to the properties within the Historic District.

### **Zoning Rewrite Committee**

In 2019, the Village Board took proactive action by establishing a committee to review and update the zoning laws for the Village thoroughly. This endeavor, spanning nearly three years, addressed the need for modernization as the previous update occurred in the 1990s. The outcome of this diligent effort is a set of up-to-date zoning laws that accurately reflect the current conditions of the Village. It is essential to recognize that maintaining and adapting these laws to evolving circumstances is an ongoing responsibility. The Village Board is committed to guaranteeing that these regulations remain up-to-date and frequently revised.

### **Climate Action Plan**

In 2016, the governing boards of the Town of Richland and the Village of Pulaski collaborated to develop and officially approve a Comprehensive Climate Action Plan. This Plan underwent a diligent review and update process with the assistance of dedicated personnel from the Central New York Regional Planning & Development Board, Michael Boccuzzi. This year, in 2023, the Plan received renewed approval. As a result, both the Town of Richland and the Village of Pulaski have earned the prestigious designation of Bronze-level Climate-Smart Communities.



Historical District

## 7.)Supportive Local Policies Continued

### Tree Committee

In 2020, the Village Board of Trustees instituted the Tree Committee, which has proactively planted 50 trees on village streets and achieved Tree City certification. The Committee has secured several grants to support its endeavors, including a Tree Memorial Program. Enhanced environmental conditions, including climate change, stormwater runoff, and a healthy atmosphere, are all essential considerations in the maintenance and provision of trees.



Tree Committee planting trees on Rome Road

### Wellhead Protection Committee

The Water Board has recently established a committee comprising a representative from the Tug Hill Commission, Oswego County Soil and Water, a Water Board member, the mayor, and the DPW Supervisor. With the CNYRPD Planner, Lauren Darcy, providing oversight, the Committee aims to guarantee uninterrupted access to high-quality water for the Village of Pulaski Water District.

### Policies established by other Village of Pulaski Boards

The Water and Sewer Boards of the Village of Pulaski endorse policy modifications and infrastructure upgrade initiatives, which are a part of their purview and entail supervision of capital-intensive schemes. Their evaluation is critical to maintaining fundamental infrastructure for future expansion and progress and implementing amenities necessary to maintain and enhance residents' living standards.

### Salmon River Conference of Governance

The Salmon River Conference of Governance has invited the Village of Pulaski to join their organization as part of a collection of communities along the Salmon River. Through this membership, the Village of Pulaski has access to the full suite of benefits the Tug Hill Commission provides. Additionally, the municipality can directly engage in strategic planning and communication with other townships, all of whom share a vested interest in fostering the long-term health and viability of the Salmon River.

### Pro-Housing Community

The Village of Pulaski is presently seeking certification as a Pro-Housing Community. Selkirk Landing housing development offers 64 new residential apartments that are affordable for both families and seniors. The housing development is specifically designed to cater to low-income families and seniors.



Selkirk Landing Housing development

## 8. Public Support

The Village of Pulaski is fortunate with a community that passionately supports its growth and success. The community of Pulaski is genuinely dedicated to the Village's prosperity, as evidenced by the abundance of volunteer opportunities and locally owned businesses throughout the area. On August 30th, 2023, The Village organized a meeting to provide information about the DRI / NY Forward grant opportunity. The purpose of the meeting was to encourage community members to share their feedback and learn more about the grant. Additionally, The Village created a community survey accessible online and at local community buildings, Farmer's markets, and businesses, allowing the public to provide their input. With the community's feedback we received, we have shaped our projects. The local government is committed to improving the community by boosting job creation, maintaining infrastructure, and offering excellent public services. The Comprehensive Planning Board has an essential role in shaping the Village's future, and it is encouraging to see such active engagement from elected officials and community members. There is no doubt that Pulaski will continue to flourish for years to come with continued collaboration and effort.



Village Residents fill out our Outreach Survey.

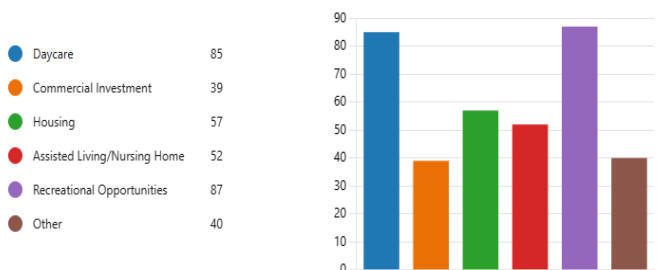
The residents' active engagement in community events and the arts showcases the Village's unique character. In addition, the dedication of the emergency services, including the fire, police, and medical personnel, ensures that the community remains safe and secure. Pulaski's support indicates the pride residents take in their community and their desire for it to thrive.



DRI/NY Forward Outreach Meeting that met on **August 30, 2023.**

1. What services or investments do you feel are most needed in the Village of Pulaski? Please check all that apply.

[More Details](#)



Results from DRI / NY Forward Outreach Survey

## 9.) TRANSFORMATIVE PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES

The Historic Downtown District of Pulaski Village is an ideal location for further investment. It is situated near the Salmon River waterfront, the gateway to essential services and infrastructure, all within the core of the Village. This area, known as the DRI/NY Forward area, has updated policies and investments in Climate Smart Projects to ensure that any investment made here is utilized wisely and will benefit the Village and investors for many years to come. The following projects are:

### PRIVATE PROJECTS

**Salmon River Hotel and Luxury Cabin Colony-** (#7 on map) A Vacant lot called Fireman's Field and some land along the Salmon River will be transformed into a hospitality venue. The plan is to build a luxurious 88-room hotel and up to 21 cabins in the heart of the Village, right by the Salmon River and Dunbar Field.

**Address:** *Hotel and Service Buildings: Across 059.16-02-13; 059.16-05-10.12; 059.16-05-10-11; on and surrounding Fireman's Field. Cabins: Tax Map 059.20-01-01; along the Salmon River behind Tops.*

**Property Sponsor/Property Owner:** *JV QOF LLC/John Vavalo*

**Tentative Timeline:** *Anticipate infrastructure to start immediately upon award; phasing construction over time to span over the next few years.*

**Proposed Costs:** *Approximately \$4,000,000 for cabins, \$2,000,000 for service buildings, and \$40,000,000 for the hotel.*

**Funding Sources:** *Private/DRI/NY Forward*



Peoples National Bank Building



Luxury Hotel and Spa

**Peoples National Bank Building-** (#3 on map)

This building holds great historical significance and serves as both the starting and ending point of the downtown area. It provides 4,800 square feet of commercial space for mixed-use, with plans to renovate the interior of the old bank building. The ground floor will feature two storefronts restored to their original design, while the second floor, previously a banquet hall, will be converted into a 2,400-square-foot micro-venue. The owner has invested over \$300,000 in the project and received \$50,000 from the NY Main Street Grant program. The prior investment was utilized to restore the exterior masonry and replace several large building windows.

**Address:** *4881 N Jefferson Street*

**Property Owner:** *Park Jefferson LLC*

**Tentative Timeline:** *8-month construction estimate; the project is "shovel ready"*

**Proposed Cost:** *\$800,000*

**Funding Sources:** *Developer, DRI/NY Forward*

# 2023 DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE / NY FORWARD

## **Bridge Street Mural-** (#15 on map)

Installation and creation of a mural on the side of a building that houses Bridge Street Makers, an art studio, and recreational classes. The mural would be designed and created by the owner, patrons of Bridge Street Makers, and volunteers.

**Address:** 20 Bridge Street

**Property Sponsor/Property**

**Owner:** Jessie Kling

**Timeline:** Spring/summer of 2024 or 2025

**Costs:** \$2,000 - \$3,000.

**Possible Funding:** Paint and material donations from Golden Paints, Deaton's Ace Hardware, and American Aftermarkets. Snow Foundation, DRI/NY Forward Grant

## **LD's Deck Expansion-** (#1 on map)

LD's is a well-liked restaurant that offers breathtaking views of the Salmon River. It is in the Historic District and housed in a charming building with a deck that has become extremely popular. Unfortunately, the current deck cannot accommodate many customers who wish to enjoy it. As a result, local restaurant owners are proposing a new deck expansion.

**Address:** 4838 N. Jefferson Street

**Project Sponsor/Property**

**Owner:** Salmon River Properties of NC/Andrew Haldane and Rob Currier

**Tentative Timeline:** 5/2024 - 6/2024

**Proposed Costs:** \$75,000.

**Potential Funding Sources:** DRI / NY Forward Grant/Self-funded

## **Warren's Building-** (#13 on map)

This building was a former grocery store built in the 1960s that has been repurposed to be an Automotive Parts Store, and in the expanse in the back part of the building is a trendy dance studio. It is on a street that leads to the Historic District. The proposed exterior upgrades, new windows, porch roof, overhang, and façade would improve the appearance of this building.

**Address:** 25 South Jefferson Street

**Project Sponsor/Property Owner:** Kelly Warren

**Tentative Timeline:** 2024

**Proposed Costs:** \$30,000 - \$40,000 Potential

**Funding Sources:** DRI/NY Forward, Self-funded



Warren's Building



At LD's on the River, customers can enjoy sitting outside on the deck while taking in the scenic view of the river.

## **Pulaski Train Depot** - (#11 on map)

The Pulaski Train Depot will be reconstructed to provide commercial space. The project aims to rebuild the historic Pulaski Train Depot/Station at a new location approximately 300 yards from its original site. Although the original depot structure was destroyed in the late 1900s, sufficient information is available to reconstruct the building with historical accuracy. The proposed site is in a highly visible central business section, serving as a gateway to other parts of the Village and the Salmon River. The space for mixed retail or business use is approximately 3,700 sq. ft. The property owners view this as an opportunity to provide the community with a strong sense of identity through the architecture. This project aligns with the recommendations outlined in the town/village master plan and has recently received funding from the EPA Community-Wide Brownfield Assessment Grant.

**Address:** It is now a vacant lot, so there is no issued street address -Tax parcel 059.19-01-25.1, near 3941 Port Street

**Property owner/sponsor:** Solitec Property LLC/PSP Holdings LLC

**Tentative Timeline:** 3 months remediation (if necessary), eight months construction

**Proposed Cost:** \$1,200,000.

**Funding Sources:** Owner, Developer, DRI/NY Forward

## **Lamica Building** - (#17 on map)

Convert 1<sup>st</sup>-floor space into a "Commons" to accommodate multiple, smaller retail shops. Upstairs apartments would be updated.

**Address:** 4861 North Jefferson Street, Pulaski, NY

**Project Sponsor:** Laurie Lamica

**Tentative Timeline:** Summer 2024

**Costs:** \$50,000 to \$125,000.

**Funding Sources:** Self-funded, DRI/NY Forward

## **The Flashy Flamingo** - (#16 on map)

Convert vacant and neglected second floor of a Main Street building in the Historic District (approximately 2,000 square feet) into contemporary mixed-use space (yoga studio, health, wellness, and fitness classes; small group meeting space; small group educational space).

**Address:** 4873 Jefferson St. (upstairs) Pulaski, NY 13142

**Project Sponsor:** TB Finn Online, LLC (Thomas and Bonnie Finnerty)

**Tentative Timeline:** Summer 2024

**Proposed Cost:** \$195,000.00

**Funding Sources:** Small Business/ Woman Owned Business Loan/DRI/NY Forward

Flashy Flamingo



Lamica Building

## **Lewis Street Housing Project-**

(#10 on map)

This construction project will transform an underutilized area into a sustainable apartment complex, providing much-needed housing for village residents.

**Address:** 9 Lewis Street

**Tentative Timeline:** Spring of 2024

**Proposed Cost:** Up to \$1,000,000

### **Funding**

**Sources:** Private/Commercial Loan secured by unencumbered real estate/DRI/NY Forward Grants



Lewis Street Housing location

## **Delano Street Housing-**

(#6 on map)

The project would provide housing next to Connex Care Medical Facility and NOCA Ambulance Headquarters, two essential services, and some of Pulaski's largest employers.

**Address:** Now an empty lot but between 61 and 21 Delano St.

**Tentative Timeline:** 1 year

**Proposed Costs:** \$1,500,000.

**Funding Source:** Palm Family, 2plus4 Construction, DRI/NY Forward Grant



The proposed location for Delano Street Housing

## **Ford's Professional Building Upgrade-**

(#14 on map)

The proprietor of this establishment is seeking financial aid to enhance its energy efficiency. They plan to achieve this by installing energy-efficient heating and air conditioning in their two-office units. Additionally, they aim to bolster the exterior of their property by replacing and upgrading a deteriorated sidewalk and parking area that poses a safety hazard.

**Address:** 1 James Street

**Tentative Timeline:** 1 year

**Proposed Costs:** Parking - \$10,000, Heat/Ac upgrades \$20,000, Sidewalk \$3,000.

**Funding Source:** DRI/NY Forward Grant/ Personal Financing



## NON-PROFIT

### **Salmon River Fine Arts Center-** (#2 on map)

The Art Center, a non-profit organization, needs additional space due to its thriving programs and increased participation. They are currently situated in the Historic District and keen to remain nearby. Fortunately, a building just a few doors down has become available. The first phase of their plan involves relocating the gallery to the new site. The second phase entails renovating the basement and upstairs of the building to house programs and essential art equipment, consolidating everything in one location.

**Address:** 4876 North Jefferson Street

### **Project Sponsor/Project**

**Owner:** *Salmon River Fine Arts Center/ Jeffrey Fowler*

**Tentative Timeline:** *Phase I - February 2024, Phase II - October 2024*

**Proposed Costs:** *Phase I - Funded by Property Owner, Phase II - \$300,000*

### **Other Possible Funding**

**Sources:** *Snow Foundation, Shineman Foundation, Community Fund, DRI/NY Forward Grant*



Salmon River Fine Arts Center



Location for Pulaski Day Care

### **Pulaski Day Care-** (#12 on map)

Two years ago, the privately owned Daycare Facility suddenly shut down, leaving families in difficulty searching for reliable daycare services for their children. The building was constructed in an unspecified year and operated as a non-profit. However, the Day Care Board dissolved, resulting in the sale of the facility, which had been constructed with donations and intended solely for daycare purposes, to a private entity. The Village Board recognizes that daycare is a crucial service that can impact whether families with children choose Pulaski as a potential residence when this service is not accessible.

**Address:** 20 Castle Drive

**Project Sponsor/Project Owner:** Village of Pulaski/2plus4 construction

**Tentative Timeline:** Fall of 2023, submit a purchase offer.

**Propose Costs:** \$750,000. Possible Funding: State Day Care Grants, DRI/NY Forward Grant

### **Pulaski Community Small Project Fund**

**Addresses:** TBD

**Proposed Costs:** \$600,000 - DRI / NY Forward, \$300,000

## **PUBLIC**

### **Dunbar Field Upgrades-** (#8 on map)

A piece of parkland owned by the Village along the banks of the Salmon River is not yet fully developed. In July 2023, an application for a CFA Grant was submitted to fund an Engineering and Planning Study for this property. The proposed improvements include a pedestrian bridge to the Haldane Recreational Facility, a walking trail, an upgraded parking lot with car chargers, ADA compliant fishing area, more viewing spots of the Salmon River with benches, a building that contains public bathrooms, and space for indoor recreational sports during inclement weather. Additionally, there will be a picnic area, pickleball courts, an upgraded ball diamond, and landscaping.

**Address:** *Lewis Street*

**Property Owner:** *Village of Pulaski*

**Timeline:** *The project will be done in phases, starting in Fall 2023*

**Costs:** *\$2,000,000.*

**Possible Funding Sources:** *Kinney's Foundation, White's Foundation, Community Fund, National Grid Park Grants, DRI/NY Forward Grant*



**Dunbar Field**

### **MAPLE AVENUE PARKING LOT** (#4 on map)

A municipal-owned property is across the street from a public parking area. Converting this space would provide additional parking space to accommodate those needing to park near the Historic District. The project proposes installing car chargers.

**Property Location:** *3432 Maple Avenue*

**Property Sponsor:** *Village of Pulaski*

**Timeline:** *Summer - Fall 2024*

**Costs:** *\$50,000 to \$75,000 plus cost of car chargers NYSERDA, National Grid, Climate Smart Community Campaign, DRI/NY Forward*

### **Streetscapes-** (#5 on map)

The Village of Pulaski plans to build a sidewalk connecting all the essential public places. To complete this infrastructure, the proposal is to construct a new sidewalk from the back of Springbrook, a Senior Apartment Building for low-income individuals, up Pine Street to Delano Street. This sidewalk will then continue down the West Side of Delano, connecting the medical facility, a proposed housing project, the Ambulance Headquarters, a 52-apartment complex across the street, the American Legion (which serves as the polling place for Richland Township during elections), and the Haldane Sports Facility, along with the rest of the Village's sidewalk infrastructure. People must use the road to access any of these facilities, making it unsafe. The other proposed streetscapes will be at the opposite ends of Lewis Street. Upgrading those areas and providing safe pedestrian travel will be crucial, especially when the proposed projects are at Dunbar Field and the Fireman's Field.

**Project Location:** *Top of Pine Street, Delano Street, and Maple Avenue to Haldane Sports Complex. Opposite ends of Lewis Street.*

**Property Owner:** *Village of Pulaski*

**Timeline:** *Spring 2025*

**Costs:** *\$1,800,000.*

**Possible Funding Sources:** *Shineman Foundation, Village Funding, DRI/NY Forward Grants*



**Vacant lot on Maple Ave**

## 10.) ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITY

The Village of Pulaski has had the opportunity to build partnerships with many informative and helpful resources. These partnerships have prepared the Village to demonstrate the responsibility of navigating long-term public and private contracts. The Village staff and board work together to guide the community positively.

The Village has closely worked with CNYRPDB on sidewalk projects, the Climate Smart Community Campaign, the Climate Action Plan, and the Wellhead Protection Committee. Municipal Solutions has partnered with the Village to manage the Water and Sewer improvement projects. The Village has worked closely with a municipal consultant who has 35-plus years of service with the NYS comptroller. Working with Operation Oswego County and the County's Office of Development has been beneficial.

KL Consulting has collaborated with the Village and PROP to showcase our community with awarded grants: Main Street Grant, Restore NY 6, and Main Street Anchor.

The Village has employees who have a tremendous work ethic, go above and beyond to provide services to the citizens of this Village, and make it a point to complete assignments promptly. The Village employees are essential to accomplish significant, dynamic projects.

The Village Board of Trustees supports the community as residents, business owners, and concerned citizens. They realize that acquiring grant funding is necessary to implement transformation, continued growth, and economic development goals in The Comprehensive Plan.

The current mayor, Jan Tighe, has devoted years of service to the Village as a local schoolteacher, a trustee, and now our dedicated and respected mayor. Her devotion to the Village has had a substantial impact on the community.

The Village Board is enthusiastic and confident in Pulaski's future. In addition to the companies mentioned earlier, the Village has worked or is currently working with the following firms: C2AE, BCA Engineering, JVQ OF LLC, Lasell Engineering, Blue Line Engineering, Gomez and Sullivan Engineering, OMI Services, OMNI Solar, and Heritage Masonry.

**Pulaski Snow Memorial Building**





## 11.) Letters of Support



THE ASSEMBLY  
STATE OF NEW YORK  
ALBANY

September 26, 2023

Mr. Dan Kolinski  
Regional Director  
Empire State Development Corporation  
620 Erie Boulevard West  
Syracuse, New York 13204

Re: Village of Pulaski 2023 Downtown Revitalization Initiative/NY Forward Application.

Dear Mr. Kolinski:

The purpose of this letter is to express my support for the Village of Pulaski's application to the CNY Regional Economic Development Council for the 2023 Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI)/NY Forward program.

The Village of Pulaski, which is the economic hub of Northern Oswego County, is conveniently located at the crossroads of state routes 11 and 13 and Interstate-81. The world-renowned Salmon River winds through the heart of the village and the village is located just 4 miles from Lake Ontario—making it a desirable location for residents and businesses.

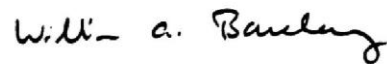
In recent years, the village has worked in partnership with investors to encourage the restoration of blighted buildings along its waterfront, repaired and upgraded failing infrastructure, and worked with various entities to promote itself as a waterfront and recreational attraction. Through its steadfast dedication to revitalization and investment in infrastructure, it has attracted new businesses and helped to improve the quality of life for the community. The DRI would greatly enhance the foundation this riverside community has already begun.

Mr. Kolinski  
September 26, 2023  
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In addition to community development projects and events, the village continues to pursue funding to offset the cost of upgrading aging infrastructure. With ongoing investments in watermain, storm water mitigation, and sewer, Pulaski is paving the way for private investments. In addition, the village was recently named a Bronze-Level Climate Smart Community and is now an official Tree City—all of which is helping to restore community pride and encourage additional investments. Through this Downtown Revitalization Initiative/NY Forward process, new partnerships with developers have emerged to accelerate the growth of the village and surrounding area, which will lead to additional job opportunities and attract more visitors and residents to the village.

Awarding the Village of Pulaski a NY Forward grant would help the village become a vibrant, riverside community. I fully support the application for the CNY Regional Economic Development Council's 2023 Downtown Revitalization Initiative/NY Forward Program. If I may be of any assistance moving forward, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Will Barclay". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Will Barclay  
Assembly Majority Leader

WAB/bj

**NEW YORK  
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September 25, 2023

Daniel Kolinski, Regional Director  
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Syracuse, NY 13204

Dear Mr. Kolinski,

I support the Village of Pulaski in their endeavor to secure Downtown Revitalization Initiative funding. Located mere minutes from major highways and I-81, a revitalized downtown area will help ensure Pulaski remains a strong economic hub for Northern Oswego County.

The Village has made several recent improvements to critical infrastructure. Half of their water main replacement project has been completed, upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment System will be finished this year, and they have completed plans for a Storm Water Mitigation Project that will be out for bid soon.

A DRI award will help build on these successes by revitalizing aging buildings to restore their downtown. This will invite new businesses, accelerate economic growth, and attract new visitors to the area. I support the Village of Pulaski in their endeavor to obtain DRI funding for downtown building improvements. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to my office at any time.

Sincerely,

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Mark C. Walczyk  
Senator  
New York SD-49

MCW/tac

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

September 25, 2023

Mayor Jan Tighe  
Village of Pulaski  
4917 Jefferson Street, P.O. Box 227  
Pulaski, NY 13142

**Re: Village of Pulaski Downtown Revitalization Initiative & NY Forward Program Application**

Dear Mayor Tighe,

I am pleased to write to you today to express support for the Village of Pulaski and its application to the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) and NY Forward Program. The Village of Pulaski has seen success in revitalization over the past several years and is becoming a vibrant place to live in Oswego County and New York's 24th Congressional District. It is my hope that if successful, the Village of Pulaski will use these program funds to accelerate this revitalization to benefit its residents and businesses for years to come.

Villages like Pulaski are tremendously valuable to our rural communities in New York and I commend the Village for taking many steps to position itself for future investment. The village is located close to the major highways and railroad connections, and its proximity to Lake Ontario and the Salmon River make it a fishing destination for the entire country. The village has also completed multiple water and waste water treatment projects in recent years and is doing its part to be a steward to the environment.

The Village of Pulaski recognizes the need to create a community for people to live, work, relocate, and grow up in. A DRI and NY Forward Program award would help with this goal by building on past success, developing new partnerships to help accelerate the economic growth to the area, creating jobs, and attracting more visitors and residents to the village.

Please accept this letter of support for the Village of Pulaski and their application to the Downtown Revitalization Initiative and NY Forward Program. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

  
Member of Congress





**David R. Turner**  
*Director*

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*Administrative Assistant*

August 22, 2023

Mr. Daniel Kolinski  
Empire State Development Corporation  
620 Erie Boulevard West  
Syracuse, New York 13204

Re: Village of Pulaski 2023 Downtown Revitalization Initiative/NY Forward Application

Dear Mr. Kolinski:

Please accept this letter as confirmation of our support for the Village of Pulaski's application to the CNY Regional Economic Development Council for the 2023 Downtown Revitalization/NY Forward Initiatives. For nearly two decades now, I have had the opportunity to work with communities throughout Oswego County in their efforts to renovate and restore blighted buildings; repair and upgrade failing infrastructure; promote their respective recreational assets; attract new businesses; and improve the quality of life for their residents.

I am pleased to acknowledge in this letter that among our nine villages, Pulaski, has been among the most consistent in their efforts to progress towards their goals. The Village has undergone a significant and noticeable transformation especially with the renovation of several buildings along the Salmon River, preservation of their historic assets, and the ongoing improvements to their water and wastewater systems which have helped to encourage public and private support for the revitalized downtown that the Village envisions.

Through collaboration with numerous state agencies and local partners, Pulaski has complemented its downtown revitalization efforts by investing in its highly desirable waterfront district with a focus on creating an environment that provides memorable experiences for residents and visitors alike.

The work that the Village has done with the aforementioned physical assets has also enhanced their ability to host very popular community events while promoting local businesses and recognizing the Village's prime location along the world-famous Salmon River. We know from data provided by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) that the Salmon River hosts more than 2/3 of the angling activity on all of Lake Ontario's tributaries combined. We also know from our partners at the DEC that anglers from every state in America and more than 30 countries and provinces around the world annually visit the communities in Oswego County to enjoy the outstanding resources that Lake Ontario and the Salmon River offer. The improvements proposed by the Village will help enhance these experiences and draw even more visitors and potential investors to Pulaski and the surrounding areas.

As the County's director of Community Development, Tourism & Planning for nearly 20 years and serving now as their director of Strategic Initiatives, I have witnessed the efforts of both former and current elected and appointed leaders at the Village of Pulaski. I can easily attest to the work they have done with representatives from a variety of State and County agencies, as well as local residents and business owners as they developed relationships and engaged in municipal planning activities. It is through these partnerships that their consistent progress has been possible. As the Village prepares to embark on their Downtown Revitalization/NY Forward Initiative experience, I am confident that these relationships will help drive their future success.

The application that the Village has prepared will outline the many development opportunities that can come to fruition with the assistance of this transformative funding assistance. They have a proven track record of successful project implementation and a team of dedicated, experienced local, County and State experts ready to assist them on this next phase of their journey.

The Village of Pulaski has the location, the leadership, and the passion to help build on the great work that has already been done to create vibrant communities throughout Central New York. I have personally seen the progress in the Village and its effect on the community and, having the good fortune to have worked with the City of Oswego on the planning and implementation of their DRI projects, I look forward to sharing those experiences with the Village team should their application be successful.

Thank you for your time and attention and please know that I fully support the application put forth by the Village of Pulaski for the CNY Regional Economic Development Council's 2023 Downtown Revitalization Initiative/NY Forward Program and urge you to give it your highest consideration!

Respectfully,

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David Turner



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Paul W. Pinckney, Chairman David V. Bottar, Executive Director

September 20, 2023

Jan Tighe, Mayor  
Village of Pulaski  
4917 Jefferson Street  
P.O. Box 227  
Pulaski, NY 13142

Re: Round 7 Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI)/Round 2 of the NY Forward

Dear Mayor Tighe:

As Executive Director of the Central New York Regional Planning & Development Board, I am pleased to have this opportunity to write this letter of support for the Village of Pulaski's application for funding through the State's Downtown Revitalization Initiative and NY Forward programs.

As noted in these proposals, Pulaski is the economic hub of Northern Oswego County and well positioned for additional investment in the community. These investments will build on a track record of success the community has achieved in recent years in completing a range of community revitalization, historic preservation, and strategically planned infrastructure projects. Based on this record of success, the community is prepared to move forward with the next phase of its revitalization. These projects include upgrading the Haldance Center and Dunbar Field, park and streetscape improvements, financial assistance for small business owners, and additional capital improvements to key infrastructure assets in the community.

Please note that my office stands ready to assist the Village of Pulaski to help implement its Downtown Revitalization Initiative and NY Forward program. Together these projects will support additional economic growth in the community and across Central New York.

Sincerely,

*David Bottar*

David Bottar  
Executive Director



## OSWEGO COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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**EDWARD GILSON**

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September 26, 2023

Honorable Jan Tighe  
Mayor  
Village of Pulaski  
North Jefferson Street  
Pulaski, NY 13142

RE: Downtown Revitalization Initiative – Round 7

Dear Mayor,

The Village of Pulaski, through continuous upgrades to its infrastructure, housing development, and main street improvements, has favorably positioned itself for serious consideration to receive the Round 7 Downtown Revitalization Initiative award.

The Village has been successful in planning and completing many projects such as replacement of over half the water main systems. In addition, upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Plant are well underway to convert harsh chemical treatment to friendly Ultra-Violet and bids will soon be solicited for storm water infrastructure upgrades to remove runoff water from the sewer system.

This DRI award is exactly the push the Village needs to sustain the improvements they have made by investing in the next economic stimulus for growth, jobs, and opportunities for all the citizens and visitors of the Greater Pulaski area.

Let's hope Pulaski is given serious consideration in being granted funding from this program.

Very sincerely,

Edward Gilson, District 3  
Oswego County Legislature

Patricia A. Ford, AHM  
Licensed Real Estate Broker



Kristen Hundshamer, ARM  
Licensed Real Estate Broker

September 25, 2023

Jan Tighe, Mayor  
Village of Pulaski  
4917 Jefferson Street  
Pulaski, NY 13142

Dear Ms. Tighe,

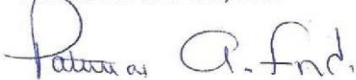
Springbrook Apartments, Inc. is an 8 story senior apartment building, located at 4920 Jefferson Street, Pulaski. Springbrook is home to approximately 130 senior residents occupying 119 apartments. There is a pre-requisite that you must be at least 62 years old to live at Springbrook. We, Peters Realty Co., Inc. have been managing the building for 48 of its 50 year existence.

Our residents, all senior would benefit greatly with the addition of a new sidewalk. The sidewalk would connect the back of our parking lot with the medical center making visits to the doctors easy for those in electric wheelchairs and those able to walk. Also we have several veterans in the building and the addition of the sidewalk would also enable those veterans to easily get to the American Legion. Many of our residents do not own cars and have to rely on public transportation or the kindness of others to get them to the Pulaski Health Center.

Anything that can be done to make the life of our tenants and all seniors easier is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your consideration

PETERS REALTY CO., INC.



Patricia A. Ford  
Owner



Ms. Dawn Holynski, Chairwoman  
Town of Richland/Village of Pulaski  
Comprehensive Plan Committee/Climate Action Plan  
308 Valley Rd.  
Pulaski, NY. 13142  
[Holynski3511@gmail.com](mailto:Holynski3511@gmail.com)

August 21, 2023

The Honorable Jan Tighe, Mayor  
Village of Pulaski  
4917 Jefferson St.  
PO Box 227  
Pulaski, NY. 13142

RE: Letter of Support for round 7 DRI

Dear Mayor Tighe,

As chairperson of the Town of Richland/Village of Pulaski Comprehensive Plan committee, I'd like to express our support for the Village of Pulaski's intent to apply for grant money through the Downtown Revitalization Initiative/NY Forward Program.

Over the recent years, you as mayor, and trustees have been committed to making investments in upgrading the infrastructure, i.e. watermain replacement projects, wastewater treatment system and storm water mitigation project.

Your commitment also includes becoming a bronze level Climate Smart Community in upgrading street lighting to LED, heating and cooling system in the Snow Municipal Building, providing car charging stations, community wide solar campaign, and updating the Town of Richland/Village of Pulaski Climate Action Plan originally created in 2016.

Not only have you worked to upgrade the municipal building, streets and infrastructure, you have encouraged and supported the small business owners of Pulaski to apply for Main Street Grants. All these projects and initiatives the Village has done will hopefully be built upon with future grant monies, which will certainly benefit more than just Village residents. It is a big step in supporting the whole township.

Best Regards,

*Dawn Holynski*

JV QOF LLC  
26 Corporate Circle, STE 1&2  
East Syracuse, NY 13057

September 20, 2023

Dear DRI/NY Forward Program Representative,

My name is John Vavalo and I'm writing in support of the Village of Pulaski's application for Round 7 of the DRI (Downtown Revitalization initiative)/Round 2 of the NY Forward Program.

I grew up in the Village of Pulaski and have seen over the past 30 years the need for revitalization and additional infrastructure. The prosperity of the community I grew up in is close to my heart and I am thoroughly invested in its future. In fact, I own many properties within the Village and have already been the recipient of grants to restore and rehabilitate dilapidated commercial properties along its main streets and the Salmon River. In January 2023, the Village was awarded the Restore NY and NY Main Street Grants, which will provide funding to some of my projects for new and renovated rental, restaurant and retail spaces.

The Salmon River, which runs through the center of the Village, is one of the most popular fisheries in the United States. Its world-class salmon and trout fishing attracts tourists throughout the summer and fall months. The area also boasts hiking, kayaking, white water rafting, ATV trails and snowmobile trails.

As we are all aware it takes responsible development to maintain areas such as Pulaski. The DRI and NY Forward Program will help this effort to effectively help support the Village's infrastructure and new growth to meet local and visitor demands.

Through the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Lower Salmon River Corridor and the Village of Pulaski have seen increases in transient travel to the area. Outdoor activity and nature-based vacations continue to be a strong indicator that areas like Pulaski will only continue to grow as transient travel seems to be more driven by experiential types of stays. However, the only lodging available in the area is completely booked in the high-demand Spring through Fall seasons, driving revenue opportunity out of the Village and into other towns and cities.

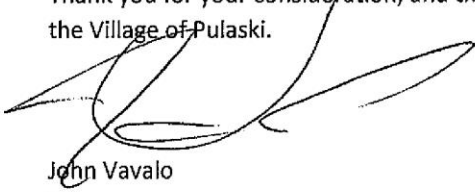
Two of my projects submitted with this application answer the need for hospitality and lodging: the new construction of approximately 40 private cabins and a luxury hotel, spa and restaurant directly along the Salmon River. It will provide much needed accommodations, attract new visitors through added amenities, offer roughly 20 full-time jobs (not including the jobs for planning and construction), and overall revitalize the community.

The Village has shown its ability to implement and finish large and transformative projects which increase the infrastructure, local revenue, and support job creation. A few examples include a completed watermain replacement project, upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment System, which is on track to be completed in 2024, and a Storm Water Mitigation Project that is going out to bid soon. The Village is a Bronze Level Climate Smart Community and has upgraded the lighting, heating and cooling

system in the Snow Municipal Building, streetlights, provided car charging stations, conducted a community wide solar campaign, and renewed and updated the joint Climate Action Plan from 2016 that was done with the Town of Richland, as well as the joint Comprehensive Plan.

I believe the Village of Pulaski would put the DRI and NY Forward grant money to good and important use. It would add jobs, increase Village revenue, allow more patrons to experience the beauty of Pulaski, and provide overall positive change for the villagers and region.

Thank you for your consideration, and thank you for the opportunity to present the significant needs of the Village of Pulaski.

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John Vavalo  
Manager  
JV QOF



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To Whom It May Concern:

I am excited to offer my full support to the Village of Pulaski for the NYS Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI). The Fulton Companies is a family-owned business founded in 1949 and headquartered in Pulaski NY. We employ over 650 people worldwide with locations across 5 countries where we manufacture commercial and industrial heat transfer equipment and research emerging heat transfer technologies.

The Village of Pulaski, which is the economic hub of Northern Oswego County and surrounding region is well positioned for additional investment. Pulaski is well located, being near major highways, (I-81, R.t 1 and 13), railroad connections, near Lake Ontario, with the Salmon River winding through the heart of the Village.

Major investments have been made in critical infrastructure. Half of the waterman replacement project has been completed, upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment System will be completed within the next year, a Storm Water Mitigation Project will be going out to bid soon and started in early spring. The Village is a Bronze Level Climate Smart Community and has upgraded the lighting, heating and cooling system in the Snow Municipal Building, streetlights, provided car charging stations, conducted a community wide solar campaign, and renewed and updated the joint Climate Action Plan from 2016 that was done with the Town of Richland as well as the joint Comprehensive Plan. The Village is now an official Tree City.

In addition to the above projects, the Village has a track record of completing projects. Several buildings, including the theater, have been the recipients of Main Street Grants and have been returned to their former usefulness. A Restore NY project has been started and should be completed by this time next year.

A DRI award would build on past successes, develop new partnerships to help accelerate the economic growth of the Village and surrounding area, lead to additional job opportunities and attract more visitors and residents to the Village. Proposed projects would include upgrading Haldane and Dunbar Field, the Village parks, streetscapes, adding additional parking, providing financing for business owners, new capital projects that would feature hospitality venues and non-profit projects.

Many of our upstate NY employees and the surrounding community would be positively touched by the DRI and hope you give the Village of Pulaski great consideration,

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Jeffrey Fowler  
Project Engineer  
4<sup>th</sup> Generation Family Member

The Honorable Kathy Hochul  
Governor of New York State  
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September 17, 2023

RE: letter of support for the DRI/NY Forward grant application of the Village of Pulaski, NY.

Dear Governor Hochul,

Please accept this letter of support for the DRI/NY Forward grant application of the Village of Pulaski, NY. As president of the Salmon River Fine Arts Center, a non-profit organization that has been operating in this area for almost 30 years, I am greatly encouraged by this project. Our board and volunteers also support and share this vision of making this area a better and safer place to live, work and play. We are proud to be part of this project to provide a space that is more accessible, vibrant and safer for our volunteers, 200 plus members and the community that we serve.

I commend Mayor Jan Tighe and her team on the development of this multi-faceted project which will improve accessibility and help transform the historic village and parks raising the quality of life in this low socioeconomic and neglected area. This project will help revitalize old buildings in a historic district, help struggling businesses and organizations like ours, as well as develop and connect an underutilized village park and properties which are currently difficult to access. By connecting these areas which are separated by the scenic Salmon River with a pedestrian bridge and developing greenways, walkways, as well as other improvements, the community will be more liveable and enjoyable and allow for greater expansion and utilization of public resources.

Because this area is greatly disadvantaged and lacks private and business funding that other areas have, the success of the overall project, and its ability to create valuable public resources relies upon grant funding.

I commend and enthusiastically support Mayor Tighe for her efforts with this exciting and much needed project and ask that you generously consider helping to revitalize this small community,

Sincerely,

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Ann M Buchau  
President  
Salmon River Fine Arts Center



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# PULASKI ACADEMY & CENTRAL SCHOOLS

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**TOM JENNINGS • SUPERINTENDENT**

August 23, 2023

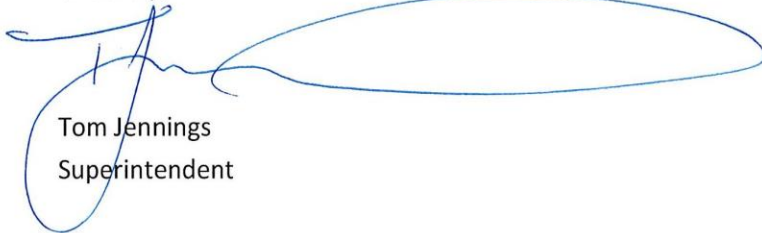
To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter of support for the Village of Pulaski's application for the Downtown Revitalization Initiative/NY Forward Program. The Village of Pulaski has a strong record of thoughtful planning and implementation of infrastructure and other improvement projects that benefit the local community, our students and families, and the broader region.

Multiple partnerships with local and regional entities, including the Pulaski Academy & Central School District, has expanded the positive impact of each of the previous grant projects undertaken by the Village of Pulaski.

We enthusiastically support the Village of Pulaski's application for the Downtown Revitalization Initiative/NY Forward Program and look forward to future collaborations.

Sincerely,



Tom Jennings  
Superintendent



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www.connexcare.org

Mayor Jan Tighe  
Village of Pulaski  
4917 Jefferson Street  
PO Box 227  
Pulaski, New York 13142

September 20, 2023

Dear Ms. Tighe:

ConnexCare is pleased to support the Village of Pulaski's application for Round 7 of the DRI (Downtown Revitalization initiative as well as Round 2 of the NY Forward Program, both aimed at upgrading the Village's infrastructure.

The Village of Pulaski, which is the economic hub of Northern Oswego County and surrounding regions, is well positioned for additional investment. Pulaski is centrally located, being near major highways, (I-81, Rt. 11 and 13), railroad connections, near Lake Ontario, with the Salmon River winding through the heart of the Village.

ConnexCare is a Federally Qualified Health Center, with its main/largest health center located in the Village of Pulaski. ConnexCare operates seven health centers and eight school-based health centers located in Oswego County. The health centers are family-oriented health care practices that provide Oswego, Northern Onondaga and Southern Jefferson County residents with a variety of comprehensive health care and related services, including medical, dental and behavioral health.

ConnexCare's Pulaski location offers primary care, dental and mental health services, including counseling and psychiatry as well as houses specialty services including lab and radiology, physical therapy, cardiology and podiatry. Each week to just the ConnexCare office alone, roughly 2,000 patients travel to the site for services. Due to the close proximity to two subsidized housing facilities, a 120 unit senior housing high-rise and a 54 unit apartment complex, and the lack of public transportation, several patients walk to the health care to receive care as the distance between these locations is less than a mile.

There is an urgent need for a safe walkable pedestrian corridor that would extend to the ConnexCare Pulaski location. The addition of these sidewalks around the Village, will compliment the investment ConnexCare has already made in the establishment of a walking trail around its facility to promote greater mental health and wellness among our community.

The Village has a strong track record for completing projects. Several buildings, including the Kallet Theater, have been the recipients of Main Street Grants, and used grant dollars to successfully return to their former usefulness. A DRI award would build on past successes, develop new partnerships to help accelerate the economic growth of the Village and surrounding area, lead to additional job opportunities and attract more visitors and residents to the Village.

*Say hello to healthy*



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[www.connexxtcare.org](http://www.connexxtcare.org)

ConnexxtCare strongly supports Village of Pulaski's application DRI and New York Forward funding. We look forward to collaborating with the Village of Pulaski to support the completion of initiatives supported through these funding sources. We wish you every success in your application and look forward to a continued collaborative working relationship.

Sincerely,  
  
Tricia Peter Clark  
President and CEO

*Say hello to healthy*

**Preservation Revitalization of Pulaski (PROP)**  
**PO Box 621, Pulaski NY 13142**

September 24, 2023

Re: Downtown Revitalization Initiative/New York Forward 2023

On behalf of Preservation Revitalization of Pulaski (PROP), I am writing in support of the application of the Village of Pulaski for the Round 7 DRI/New York Forward grants.

The Village of Pulaski is the economic hub of Northern Oswego County. Located between two cities on the interstate, Pulaski is well positioned for additional investment. Our aging infrastructure has had major investments in the recent past with upgrades and bids are out for additional projects at this time. Pulaski is a Bronze level Climate Smart Community and has collaborated with the Town of Richland for upgrades for the entire area. Pulaski is also an official Tree City.

In the past, Pulaski has coordinated Main Street Grants bringing several properties back into thriving businesses as well as improving the center of the community. At this time a Restore NY project is in process. New businesses have been established as a result of the Main Street initiatives.

The Salmon River, Pulaski's greatest asset, flows directly through the village providing an economic boost to our community annually with fishing and other recreational activities. A DRI award would enhance these activities by providing projects which would lead to additional job opportunities, develop new partnerships, attract more visitors to the community and improve the quality of life for our residents.

A DRI or NY Forward award would help Pulaski in revitalization goals for redevelopment of the business community and neighborhoods while maintaining the historic footprint. The Village has shown that it completes projects and is willing to seek grants for additional projects. PROP collaborates with the Village in every aspect possible. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Margaret M. Weigel, President PROP



September 18, 2023

Mr. Daniel Kolinski  
Regional Director  
Empire State Development Committee  
620 Erie Boulevard West  
Syracuse, New York 13204

Re: Village of Pulaski 2023 Downtown Revitalization Initiative Application

Dear Mr. Kolinski:

The purpose of this letter is to express my support for the Village of Pulaski's application to the CNY Regional Economic Development Council for the 2023 Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI).

In recent years, the village has worked in partnership with local preservation groups, investors and various grant agencies, including New York State, to: restore buildings along its Main Street and within its historic district; preserve historic structures; repair and upgrade infrastructure; create sustainable contemporary mixed use spaces; renovate and expand its local healthcare and emergency response facilities; revitalize its downtown area which, in turn, has attracted new businesses; and, promote itself as a world-class waterfront and recreational attraction. There has been a consistent and unwavering commitment to improving the quality of life for village residents and visitors.

The Village of Pulaski has undergone a significant and noticeable transformation over the past several years as a result of the aforementioned partnerships. Great strides have been made toward the economic, physical, and social revitalization of this area. We are proud of what has been accomplished to date. And yet, we have only scratched the surface of what "can be" and what needs to be done.

Our vision of what "can be" is clear - the Village of Pulaski as a bustling, water-front community that provides high-quality housing, education and healthcare services for its residents; career building employment opportunities at an array of local businesses and service organizations; world-class recreation, entertainment and eateries; and, most importantly, a place that New Yorkers are proud to call "home"- a place they choose to stay and build a life and a future for themselves and their families. The Village of Pulaski has the location, leadership, key partnerships, and the passion to bring to fruition our vision with the awarding of the DRI funding. Awarding the Village of Pulaski DRI funding will continue to support the transformation toward our vision of what "can be."

As a small business owner, PROP (Preservation, Revitalization of Pulaski) and local Economic Development Committee member, I fully support the Village of Pulaski's application for the Central New York 2023 Downtown Revitalization Initiative Program and respectfully ask that you do the same.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Finnerty  
Owner  
The Flashy Flamingo/Life Is Good

***Dr. Jeffery D. Ford***

***Chiropractor***

*PO Box 149, Pulaski, NY 13142*

*(315) 298-4399*

**September 18, 2023**



The Honorable Kathy Hochal  
Governor of New York State  
NYS State Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Hochal:

We are writing to express our support for the Village of Pulaski's application to the Downtown Revitalization Initiative/NY Forward Program.

In 1985, we moved to Pulaski as fresh out of college professionals seeking a location to open a Chiropractic Practice. After spending a period of time working with another practitioner in the area we fell in love with Pulaski. We purchased a building in the village and have had a successful practice for 34 years. We also purchased a home in the village and raised our family here.

The draw to Pulaski for us, was the quaint downtown area, the fishing and outdoor recreation that "is just around the corner", the outstanding school system, and the variety of services and amenities available for a small community.

It has been amazing to watch the growth that has occurred in the village in those 34 years. Our main street has been able to maintain its historic characteristics with the "quaint village feel", the business district has experienced continued growth providing jobs and outstanding amenities of a large variety, Fulton Companies, Health Way and Schoeller Paper have continued and expanding manufacturing operations in Pulaski providing a variety of jobs, and the Haldane Center has become a great hub for youth sports activities. This growth has made Pulaski a "go to" location for many people to shop, work and play.

Much of that growth is due to the past and present leadership and community members that have had the ambition and foresight to plan and encourage this growth. As with many small villages, grant opportunities such as the Downtown Revitalization Initiative are instrumental in assisting financially. The Village's application to this round of funding continues to show the commitment to its residents, business owners and visitors alike.

Thank you for your time in considering this proposal.

Sincerely,

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Dr Jeffery and Robin Ford



# TOWN OF RICHLAND

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August 23, 2023

The Honorable Jan Tighe, Mayor  
Village of Pulaski  
4917 Jefferson St.  
PO Box 227  
Pulaski, NY. 13142

RE: Letter of Support for round 7 DRI/NY Forward Program

Dear Mayor Tighe,

As supervisor for the Town of Richland, I'd like to express our support for the Village of Pulaski's intent to apply for grant money through the Downtown Revitalization Initiative/NY Forward Program.

The investments, you and the board of trustees have made to the Village in upgrading the watermain replacement projects, wastewater treatment system and storm water mitigation project, shows your commitment in revitalizing the community.

Your commitment also includes becoming a bronze level Climate Smart Community in upgrading street lighting to LED, heating and cooling system in the Snow Municipal Building, providing car charging stations, and community wide solar campaign.

Not only have you worked to upgrade the municipal building, streets and infrastructure, you have encouraged and supported the small business owners of Pulaski to apply for Main Street Grants. All these projects and initiatives the Village has done will hopefully be built upon with future grant monies, which will certainly benefit more than just Village residents, it will support the whole township.

Best Regards,

  
Kern Yerdon  
Supervisor, Town of Richland



American Legion  
Robert Edwards Post 358  
3350 Maple Ave  
Pulaski, New York 13142

23 September 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

On 11 September 2023, at a regular meeting of the American Legion, Robert Edwards Post 358, under New Business, the membership was informed that the village of Pulaski would be applying for Round 7 of the DRI (Downtown Revitalization Initiative) and Round 2 of the New York Forward Program by Commander David Walker.

Commander Walker went on and explained the DRI to the membership and how it would assist the Village of Pulaski. Commander discussed the track record of the village completing past projects.

After the discussion a motion was made by John Rastley, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, that the membership should support the Village of Pulaski in obtaining Round 7 of Downtown Revitalization Initiative and Round 2 of the New York Forward Program. This motion was seconded by Steven Hoff, Finance Officer and approved by the membership.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David V. Walker".

David Walker  
Commander

David O. ("Rocky") Rockwell (US Army, Ret.)



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September 24, 2023

**To:** Mayor Jan Tighe, Village of Pulaski, NY

**Re:** Letter of Support: Village Improvement Grant

As a Retired Regular US Army Officer, I have lived in a variety of places. To include nine states. After 30 plus years of service my wife and I have had numerous options of where to finally retire. We chose the Village of Pulaski, NY!

We built a home here three years ago and began to integrate into the community. We enjoy the Village life and find our neighborhood delightful. Besides friendships and daily interactions, we feel secure here. That was not the situation in other places we lived stateside.

We enjoy the four seasons and a population that enjoys the outdoors. There is no place more beautiful than fall here! I particularly enjoy the Salmon River, an obvious "World Class Fishery." Besides the variety of fishing for trout, Salmon, and Bass, it supports my hobbies, fly tying and rod building. Having established working relationships with local fishing guides, we have been able to bring in numerous Wounded Warriors, Healing Waters Veterans and young 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division Soldiers from Fort Drum, NY to fish here.

I have been able to serve on three village committees and give back something to the Village, I especially enjoy the Tree Committee, besides learning and the comradery it is gratifying to see the improvements trees bring to a neighborhood.

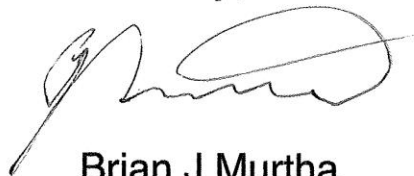
Respectfully,

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David O. Rockwell

As a resident of Pulaski, NY for many years, I've seen many changes to the village structure over the years. I sincerely support this application to continue the ongoing progress and help Pulaski maintain and improve its natural resources and structural improvements.

Sincerely;

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Brian J Murtha

(September 8, 2023)

10 Lincoln Avenue  
Pulaski, NY 13142  
September 22, 2023

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in support of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative for the village of Pulaski, New York.

As a private citizen hailing from the village of Waterloo, New York, I can personally attest to the significance of preserving historic buildings. I was the librarian there from 1977-1984 and I proudly boast of Waterloo being the birthplace of Memorial Day. Every year a viable committee executes plans for an elaborate celebration. The holiday is always celebrated on May 30 regardless of whether it falls on the legal holiday. Waterloo also has Terwilliger Museum which is annexed to the library where I worked. Four miles east of Waterloo is Seneca Falls, which is recognized as the birthplace of the Women's Rights movement and also has museums to storehouse information about that. Seneca Falls is also known as the brainchild of the "It's a Wonderful Life" bridge used in the classic movie of the same name. Also nearby is Auburn where one can find the homestead of abolitionist Harriet Tubman and the final resting place of William Seward, former governor of our state as well as a negotiator to purchase the Alaska territory for the United States. So, there is a lot to be proud of in my hometown and its surroundings.

Flash forward to 2018. I was invited by retired physical education teacher and coach Pauline Rossman to be a member of the Pulaski Historical Society board of trustees. This is something I have totally immersed myself in since my retirement as a school librarian for the Pulaski Academy school district. I edit the Society's monthly newsletter and handle publicity of society events. I also field questions regarding research into matters relating to the history of Pulaski. This work has been very satisfying for me. We recently renovated the museum thanks to a

bequest from a former resident and will show it off in an Open House when we are completely finished returning our treasures to their proper home. Incidentally the museum was the former home of John Ben Snow, former Woolworth's (department store) employee and philanthropist. Through his fund many students in our school district have earned scholarships to the college of their choice and have received community service opportunities in the village. Our village office building is, indeed, named after him because of his philanthropic support.

So, these factors individually and together lead me to support the Downtown Revitalization Initiative. I want my present (and future) hometown to be restored to its former glory as perceived by the members of the committee.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth S. Woods



September 25, 2023

RE: Village of Pulaski – Letter of Support

Dear Regional Economic Development Council Members:

We are writing in support of the Village of Pulaski's application for the New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) Grant to further develop a shared vision and implement a new Downtown Strategic Investment Plan. The Village has a proven track record of successfully completing critical infrastructure projects to better serve the residents and improve the quality of life in the region. These investments with other downtown building projects have been completed utilizing the Main Street Grant program.

Capital Consultants Architecture and Engineering (C2AE) has provided architecture and engineering services across Oswego County for over 20 years and believes that the Village of Pulaski region is ripe for further development. Furthermore, we have been assisting the Village with their storm water mitigation project, which will greatly reduce the risk of flooding and therefore safeguard existing and future developments.

Our firm understands that economic growth of a community depends greatly on its ability to attract and retain quality talent that ultimately drives expansion of small and large businesses. The proposed projects in the Village's DRI application include improvements to Haldane and Dunbar Field, parks, streetscapes, downtown parking, and venues for various users, which will all improve PLACE, quality of life, and contribute to the future growth and advancement of the region.

As such, C2AE pledges our full support to the Village of Pulaski for this downtown revitalization initiative.

Sincerely,

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Ian Yerdon, PE  
Professional Engineer



**September 26, 2023**

**Daniel Kolinski, CNY Regional Director**

Empire State Development  
620 Erie Blvd. West, Suite 112  
Syracuse, NY 13204

**RE: Village of Pulaski: Round 7 - Downtown Revitalization Initiative/Round 2 of the NY Forward Program Applications - Letter of Support**

Dear Mr. Kolinski,

Blue Line Engineering has been working with the Village on a major capital wastewater infrastructure improvement project since June 2018. This project began in the planning phase with the preparation of an Engineering Report funded by a NYSEFC Engineering Planning Grant which the Village obtained. The Village was successful in securing a loan from NYSEFC and a Water Infrastructure Improvement Act grant to help offset costs for the users of the sewer system. Currently this project is in the final design /permitting phase and is anticipated to be bid in the fall of 2023.

I have personally been involved since the inception of this project and the Village has never lost sight of completing this critical infrastructure project.

On behalf of Blue Line Engineering, I offer my full support for the Village's Round 7 of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative/Round 2 of the NY Forward Program application requesting funds to capitalize and improve upon their parks, streetscapes, additional parking, and capital improvements featuring hospitality venues and non-profit projects.

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me via email ([jtubolino@bledpc.com](mailto:jtubolino@bledpc.com)) or my mobile phone (518-928-7692).

Sincerely,  
BLUE LINE ENGINEERING, DPC

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Jeffrey J. Tubolino, PE  
*President*

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518-928-7692



## Village of Pulaski DRI/NY Forward Video Link



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