

# **Village of Lima**

## **1: NY-Forward Application Cover Page**

**Due Date:** Friday, September 23, 2022

**REDC Region:** NYS – Finger Lakes

**Program Applied For:** NY-Forward

**Municipality:** Village of Lima

**Downtown:** Village of Lima centered at the intersection of route 5&20 and route 15A

**County:** Livingston

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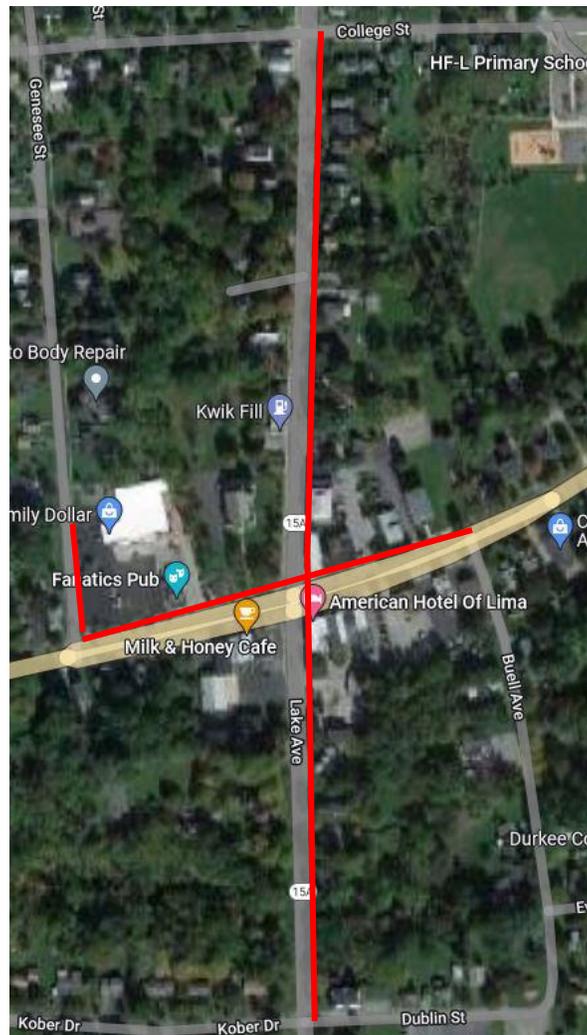
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## 2: Geographic Area and Justification

### 2A. Description of Geographic Area

The area to be served by this NY-Forward proposal is the Village of Lima downtown area centered at the intersection of routes 5&20 and route 15A. This area includes the following streets that radiate out from this intersection. The eastern terminus is the intersection of routes 5&20 (East Main Street) and Buell Avenue. The area extends from Buell Avenue west to the intersection of routes 5&20 (West Main Street) and Genesee Street. A short distance north along Genesee Street from West Main Street to the Family Dollar entrance will also be included. The southern limit of the project area is the intersection of route 15A (Lake Avenue) and Dublin Street while the northern border is the intersection of route 15A (Rochester Street) and College Street.

### 2B. Map of Project (Project Streets Highlighted in Red)



### 2C. Justification Why Lima is Ready for NY-Forward and How it Will Promote Revitalization

The Village of Lima has been patiently waiting for an opportunity to implement the recommendations contained in our 2016 Vision Plan (see [2016 Lima Vision Plan](#)). Our Vision Plan was created in partnership with the Citizens Institute for Rural Design, the Community Design

Center of Rochester, the Village and Town of Lima, Livingston County, the Landmark Society of Western NY, and the National and Greater Rochester Associations of Realtors. The planning process included a charrette that took place over a three-day period and included input from a diverse cross section of residents.

The Vision Plan includes recommendations for all areas of the Village of Lima but this proposal will focus on the recommendations for the Village Core that was defined in sections 2A and 2B above. The plan's overall goals are to promote revitalization that enhances the historic character of our downtown, prioritizes the needs of pedestrians, promotes art and cultural programming, and attracts people to our village core. The strategies that we plan to implement to accomplish these goals include development of a Village Green, widening sidewalks, replacing utility poles with underground conduits and decorative pole lighting, enhancing the streetscapes along our gateways, ornamental plantings and trees, and enhancing our courthouse façade to compliment the historic buildings adjacent to it.

Over the past \_\_\_\_\_ years, the Livingston County Downtown Program has invested \$\_\_\_\_\_ into façade improvements for businesses, development of pocket parks, and most recently the creation of a large mural on the wall of one of our downtown restaurants. Many vacant storefronts have become occupied over the past few years but some of our existing businesses need more customers to be able to grow and stay viable. Creating an attractive public realm that attracts people to the village core is essential in fueling the upward trajectory of our downtown businesses.

Businesses will also benefit by adding revenue from second floor apartments in the core area. The Village of Lima has recently completed a \$4.6 million upgrade to the water lines in the village, installed over 6,000 feet of new sidewalks to connect adjacent neighborhoods to the downtown core, and is in the process of installing a federally funded village-wide fiber optic internet network. We have installed a level II electric vehicle charging station downtown and are in the planning stages of adding a DC Fast Charging station as well. These investments are making our core an attractive place to reside which will increase pedestrian traffic and rental income for downtown businesses.

The Village of Lima has a proven record of successfully administering grant projects. Last year we completed a \$839,000 Federal Highway Administration funded project to install new sidewalks in the Village. This year we will be completing both a \$4.6million NYS WIIA funded water improvement project and a \$3.4million NYS WIIA funded upgrade to our sewage treatment plant. We are currently in the engineering phase of an \$844,000 fiber optic project using funding from the federal Northern Border Regional Commission. Our experience in completing these projects has provided us with the expertise to effectively administer and complete grant funded projects on time and within the rules specified by the funding agencies. We know how to finance projects with both bond anticipation notes and long term municipal bonding. Our experience working in creating and executing contracts is extensive as is our knowledge of competitive bidding, women and minority participation requirements, prevailing wage rules, document retention and timely reporting to funding agencies.

The Village of Lima has earned the highest level of distinction in NYSERDA's Clean Energy Community (CEC) Program by completing projects such as converting our street to LED luminaires, installing a 2- acre solar array, constructing a 2-port Electric Vehicle Charging Station, and instituting opt-out programs for 100% renewable electrical energy supply and community solar electricity. The Village of Lima has adopted the NY-Stretch energy code which is a requirement for all work in the NY-Forward program. Our village is ready to accomplish exemplary results with the NY-Forward program as we have done with NYSERA's CEC program!

### **3: Vision Statement**

The Village of Lima is seeking to improve the public realm in our core downtown area in order to accomplish the following goals.

- a. Foster civic pride
- b. Encourage economic growth that preserves our historic character
- c. Prioritize the needs of pedestrians
- d. Promote our core as a vibrant and culturally rich district
- e. Attract people to our downtown core

### **4: Past Investment and Future Potential**

#### **4a. Public Investments**

##### **i. Livingston County Downtown Program**

Over the past \_\_\_\_ years the Livingston County Downtown Program has invested \$ \_\_\_\_ in our downtown businesses. These grants have allowed building owners and small businesses in our core downtown area to enhance facades and signage. This program has been essential in providing much needed funds for start-up businesses.

##### **ii. Lima Water Infrastructure Improvement Program**

Our \$4.6 million water infrastructure improvement program completed this year has greatly upgraded the water transmission lines, customer service connections, and fire hydrants along the entire length of route 15A in the Village of Lima. This project also included a complete refurbishing of our water tower and the installation of a water main to the Town of Avon to provide an emergency backup source of water. Replacement of over 1,000 feet of existing sidewalk with wider and more level new sidewalks was also part of this project.

##### **iii. Lima Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade**

\$3.4 million dollars have been invested in our Wastewater Treatment plant over the past two years. The upgrades included the installation of a ultraviolet disinfecting unit, replacement of trickling filter media, and repairs to our sludge digesters. This work will keep the Village of Lima in compliance with all NYS DEC regulations and provide us with the reserve capacity to allow for any expansion of flow that would result from new development in the Village.

- iv. **Lima Sidewalk Connection Program**  
Last year we completed installation of 6,000 feet of new sidewalk as part of an \$839,000 multi-year Federal Highway Administration funded project. These new sidewalks have provided essential connections between neighborhoods in the Village exterior and our downtown business district. These new conduits are providing pedestrians with safe surfaces to travel into the Village center.
- v. **Lima Electric Vehicle Charging Station**  
As part of our NYSERDA Clean Energy Community (CEC) program we installed a dual-port level II charger in our Village owned parking lot located in the Village core that is capable of delivering 7.2kW per port. We have since earned a grant of \$100,000 from NYSERDA for reaching 5,000 points in the CEC program which we plan to use for installation of a dual-port DC Fast Charging station capable of delivering at least 50kW per port. The location of this charging station will be in the Village owned parking lot located at the corner of West Main Street and Genesee Street.
- vi. **Lima Fiber Optic Internet System**  
We are in the engineering phase of an \$844,000 fiber optic internet project that will allow all buildings in the Village of Lima to connect to a fiber optic internet network that will be capable of speeds of 1Gbs. This project is funded in part by the Northern Border Regional Commission of the federal government. When completed in 2024 this new system will provide higher speed internet at a lower cost than residents are currently paying. Our core businesses that rely on fast reliable internet will benefit as will their upper floor tenants which may result in their ability to garner more revenue from their rental units.
- vii. **West Main Street Tree Planting Project**  
Using a \$35,000 private grant the Village of Lima is currently seeking proposals to install up to 75 new street trees along West Main Street. The loss of ash trees in this area has left it barren and unattractive. The addition of new trees will greatly enhance to aesthetic appeal of the western gateway to our village core.
- viii. **Town Hall Elevator Installation**  
About a year ago the Town of Lima completed a multiyear project to install a new elevator in the Town Hall. This addition now allows for full handicap accessibility to the second floor auditorium in the Town Hall. Although some public meetings and community groups now use this space, further investment is needed to upgrade the stage, lighting, and acoustics to transform this space into a fully functional performing arts venue.

**4b. Private Investments**

As recent as four years ago a traveler through Lima's downtown would have seen multiple vacant storefronts and a large vacant shopping plaza that was previously a grocery store. Our downtown today is a vibrant center of commerce with no vacant storefronts and a newly developed shopping center housing a variety store and US Post Office. The shopping center parking lot has been transformed from a pothole laden eyesore into a newly paved area with well-appointed landscaped islands.

Over the past five years the following new businesses have opened in our downtown core: Family Dollar, Vanilla Lane, Kniley Photography, Milk & Honey Café, Johnny B's Barbecue, Fritz Physical Therapy, WE Shop, and Realtee T-shirt shop. Last fall the American Hotel which is an iconic Lima institution was awarded a grant from the Landmark Society of Western NY to replace their front portico. This will create a historically appealing upgrade to the front of this building that is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Although our downtown vacancies are at a new low, we need to continue to invest in this area to make it a destination that customers will seek to do business. Failure to provide the environment for growth will undoubtedly lead to business failures and vacant buildings. Job growth will depend largely on the success of our existing businesses so continued public and private investments will be necessary. Although this proposal will focus primarily on improving the public realm in our downtown area, we are including plans for the development of new residential rental units and modernization of second floor apartments to create more residential capacity in our downtown core.

## **5: Recent and Impending Job Growth**

As described in section 4b above, the Village of Lima has been fortunate to experience an increase in demand for business space in our downtown core. The new businesses that have moved in have added dozens of new jobs. To sustain this job growth it is essential that we improve the public realm in the village center, assist small businesses directly, and provide space for new businesses and performing art events.

The gateways and public spaces in our downtown are rather unattractive which makes Lima a less desirable place for visitors to seek out as a desired destination. Adding curbing and creating a well-manicured street lawn between sidewalks and curbs is essential. Presently most of route 15A does not have curbing and the space between the sidewalk and road surface is a combination of gravel, asphalt, and bare ground. Welcome to Lima signs that are presently at the outer boundaries of the Village should be brought into the Village core to more effectively highlight our downtown area.

Our downtown is a relic of 1950 highway design in which providing the fastest pathway for vehicular traffic was the overriding design objective. The needs of pedestrians were not adequately accounted for. Correcting these past flaws would include widening and leveling sidewalks, replacing telephone poles with underground utilities, providing bump outs at our main intersection, providing a landscaped median, and installing historically attractive street lamps. Reclaiming more space for pedestrians will allow business owners to utilize this space for dining and retail activities.

Most business owners in our village core depend on revenue of their core business and the rental income from second floor apartments. Past investment from Livingston County has focused on supporting the core business aspects of our downtown. The addition of our new fiber optic internet system coupled with an improved public realm will provide an opportunity for investment in second floor rental units. The American Hotel that provides short and long term

rentals could also benefit greatly from money to enhance their rental units. The popularity of AirBnB could also be a benefit to our core business owners.

Our Vision Plan recommends making renovations to our Town Court House to make it blend in our historical overlay district. Likewise the newly painted wall mural that was created as part of the Livingston County Mural Program could provide the synergy to create an attractive and distinctively lighted open-air dining area to the south of the mural.

Lima hosts an annual Crossroads festival each August. This year there were two stages and a total of 17 bands performing over the four-day event. In addition, Fanatics Pub hosts live bands weekly in their small backroom stage. Investments in upgrading the Town Hall auditorium to make it a high quality venue for performing arts could leverage Lima's experience in hosting live bands to bring in more acts year round. A fully functional auditorium in the Village center could also be used to host dance troupes, plays, and recitals.

Adding an outdoor performing arts venue in our downtown core would be accomplished by completing construction on our previously planned Village Green (see [Village Green Report](#) ). The proposed Village Green will be located adjacent to the Lima Town Hall on the east. This space was previously a residence and automotive repair shop that fell into disrepair and was demolished over 15 years ago. The Village removed all asphalt, had the soil tested, and brought in several inches of topsoil as directed by the NYS DEC. The area is presently a well-manicured lawn that is ready for further development.

The Village Green plan calls for the installation of a bandstand adjacent to E. Main Street, attractive landscaping, and a distinctive water fountain toward the north boundary of the green. This attractive area could host many musical performances, family events, and perhaps a sought after wedding venue.

Adding additional performing arts venues and improving the public realm of our Village core are essential in transforming our core from a place to pass through into a true destination for travelers. Getting people to stop and spend time in the Village core is the primary strategy for strengthening our small businesses and providing the necessary foot traffic to allow for economic growth.

## **6: Quality of Life**

### **6a. Adding and Improving Housing Choices**

Housing choices in our designated project zone are limited to upper floor apartments along with short and long term rental rooms in the American Hotel. These living spaces generally appeal to residents of lower income due to small apartment sizes and limited amenities that allow for low rents. An important aspect of this project is to provide matching funds to downtown building owners to enhance current rental units and to add additional apartment spaces. By maximizing downtown rental space we will not only be providing essential living space but will also add to the number of people who do business in our central business district.

Nearly all downtown retail building currently have at least one second floor apartment. Several buildings such as the American Hotel and Stanley Exchange Building possess several floors that could be upgraded to provide substantially more rentable space in our downtown. The limited financial resources of these building owners make it unlikely that additional rental units would be added without substantial government assistance. Matching funds from this NY-Forward project would therefore be critical to adding new housing in our downtown.

**6b. Amenities for Enhanced Living**

There are several current features that make our downtown a desirable place to live. Rents are low and the area is served by both the Livingston and Monroe County Transit Authorities. There are a number of small shops, restaurants, and bars tightly clustered in the central core with good accessibility. Expansions to our sidewalk system provide safe pedestrian routes to reach all areas of our village including our 50 acre park which is about ½ mile from downtown. Our upgraded water system provides some of the finest municipal water in the country to residents. The system improvements also have improved the reliability of service by adding a backup source of supply and new and larger mains.

Although our downtown is a good place to live, it can be transformed into a phenomenal residential area with a few key investments. The new fiber optic internet system that the Village of Lima will be installing will provide faster speeds at lower costs than present coaxial cable service. Having this enhanced access to the internet will be a tremendous benefit to students and those who work from home.

This NY-Forward project will add several elements that will improve aesthetics, add recreational choices, and enhance pedestrian safety. Transformation of the vacant Village lot east of the Town Hall into an attractive Village Green will add a much needed park setting in our Village core. In 2017 a local steering committee worked with Pardi Partnership Architects and the Community Design Center of Rochester to create a detailed plan for the Village Green. When fully developed, the Village Green will have a bandstand for hosting concerts along with a fountain and attractive landscaping to provide a desirable place for both organized events and passive recreation.

The second floor auditorium in our Town Hall offers an incredible opportunity for creating a first class performing arts space. The space with a capacity of 165 has currently become fully handicap accessible thanks to the installation of a new elevator. Unfortunately the stage, balcony, electrical, and HVAC systems have not been modernized and are relics of the past. A historically sensitive upgrade would provide the necessary elements to put on top quality events and result in a much higher utilization of this largely dormant space.

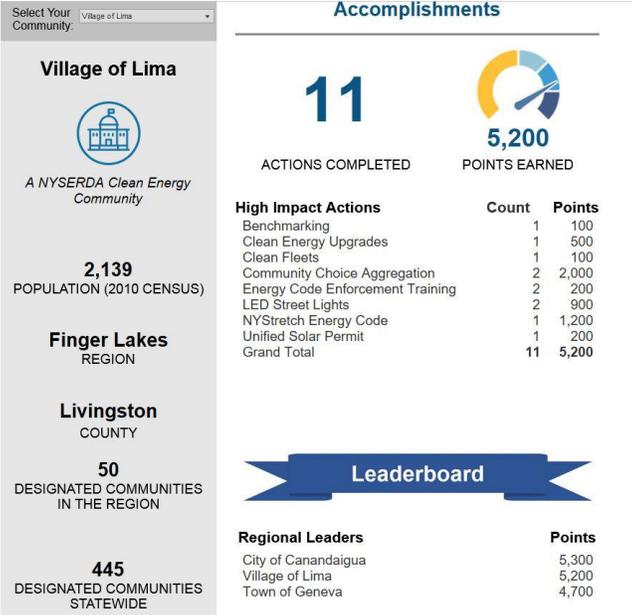
Converting the alley adjacent to our new public mural located on the east side of Rochester St. into a seasonal outdoor dining venue with brick pavers, protection from rain, and distinctive lighting will add a unique area for congregating. The mural and current pocket park in this area will provide the initial components for this space.

Sidewalks are a very significant part of the public realm in the downtown area and need several improvements to create a vibrant street life for residents. Removing telephone poles and burying utilities would not only improve the appeal of the streetscape but also reclaim significant space. Widening sidewalks and adding bump-outs at the intersection of route 5&20 and 15A would help to slow down traffic and decrease the distance that pedestrians must walk to cross this intersection. The overall goal is to provide the necessary sidewalk space and charm to spark greater use of this space for dining, outdoor shopping, and socializing. Having a lively street life is a great way to attract motorists to stop and do business in our downtown.

## 7: Supportive Public Policies

### 7a. Environmental Programs and Policies

The Village of Lima is a NYSERDA Clean Energy Community that has reached the highest achievement level in the Leadership Round of the program. Lima’s has earned 5,200 clean energy points by completing 11 high impact practices including enacting a local law that adopts the NY-Stretch Energy Code as part of our local building codes. The screen shot below summarizes the Village of Lima’s stellar performance in NYSERDA’s Clean Energy Community program.



In terms of climate smart policies, we have recently applied for two engineering planning grants this summer through the 2022 Consolidated Funding Application. The first is a Non-point Source Stormwater Management Study Project. The purpose of this study will be to identify means of decreasing flooding in the Village by slowing the rate of stormwater runoff. Once this study has been completed we plan to apply for an implementation grant that will allow us to construct remedies to flooding and decrease the runoff of pollutants into our streams that are part of the Genesee River Basin.

Our second planning grant is entitled Village of Lima Sewer Inflow and Infiltration Evaluation. In this study we will identify the sources of excessive inflow and infiltration into our sanitary sewer

system. Flow into our wastewater treatment plant increases by more than double our average flow during heavy rain events. This increased inflow greatly decreases the effectiveness of our treatment systems and results in undesirable releases of pollutants into Spring Creek. After this study has concluded we will seek funding to implement the strategies outlined in the study. Enacting these remedies will lessen the release of pollutants and allow us to provide more treatment capacity for new construction in the Village.

#### **7b. Planning and Zoning**

The Village and Town of Lima have adopted a joint Comprehensive Plan that has incorporated the following Best Practices.

- Preserve Lima's Unique Historic Character
- Maintain Rural Character by Preserving Farmland and Open Space
- Direct New Infrastructure in the Village Core to Concentrate Development and Lessen Sprawl
- Develop Gateway Concepts to Greet Visitors

The components of this NY-Forward project closely support the goals of our Comprehensive Plan by making critical investments in the Village Core to promote development there and to avoid sprawl into open space outside the Village. Improvements to our public realm will add to our unique character by replacing the very car-centric design with one more closely related to our history. For example the burying of utilities will allow us to install charming lighting posts that can double as places to hang flower baskets.

In addition to our Comprehensive Plan we also have adopted a strong Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan that was created with the assistance of the American Farmland Trust. The Town has a standing Agricultural Advisory Committee that makes policy recommendations on any proposals that may have an impact on agriculture.

Our zoning code includes the requirement that all proposals must be reviewed by our Historic Preservation Commission. This commission has provided invaluable information on how to best pursue new development and renovations that will complement the existing historic character of our Village and Town. The commission has been particularly active in our downtown core as it is designated as a Historic Overlay District in our zoning code.

### **8: Public Participation**

The primary source of public input for this NY-Forward proposal is derived from the 2016 Village of Lima Vision Plan. The Vision Plan was made possible by a grant from the Citizens Institute on Rural Design (CIRD) that was used to host a three-day planning conference in Lima that focused on enhancing the economic viability of small communities in our region using the Village of Lima as a case study. Lima was one of only four communities nationally that were selected by CIRD to host a conference.

Our local eight-person Steering Committee and twelve-person design team incorporated the input from a diverse cross section of residents, business owners, and other stakeholders. The design committee received assistance from CIRDC, the Village and Town of Lima, the County of Livingston, the Landmark Society of Western NY, the National Association of Realtors, the Greater Rochester Association of Realtors, and the Community Design Center Rochester (CDCR). The Vision Plan differs from the Village Comprehensive Plan by providing detailed visual examples of development in the Village that support the general guidelines set forth in the Comprehensive Plan.

The components of the Vision Plan included:

- Marketing Lima
- The Public Realm
- History and Culture
- Pedestrians and Multi-modal Transportation
- Environmental Issues
- Housing
- Commerce and Business

During the creation of this NY-Forward Proposal a public hearing was held on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 7pm in the Lima Town Hall. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Sentinel*, our official Village newspaper and posted on our Village of Lima website. In addition, a draft copy of this proposal was distributed widely to a variety of stakeholders in order to provide ample opportunity to review it prior to the public hearing.

**[ ADD RESULTS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING HERE ]**

## 9: Transformative Project Opportunities

### 9a. Village Green Development



This project will create a much needed natural setting in our Village core. It will serve as a venue for concerts and family events as well as a tranquil setting for passive use. The main features of the Green will be a performing arts bandstand and a water fountain. The planning of our Village Green was completed in 2017 with the assistance of Pardi Partnership Architects, Community Design Center of Rochester, and Environmental Design and Research D.P.C. The Village of Lima owns the property and the previous structures have been removed as well as all asphalt and concrete. The soil testing was overseen by the NYS DEC and was deemed safe for all use except growing food crops. The area has been capped with approximately 4" of topsoil and presently has a healthy lawn growing. This project is ready to be started immediately.

#### **Timeline:**

Month 0-3: Create final engineering drawing and bid specifications

Month 3-6: Release bid request, evaluate bids, and award contracts

Month 6-12: Complete construction

**Cost Estimate:** \$250,000

**Cost Sharing:** Village of Lima will provide in-kind services

### 9b. Town Hall Auditorium Upgrade



With an investment of approximately \$100,000, the Town of Lima has added a new elevator that makes our second floor auditorium and stage fully handicap accessible. The auditorium is unfortunately outdated and not suitable for musical or theatrical productions. By improving the acoustics, stage, and balcony, this space will be able to host events with up to 165 attendees. Fanatics Pub in the Village core presently brings in bands weekly in their very small stage in the

back of their restaurant. This space would allow for bigger musical events to be hosted in our Village core. The improved auditorium would also provide a much improved space for public meetings and hearings. This project is ready to be started immediately.

**Timeline:**

Month 0-6: Create architectural and engineering drawings

Month 3-6: Release bid request, evaluate bids, and award contracts

Month 6-15: Complete construction

**Cost Estimate:** \$150,000

**Cost Sharing:** Grants from the Genesee Valley Council on the Arts

**9c. Courthouse Façade Replacement**



The contrast between the lack of historic character of our courthouse (photo above left) becomes very obvious when compared to our charming Town Hall (photo above right) that is adjacent to it. The Lima Vision Plan strongly recommends an upgrade to the façade of the courthouse to make it blend with the historic character of our downtown core. This project is ready to be started immediately.

**Timeline:**

Month 0-6: Create architectural drawings for the façade

Month 3-6: Release bid request, evaluate bids, and award contracts

Month 6-12: Complete construction

**Cost Estimate:** \$200,000

**Cost Sharing:** None identified presently

**9d. Gateway Improvements**



The photo on the left along Genesee Street and the image on the right of Lake Avenue are representative samples of the ugly streetscape that greets visitors that enter the Village of Lima. Genesee Street serves as the western boundary of our downtown core and needs new sidewalks, curbing, and landscaping. The Village of Lima is presently seeking quotes from vendors to install a level III electric vehicle charging station in the parking lot adjacent to Genesee Street and it is imperative for us to make a good first impression on EV drivers stopping to charge in Lima.

Route 15A in the Village Core is known as Rochester Street to the north of route 5&20 and Lake Avenue south of 5&20. The lack of curbing and an attractive street lawn between the sidewalk and street provides an image of Lima that quickly dissuades visitors from stopping to dine and shop. Installing curbing and a street lawn with trees along route 15A in the Village Core is essential. Flooding issues can also be alleviated with proper drainage and a reduction of the rate of runoff from impervious services. This project is long overdue and can be started immediately.

**Timeline:**

Month 0-9: Create engineering drawings and obtain permits from NYS DOT

Month 9-12: Release bid request, evaluate bids, and award contracts

Month 12-15: Complete construction

**Cost Estimate:** \$400,000

**Cost Sharing:** Village of Lima will provide in-kind services

**9e. Bump-outs and Information Kiosk**



The enormity of the intersection of route 5&20 and 15A is shown in the photo on the left. Presently the only bump-out at this intersection is on the southeast corner which is shown in the image on the right above. An additional seven bump-outs are needed to provide shorter crossing distances along each of the four crosswalks at this intersection. Without bump-outs it is very difficult and dangerous to cross the intersection before the traffic light changes. The Vision Plan also recommends the installation of an informational kiosk on the church lawn along the northwest corner. This is an ideal location as the church lawn is where our weekly farmer’s market is held as well as our annual Crossroads Festival. This project can begin immediately.

**Timeline:**

Month 0-9: Create engineering drawings and obtain permits from NYS DOT

Month 9-12: Release bid request, evaluate bids, and award contracts

Month 12-15: Complete construction

**Cost Estimate:** \$100,000

**Cost Sharing:** Village of Lima will provide in-kind services

**9f. Landscape W. Main Street Meridian**



The wide painted meridian on West Main Street needs to be replaced with a curbed landscaped meridian. Adding a professionally landscaped element to the center of the street will not only

break-up the eyesore of this large expanse of asphalt on W. Main, but also serve as a traffic calming element. The project could get started as soon as NYS DOT approval is obtained.

**Timeline:**

Month 0-9: Create engineering drawings and obtain permits from NYS DOT

Month 9-12: Release bid request, evaluate bids, and award contracts

Month 12-15: Complete construction

**Cost Estimate:** \$150,000

**Cost Sharing:** Village of Lima will provide in-kind services

**9g. Bury Utilities and Enhance Sidewalks**



Telephone poles and utility wires dominate the streetscape in our core. Removing telephone poles and burying wires in the core area would not only improve the visual appeal but also reclaim much needed sidewalk space. The replacement of the harsh lighting from cobra street lights with historically appropriate decorative pole mounted luminaires would add a beautiful accent to our sidewalks. To optimize the utility of our sidewalks it is essential that work be done to level the sidewalks so that the long elevation transitions be removed and replaced with small steps into each building. Engineering work also needs to be done to determine if sidewalks along route 5&20 could be widened in some areas to reclaim space for pedestrians and businesses to use. The three traffic lanes and two parking lanes completely dominate the streetscape. Traffic calming would be a secondary benefit of this proposal. This project is not currently ready for implementation and will need about two years to complete.

**Timeline:**

Month 0-12: Create engineering drawings and obtain permits from NYS DOT, National Grid and other utilities

Month 12-15: Release bid request, evaluate bids, and award contracts

Month 15-24: Complete construction

**Cost Estimate:** \$500,000

**Cost Sharing:** To be determined

**9h. Outdoor Dining Alley**



The photo above of our pocket park on Rochester Street and public mural provides an incredible opportunity to create an outdoor dining venue. By removing the wall near the bench in the photo above and extending the brickwork about 50 feet would provide the footprint for a dining space that both Johnny B’s Barbecue and the Upper Deck Bar and Grill could utilize. Distinctive lighting and sturdy outdoor furniture would provide a unique outdoor space. Work needs to be done to coordinate with the two business owners so this project is currently not ready to begin immediately.

**Timeline:**

Month 0-12: Create architectural renderings and obtain agreements with business owners.

Month 12-15: Release bid request, evaluate bids, and award contracts

Month 15-18: Complete construction

**Cost Estimate:** \$50,000

**Cost Sharing:** Village of Lima and business owners

**9i. Matching Funds for Landlords**



Making our Village Core a vibrant place requires maximizing the number of residents who reside in the Village Core. Presently most apartments cater to tenants seeking low rental costs. To improve the living conditions for these residents and create additional units for a diverse

socioeconomic mix of residents, matching funds are needed for landlords. The American Hotel with two floors of residential space is an ideal candidate for adding high quality living space. Physical improvements to rental spaces along with our new affordable fiber optic internet system and our upgraded Village Core will be an attractive lure for tenants. Matching grants similar to what has been provided to business owners by Livingston County’s downtown revitalization program would serve as a model for developing this program. In the past \_\_\_\_ years Livingston County has provide \$\_\_\_ in grants to our business owners. This project is in the nascent stages of planning and is not ready for immediate implementation.

**Timeline:**

Month 0-12: Work with Livingston County Downtown Program to create a matching grant program for landlords in our Village Core.

Month 12- 18: Market the program to landlords and sign up participants

Month 18-24: Begin the matching grant program

**Cost Estimate:** \$450,000

**Cost Sharing:** Landlords and Livingston County Economic Development Agency

<b>Transformative Project Cost Summary</b>		
<b>Section</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Cost</b>
9a	Village Green Development	\$ 250,000
9b	Town Hall Auditorium Upgrade	\$ 150,000
9c	Courthouse Façade Replacement	\$ 200,000
9d	Gateway Improvements	\$ 400,000
9e	Bump-outs and Information Kiosk	\$ 100,000
9f	Landscape W. Main Street Meridian	\$ 150,000
9g	Bury Utilities and Enhance Sidewalks	\$ 500,000
9h	Outdoor Dining Alley	\$ 50,000
9i	Matching Funds for Landlords	\$ 450,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,250,000</b>

**10: Administrative Capacity**

The Village of Lima has a proven record of successfully administering grant projects. Last year we completed a \$839,000 Federal Highway Administration funded project to install new sidewalks in the Village. This year we will be completing both a \$4.6million NYS WIIA funded water improvement project and a \$3.4million NYS WIIA Funded upgrade to our sewage treatment plant. We are currently in the engineering phase of an \$844,000 fiber optic project funded by the federal Northern Border Regional Commission. Our experience in completing these projects has provided us with the expertise to effectively administer and complete grant funded projects on time and within the rules specified by the funding agencies. We know how to finance projects with both bond anticipation notes and long term municipal bonding. Our experience working in creating and executing contracts is extensive as is our knowledge of competitive bidding, women and minority participation requirements, prevailing wage rules, and careful record keeping and timely reporting to funding agencies.

Deputy Mayor John Wadach will be responsible for managing the NY-Forward Project. Over the past five years Mr. Wadach has managed grant funded projects from the NYS DEC, NYSERDA, NYS DOT and FHWA, and the Northern Border Regional Commission. He is supported by a highly dedicated and experienced team including Clerk-Treasurer Elissa Sacket who has a stellar record of assisting in the administration of our grant projects. Village attorney Matthew Lenahan brings extensive experience in municipal law to our team that ensures that all statues are properly adhered to. The MRB Group has partnered with the Village of Lima for several decades and has provided engineering and consulting services on all the above mentioned grants. Bernard P. Donegan Inc. has been the Village's financial consultant for over 30 years and has delivered expert assistance in budgeting, auditing, and financing for all our grant projects.

## **11: Letters of Support**

**Patrick Gallivan, NYS Senator**

**Marjorie Burns, NYS Assemblywomen**

**Louise Wadsworth, Livingston County Downtown Program**