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Mayor Gary Herzig Announces the Oneonta Downtown Revitalization Steering Committee

On July 19, 2016, Governor Cuomo announced his selection of the City of Oneonta as the \$10 million dollar Downtown Revitalization Award winner for the Mohawk Valley Economic Development Region. The award was based upon the city's "Authentically Oneonta" submission detailing a plan to turn Oneonta's downtown into a pedestrian friendly destination for local foods and craft beverages, entertainment, and hospitality.

A steering committee consisting of local stakeholders will work with urban planners, and staff members from the NYS Department of State, Homes and Community Renewal, and the Governor's Office. According to Mayor Herzig, "The committee members were selected to include community leaders representing a wide cross section of our City with a diversity of perspectives". The committee will be tasked with developing a final development plan by February, 2017.

The first meeting will be held in Oneonta on September 27, 2016. The time and location are to be announced. All meetings of the committee will be open to the public and opportunities for public input will be provided.

The DRI Steering Committee will be Co-chaired by Mayor Herzig and Mohawk Valley Regional Economic Development Council member Ken Meier.

Local committee members include:

Nancy Kleniewski, President of SUNY Oneonta

Margaret Drugovich, President of Hartwick College

Jeffrey Joyner, President of A.O. Fox Memorial Hospital

Daniel Maskin, CEO of Opportunities for Otsego, Planning Commissioner, Downtown Resident

Wayne Carrington, Principal Owner of bside Ballroom

Joe Ficano, Common Council Member, City of Oneonta 8th Ward

Len Carson, Board Representative, Otsego County

Kristy Lawson, Staff Operations Manager YMCA, Board Member Foothills PAC

Elizabeth Horvath, COO of Otsego Now

Jeffrey Lord, VP/Commercial Team Leader of Community Bank

Tim Masterjohn, Principal Owner of Red Caboose

Patricia Kennedy, CEO of Springbrook

Carolyn Lewis, Regional Development Manager of Bassett Healthcare

Mayor Herzig states, "This is a unique opportunity for the City of Oneonta. I am looking forward to working with the steering committee and the citizens of Oneonta in finalizing our plans for revitalizing our beautiful, historic downtown".