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Planning Grants Available for Leicester and Avon Downtown Buildings

On December 10th Livingston County Development was awarded a total of \$40,000 for Downtown Planning Studies through the Consolidated Funding Application process. The New York Main Street Technical Assistance Program will fund planning and feasibility studies in the downtown districts of Leicester and Avon. This program is made available through the NYS Office of Community Renewal and will address mixed use properties that have potential for transformation through renovation of commercial and/or residential units.

Eligible building owners will work with an architect who will assess their building and then recommend appropriate modifications and repairs. The final report could include: historic and architectural analysis, building conditions, building code analysis, material recommendations, design renderings and cost estimates.

Once the planning process is complete, these villages will be ready to apply for New York Main Street Grant funds. If awarded, these funds could provide up to 75% of the cost of renovations.

Informational meetings will be held January 5th in Avon and January 7th in Leicester at 6 pm. More information and a brief application can be found on the Livingston County Development Website. Applications to participate should be submitted by January 8th, 2016.

Last year, Caledonia and Livonia completed planning and feasibility studies for 11 downtown buildings in their downtown districts. On December 10th, those villages were awarded a combined NY Main Street Grant of \$500,000 to complete those renovations.

For more information on the New York Main Street programs in Livingston county, contact Louise Wadsworth at: wadsworth@livingstoncountydevelopment.com or call 585-243-7124.

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