

## MOVING CASTLETON-ON-HUDSON FORWARD

Building on the nearly-completed Comprehensive Plan, Castleton is applying for a “NY Forward” grant, a wonderful new program offered by New York State. We could be awarded either \$2.25 or \$4.5 million! We will be including a list of possible projects and we would like YOUR input. The projects should be *doable* and *transformational*.

**Of the following 20 ideas, tell us your TOP FIVE favorites.**

If you have a great idea not listed here, please write it on the back of this sheet.

	<b>NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT IDEA</b>	✓
A	<b>CASTLETON RIVERFRONT PLAZA:</b> At paved and grassy area called River Rest, create a multi-use outdoor space. It could include an outdoor stage for seasonal events and activities such as Farmer’s Market, complementing future Riverfront Park.	
B	<b>WELCOME AND RIVER EDUCATION CENTER:</b> Restore former train depot at the entrance to the Riverfront Park. It could feature exhibits showing historic photos, information about ice houses, importance of Hudson River, etc. Great for school field trips.	
C	<b>RIVERFRONT PARK:</b> Design and develop park to include shoring up seawall, a pavilion, boat and fishing dock, eagle watching, an ADA-compliant kayak launch and kayak rentals, picnic tables, lighting, bathrooms, a weather station, and a live River Cam.	
D	<b>COMMUNITY CENTER AT NOYES ENGINE HOUSE:</b> Rehab historic building and create a community center for all ages, including housing repair/maintenance resources, educational programs, meetings, and social events (yoga, paint night, book club).	
E	<b>SCHERMERHORN PARK:</b> Improve “Brickyard” for recreational use including a parking area, a sidewalk from Main Street, and possible activities including a skating rink, picnic areas, swimming pool, dog park, walking trails, fishing access, pavilion, etc.	
F	<b>COMMUNITY THEATER/PERFORMANCE SPACE:</b> Create flexible theater space in a historic building on Main for plays, yoga/dance classes, and live music events.	
G	<b>BANK BUILDING BREW PUB</b> (or other cool business): Launch a brew pub business in the old Bank Building. Could include rooftop/river view dining.	
H	<b>GRANTS PROGRAM FOR FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT:</b> Establish a program that would offer grants to property owners so they could revive tired-looking buildings on Main Street. Updates would weave in historic appeal and retain quaintness.	
I	<b>GRANTS PROGRAM FOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT:</b> Establish a program that would offer grants to current or potential business owners to further develop their existing businesses or launch a new business.	
J	<b>JOLLY TROLLEY:</b> Use a state-of-the-art electric vehicle to run a shuttle between Main and the rest of the Village. Provide residents with limited transportation the ability to visit the downtown area to support businesses, attend meetings and visit the library and parks.	
K	<b>STREETSCAPES:</b> Improve the look of Main Street by installing old-fashioned street lamps, brick inlaid sidewalks, benches, trees and landscaping. Relocate the power lines possibly underground or behind the buildings.	
L	<b>PEDESTRIAN SAFETY:</b> Implement a Complete Streets policy focusing on pedestrian safety, including improved sidewalks and traffic calming measures like installing “bulb-outs” at key intersections and adding more crosswalks.	
M	<b>VILLAGE HALL/LIBRARY LAWN:</b> Design and develop front lawn of Village Hall to create a useable space with a pavilion and other facilities to host events and activities for the community.	
N	<b>BRANDING &amp; MARKETING:</b> Develop a branding and marketing campaign to promote the village to tourists and potential investors.	
O	<b>SIGNAGE IMPROVEMENTS:</b> Develop signage that reflects the character, historic flavor and small town charm of Castleton. Post signs at all entrances to the Village and on key structures, places and landmarks.	
P	<b>TRAILHEAD FROM MAIN STREET TO SCHODACK ISLAND STATE PARK:</b> Create a bike and walking trail between the Village and the state park. Highlight downtown as the source of the trail with signage and creative placemaking features.	
Q	<b>GARDEN LEARNING CENTER AT THE PUMPHOUSE:</b> At the Community Garden, build out pumphouse to be a garden learning center. Redo the inside, including a potting bench, tool library and hold workshops from Master Gardeners.	
R	<b>FIREHOUSE POCKET PARK:</b> Located on Green Avenue next to firehouse, create a small park with potential recreational uses such as a pickleball court, basketball court, splash pad, adult fitness stations, skateboard park, etc.	
S	<b>BIKE SHARING:</b> To increase community wellness, install bike sharing, bike racks and supportive bike accessories (e.g., air pump) in downtown area. Borrowers can ride north on 9J, south to the Schodack Island State Park or just around the village.	
T	<b>OUTDOOR FITNESS CENTER:</b> Install an outdoor gym structure that would provide fun and exercise for teens and adults.	

