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NEW YORK STATE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE

CENTRAL ISLIP

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

11.19.18



**Downtown
Revitalization
Initiative**

Agenda

1. Welcome (6:00 – 6:15 PM)
2. DRI Overview (6:15 – 6:30 PM)
3. Small Group Breakout Sessions (6:30 – 7:30 PM)
4. Recap & Next Steps (7:30 – 7:50 PM)

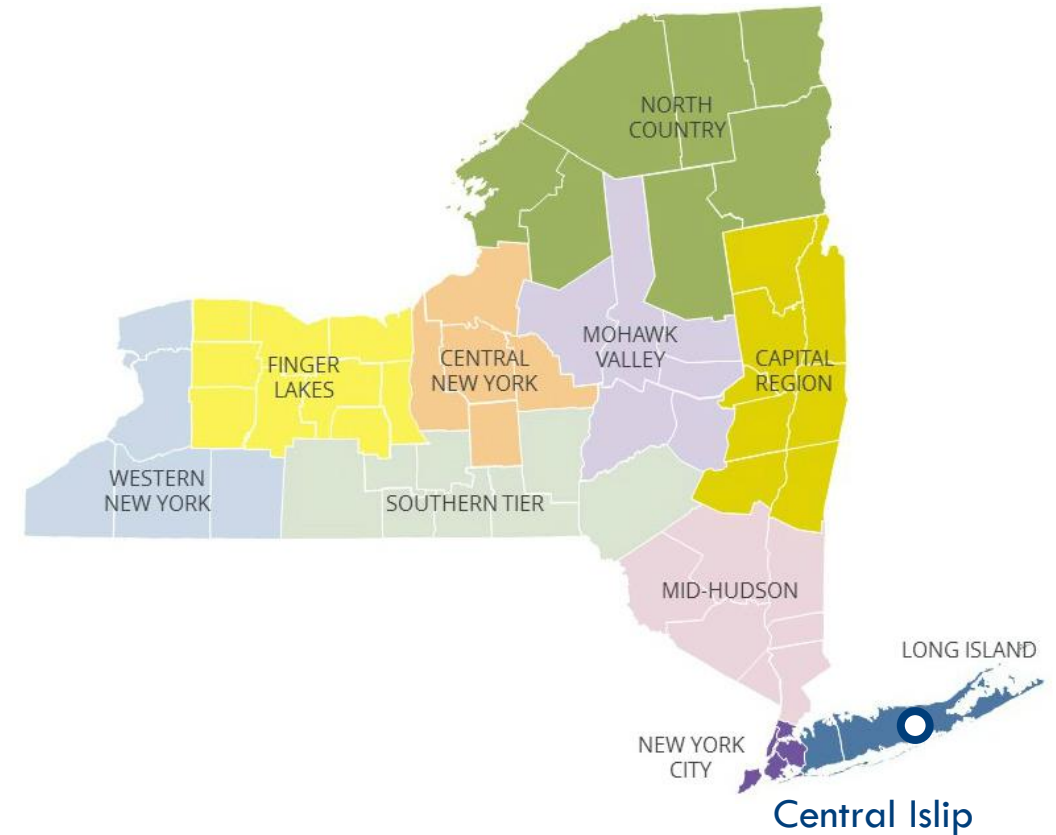


Downtown Revitalization Initiative

New York State's **Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI)** seeks to “transform communities ripe for development into **vibrant neighborhoods where the next generation of New Yorkers will want to live, work, and raise a family.**”

Selection Criteria

- Physical features that promote a livable, mixed-use downtown.
- Recent or impending job growth.
- Ability to leverage additional public and private investment.
- Commitment from local leaders.



Leveraging Past Planning and Visioning

DRI allocates **\$10 million** to support the implementation of **catalytic capital-eligible investment projects** in Central Islip and the development of a longer-term strategy that will attract additional public and private investment.



Project Leadership

LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

**Supervisor Angie Carpenter &
Belinda Pagdanganan, Co-Chairs**

Community & Civic Leaders
Business & Industry Leaders
REDC Representatives

NEW YORK STATE

NYS Department of State
NYS Homes & Community Renewal
Empire State Development

PLANNING
TEAM



Project Management, Economic Analysis
& Implementation Strategy



Planning
& Design



Community Engagement

Additional Technical Experts

Engineering
Cost Estimation

DRI Study Area



What makes a successful DRI Plan?

A clear **vision** for the downtown

Goals and strategies to accomplish the vision

A list of **catalytic projects** aligned with goals and strategies

An **action plan** with established project sponsors and a timeline

Project Eligibility

ELIGIBLE

Illustrative capital/construction project examples include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **Development of new mixed-use, residential, commercial/retail, or hotel buildings**
- **Renovation of existing buildings, such as:**
 - Ground floor improvements for new retail, office, commercial, recreational and/or cultural use
 - Adaptive reuse of historic buildings
 - Enhanced building facades
- **Development of new or expanded retail and dining establishments**
- **Creation of new or expanded arts and culture facilities**
- **Improvements to or expansion of not-for-profit venues (e.g., recreational center, child care facility)**

INELIGIBLE

Planning

Property maintenance

Staff/operating costs

Training expenses

Program expenses

Project Selection and Evaluation Guidance

Structure robust **public engagement** to source and evaluate projects.

Emphasize **capital projects** such as property development and public realm improvements.

Consider **matching grant/revolving loan funds** to support capital projects.

Favor projects that **leverage additional public and private funds**.

Develop metrics for impact on **downtown economic development** and **quality of life**.

Vision Statement

Central Islip will be a **vibrant, walkable, and transit-oriented downtown** that sustains thriving businesses, restaurants, quality housing, and recreational facilities today and into the future to **retain and attract residents, workers, businesses, and visitors** of all ages, ethnicities, and incomes.

Potential Project Categories

**Downtown
Housing**

**Streetscape
Improvements**

**Retail,
Entertainment,
Food & Beverage**

**Arts & Cultural
Centers**

**Complete
Streets**

What Else?

Open Call for Project Proposals



OPEN CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS TO THE CENTRAL ISLIP DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE

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The \$10 million grant can be used as **gap funding** for eligible capital projects that have the potential to **increase economic vitality and growth in downtown**, including projects that strengthen the Carleton Avenue corridor, enhance connections to the Central Islip LIRR station, and create opportunities for transit-oriented development.

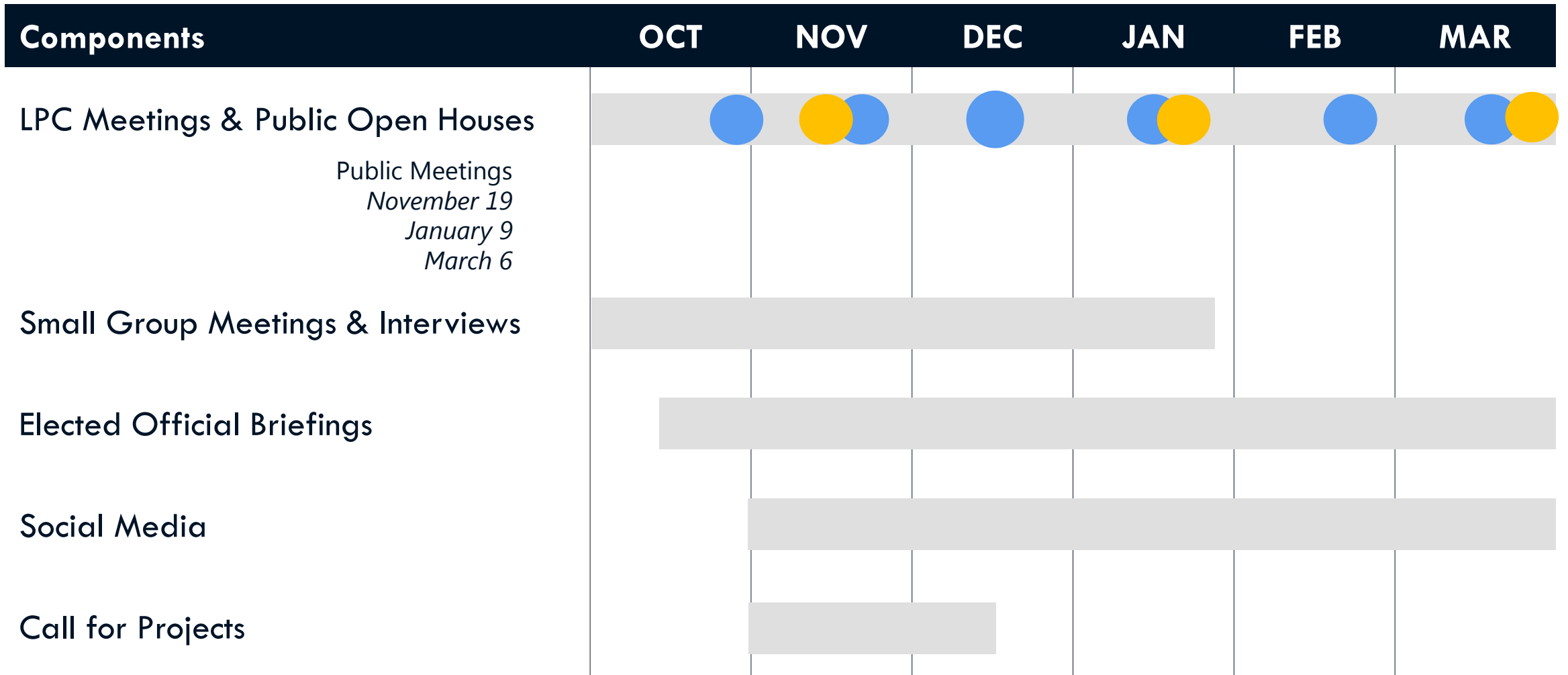
Deadline for Project Proposal Submissions

Monday, December 10, 5:00 PM

www.townofislip-ny.gov/dri

Engagement Timeline

- LPC Meetings
- Community Workshops



Have your voice heard and stay in touch.

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- Improve Central Islip's downtown as a source of economic growth, expanding current businesses, recreational uses, and housing.
- Retain and attract a diverse group of people of all ages, ethnicities, and incomes.
- Enhance quality of life for Central Islip residents.
- Ensure that growth and investment benefit everyone.



Check out the Central Islip website for updates: www.townofislip-ny.gov/dri
Or email us at: DRI@islipny.gov



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