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VILLAGE OF CATSKILL DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE (DRI) ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2025, TO COLLECT PUBLIC INPUT ON PROJECTS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION FOR DRI FUNDING

The Village of Catskill Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) Local Planning Committee (LPC) will hold its second public workshop on **Monday, September 29, 2025**, from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM at the Catskill Senior Center. The Catskill community is strongly encouraged to attend the Open House held by the LPC. Community members will have the opportunity to ask questions and review and provide direct feedback on project proposals submitted through the Catskill DRI Open Call for Projects. Participants are welcome to "drop in" and participate at their own pace at the interactive stations.

The public had its first chance to learn from project sponsors about the extensive number of proposals at the fourth LPC meeting in early September. Proposal types range from building rehabilitations and housing developments to public space improvements throughout the downtown area. Regarding the recent meeting, **Joe Wildermuth**, **LPC Co-Chair** said, "This is a significant opportunity for the public to hear from a wide range of project sponsors about how their proposed projects align with DRI program goals and vision for the revitalization of Catskill's downtown."

At the upcoming Open House on September 29, 2025, the community will have the chance to participate in interactive activities to evaluate the potential of each project to contribute to the overall vision for the transformation of the downtown Catskill DRI Area. Participants will be able to share ideas for how to make projects stronger and share any concerns they may have. **Natasha Law, LPC Co-Chair**, said, "This is a crucial moment for the entire community to participate in the Catskill DRI process. We want to hear insights and comments on the proposed projects from all voices in the Village."

CATSKILL DRI OPEN HOUSE

Monday, September 29th, 2025 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM Catskill Senior Center* 15 Academy Street Catskill, NY 12414



*Please Note: Public events that take place in-person will be held in locations that comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to ensure that people who are elderly or disabled have convenient access to meetings. For questions about accessibility or to request any physical or language accommodations, please email us at CatskillDRI@gmail.com. Advance notice will allow us to meet as many needs as possible.

More information about the Catskill DRI, public workshops, LPC meetings and other opportunities to be involved are posted on Catskill's DRI website at https://www.catskilldri.com/. This is the final public workshop before the last two LPC meetings held on October 21, 2025, and November 18, 2025. At the November 18th meeting the LPC will vote on the final slate of projects to recommend for DRI funding to the State.

Background on the Catskill DRI: The Village of Catskill was awarded \$10 million from New York State through the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) as the NYS Round 8 Capital Region winner. This investment will enable Catskill to develop a Strategic Investment Plan for the Catskill Downtown Creek District and realize key transformative projects that advance the community's vision for downtown revitalization. Projects selected through the Open Call process for DRI funding will transform downtown and support a vibrant local economy. All community members had the opportunity to sponsor project proposals that align with the DRI program goals and community aspirations identified as part of the planning process. To be eligible, a project must lead to economic revitalization through capital construction, begin within two years, and be led by a sponsor with capacity to execute the project and manage a contract with the State on a reimbursement basis.



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