

# Village of Montgomery

NY FORWARD 



## Village of Montgomery Public Workshop 1

**May 20, 2024**

Beginning Promptly at 6:10 PM



# Today's Agenda

- Welcome
- What is NY Forward?
- What is the LPC?
- Open Call for Projects
- NY Forward Boundary Map
- Montgomery NY Forward Vision
- NY Forward Timeline
- Today's Workshop





# VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY NY FORWARD

# What is NY Forward?

NY Forward launched in 2022 to invigorate and enliven downtowns in New York's smaller and rural communities — the type of downtowns found in villages, hamlets, and other small, neighborhood-scale municipal centers.

With Department of State planning and implementation support, NY Forward communities develop a Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) that includes a slate of readily implementable projects aimed at attracting more businesses, residents, and visitors, while providing a higher quality of life for all residents.

## Key Activities:

- Public engagement
- Downtown profile and assessment
- Vision, goals, and revitalization strategies
- Project identification and development
- Project implementation



# What is NY Forward?

In February 2024, the Village of Montgomery was awarded \$4.5 million as one of the Mid-Hudson region's winners of the second round of NY Forward.



# What is the Local Planning Committee (LPC)?

Montgomery NY Forward will be guided by the LPC, which consists of local and regional leaders. The LPC will meet regularly to brainstorm ideas, review planning products, discuss potential projects, and prioritize actions.

The LPC members, working with the project team inclusive of the consultants and state representative, will determine the slate of projects to be included in the Strategic Investment Plan.

## LPC Members:

- Mayor Mike Hembury
- Dr. Kris Young
- Marc Devitt
- Dr. Susan Dean
- Amy Frisbie
- Jose Hernandez
- Bob Reynolds
- Sylvie Rainaldi
- Brian Fitzpatrick

# Open Call for Projects

The Open Call for Projects is an opportunity for community members, organizations, and businesses to submit project ideas. All projects, including those submitted in the community's NY Forward application, must be submitted through the Open Call for Projects via a Project Form found on [MontgomeryNYF.com](https://MontgomeryNYF.com) to be considered by the LPC for inclusion in the SIP.

The Call for Projects will **open on Tuesday, June 11, 2024** and will **close Monday, July 15, 2024**.

## Projects Should:

- Align with State and local goals
- Demonstrate public support
- Be well-developed
- Attract other public and private investment at a scale appropriate for the community
- Result in secondary benefits
- Represent an effective and efficient use of public resources



# Open Call for Projects

## Project Requirements:

- Timing
- Project size and scale
- Project sponsors
- Financing
- Matching and leverage
- Site Control
- Reimbursement

## Eligible Projects:

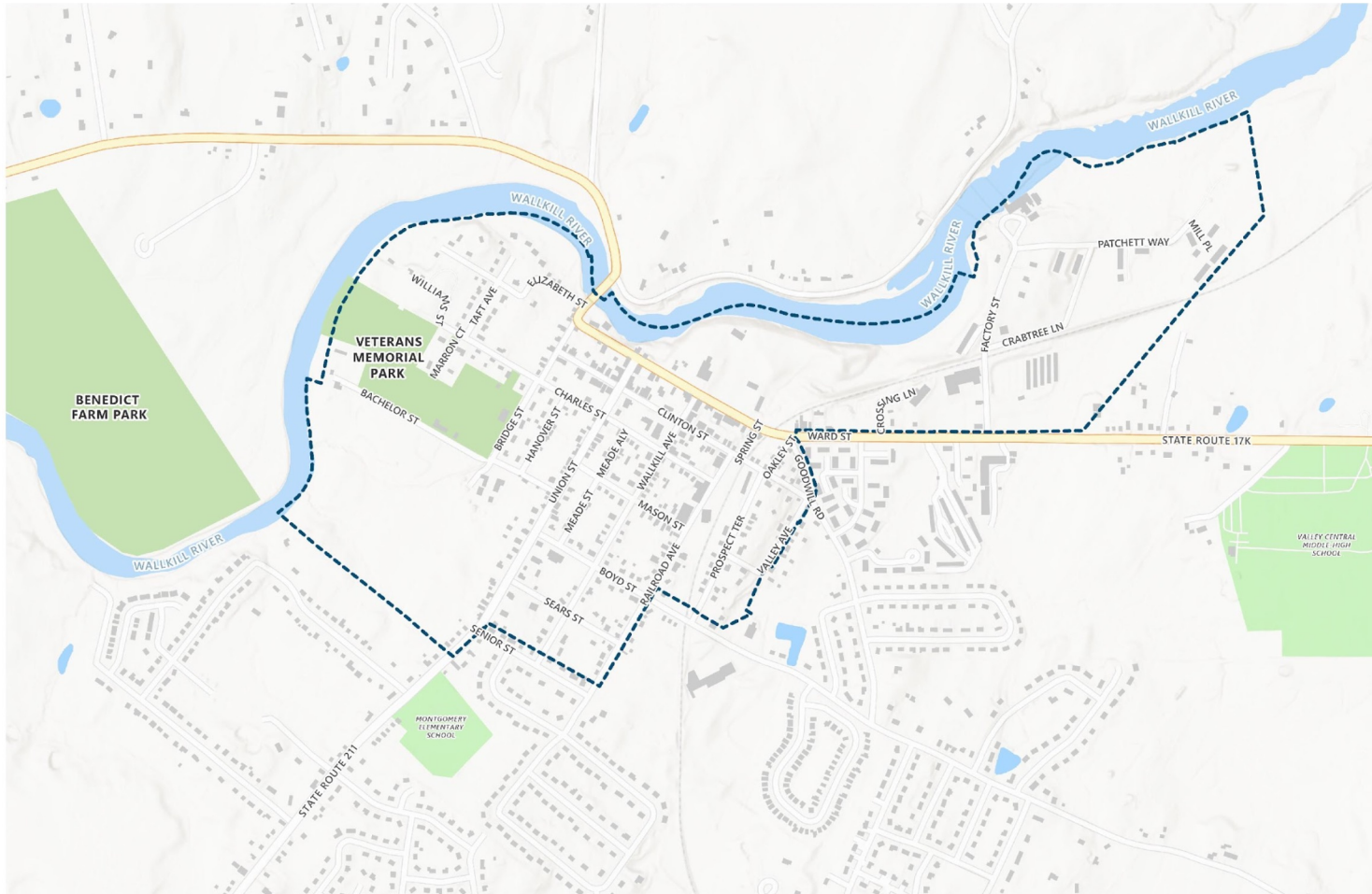
- New development and/or rehabilitation of existing downtown buildings
- Public improvement projects
- Small Project Fund
- Branding and marketing

## Ineligible Projects:

- Standalone planning activities
- Operations and maintenance
- Pre-award costs
- Property acquisition
- Training and other program expenses



# NY Forward Boundary Map



This boundary was chosen based on NY Forward guidelines to reflect a concentrated, walkable area that encompasses Montgomery's downtown core.

**Projects should be located within this boundary**

What words come to mind when you envision the future of downtown Montgomery?

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Nobody has responded yet.

Hang tight! Responses are coming in.

# Montgomery NY Forward Vision

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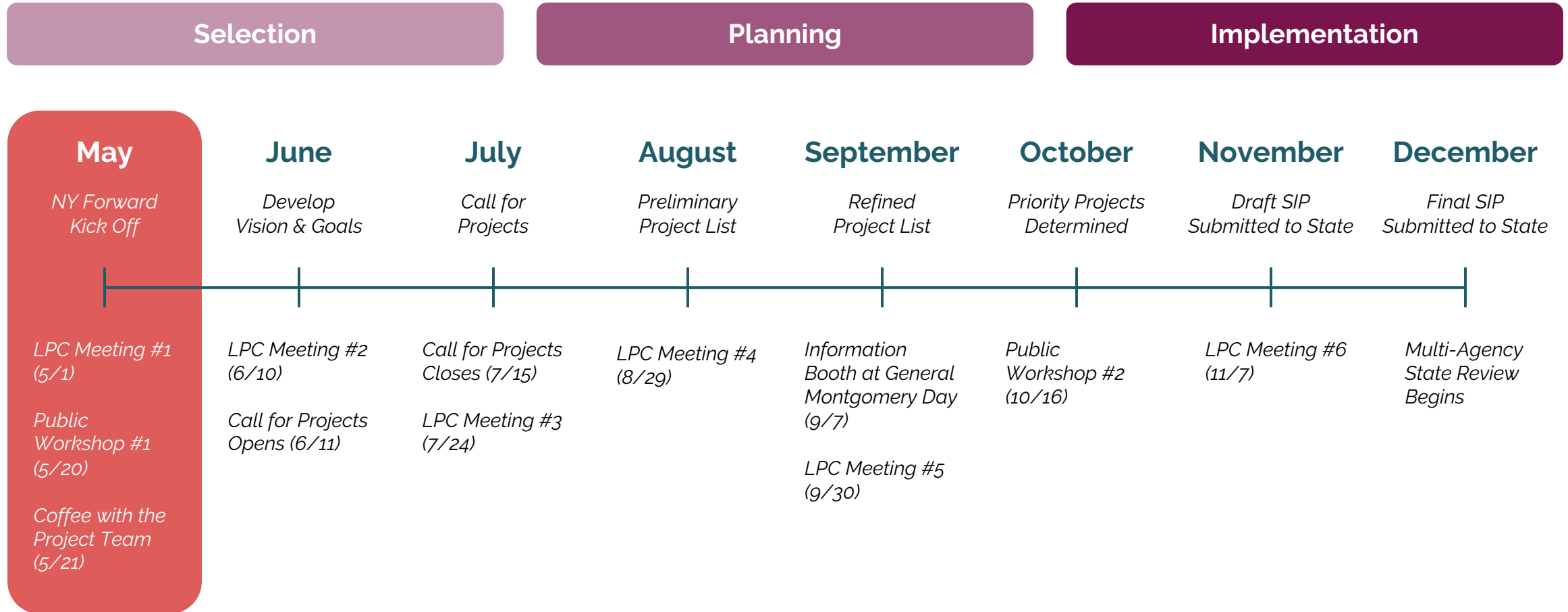
*Montgomery is a quaint historic village with a strong sense of community and a picturesque location along the Wallkill River. Our residents cherish our small-town charm and abundance of community-oriented events, as well as our beautiful period architecture.*

*Our vision for the future involves improving and better connecting our downtown parks and green spaces, making our streets and sidewalks safer and more walkable, preserving our history, and enhancing the gateways into our community. We strive to improve our Village in ways that will honor the past while making our community a better place for generations to come.*

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# NY Forward Timeline



# Today's Workshop

## Goal:

Solicit your feedback and ideas on community needs, challenges, and opportunities impacting Montgomery's revitalization including providing input to shape public projects

## Format:

Rotate between 4 stations every 10 minutes – everyone gets a chance to contribute to all stations

**Station 1:**  
NY Forward &  
Open Call for  
Projects

**Station 2:**  
Your Vision for  
Downtown  
Montgomery

**Station 3:**  
Veterans  
Memorial Park  
& Pleasure  
Ground Park

**Station 4:**  
Complete Streets  
& Creative  
Placemaking

# Workshop Rules

- All ideas are welcome
- You are welcome to contribute by speaking or by writing on sticky notes
- Once you have provided your feedback, please make room for others to share their ideas as well
- Feel free to submit further comments throughout the process via the Montgomery NY Forward website and additional meetings



**Be Mindful of Time!**

**10:00**



## *Engagement Opportunities and Important Dates*

- Additional engagement opportunities **tomorrow, Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**:
  - Coffee with the Project Team at the NY Forward Community Center (32 Union Street) **starting at 9am**
  - Interviews with local businesses
- Call for Projects will open on **Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**



