

YOUR LETTERHEAD

Date

James McKenna & Dr. Kathryn Morris, Co-Chairs
North Country Regional Economic Development Council
Empire State Development
Dulles State Office Building
Watertown, New York 13601

Dear Mr. McKenna & Dr. Morris:

Canton is looking to the future, and revitalization of our downtown is key to transforming our community. With necessary funding, immediate opportunities exist to develop and redevelop properties in our downtown area for high-quality residential and commercial uses. This vision of our downtown is supported by projects with recreational, cultural, artistic, and historical impact. A revitalized downtown will spur growth and job creation and create a vibrant and welcoming environment for residents to live, work and raise families.

EXPLAIN YOUR ORGANIZATION'S RELATIONSHIP TO DOWNTOWN CANTON and support for/interest in the DRI/NY Forward nomination.

Canton is a community recognized for its superior quality of life. However, the recent years have been challenging and the transformational change that this funding could bring would allow development to start and grow businesses, attract new residents, and grow our workforce.

Funding from the Downtown Revitalization Initiative or New York Forward program is the missing piece needed to move this vision forward. *YOUR ORGANIZATION* remains committed to being a partner to Canton in its revitalization efforts, and I would like to express our most enthusiastic support for Canton's application.

Sincerely,