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August 24, 2021

Mr. Joseph D'Onofrio, Mayor  
Village of Highland Falls  
303 Main Street  
Highland Falls, NY 10928

**Re: 2021 NYS Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) Application  
Village of Highland Falls, NY**

Dear Mayor D'Onofrio:

I am pleased to express my support for the Village of Highland Falls' application to the 2021 NYS Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) program. The 99<sup>th</sup> Assembly District recognizes that Downtown Highland Falls as the center of commerce and culture for our region is a place that is important to us and wider community of residents. We want New York State and all visitors to the Village to see and celebrate Highland Falls' rich cultural, historic, diversified, and entrepreneurial heritage.

Highland Falls' DRI application is consistent with the Highland Falls' Comprehensive Plan, and Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP), and the Mid-Hudson REDC Strategic Plan and vision to spark innovation and ignite change. Focusing on the Village's central business core would help to continue to display the strong Hudson Valley values and hard work that exist as the core within the Village and implement immediate and lasting improvement to Downtown Highland Falls.

In closing I would like to reiterate my strong support of the Village of Highland Falls' application to the New York State DRI program. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at the 99<sup>th</sup> Assembly District office at 845.469.6929.

Sincerely,

Colin J. Schmitt  
Member of Assembly  
99th Assembly District

SEAN PATRICK MALONEY  
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September 8, 2021

Mr. Thomas Scaglione  
Regional Director  
New York State Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council  
33 Airport Center Drive #201  
New Windsor, NY 12553

Dear Mr. Scaglione,

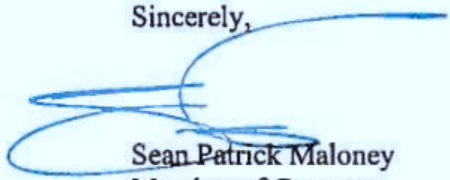
I write in support of the application submitted by the Village of Highland Falls to the NYS Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI).

As you may know, the Village of Highland Falls has long remained a center of commerce, culture, and transportation for the Hudson Valley region. With a rich history, diversified economic and cultural presence, and a strong entrepreneurial spirit, the Village of Highland Falls is uniquely situated for successful downtown revitalization project that would both build upon current strengths and set the foundation for future successes.

Award of this application will therefore support the Village's various development projects capable of spurring economic growth that is needed now more than ever for communities across the region. In addition to initializing the Waterfront Marina Project, the Village will expand its Roe Park Greenway Trails thereby invigorating accessible and available recreation space for residents and visitors alike. With expansion projects such as these, the Village has attenuated to the infrastructural needs by including lodging and parking expansion projects among its downtown revitalization efforts. The diverse and combined projects will help the Village prevent economic stagnation and strengthen regional entrepreneurial potential for years to come.

Therefore, I ask that you give your full and fair consideration to this request. Thank you in advance for your time and effort in this regard as both are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Sean Patrick Maloney  
Member of Congress

August 15, 2021

Mr. Joseph D'Onofrio, Mayor  
Village of Highland Falls  
303 Main Street  
Highland Falls, NY 10928

**Re: 2021 NYS Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) Application  
Village of Highland Falls, NY**

Dear Mayor D'Onofrio:

I am pleased to express our organization's support for the Village of Highland Falls' application to the 2021 NYS Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) program. The Historic Thayer Hotel at West Point recognizes that Downtown Highland Falls as the center of commerce and culture for our region is a place that is important to us and wider community of residents. We want New York State and all visitors to the Village to see and celebrate Highland Falls' rich cultural, historic, diversified, and entrepreneurial heritage.

The award of funding for the Village of Highland Falls' DRI application would provide critical assistance to help the Historic Thayer Hotel at West Point achieve our mission to be the world's premier destination for leadership development and unforgettable social events, while driving tourism to the Hudson Valley.

Highland Falls' DRI application is consistent with the Highland Falls' Comprehensive Plan, and Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP), and the Mid-Hudson REDC Strategic Plan and vision to spark innovation and ignite change. Focusing on the Village's central business core would help The Historic Thayer Hotel at West Point to work with the Village and implement immediate and lasting improvement to Downtown Highland Falls.

In closing I would like to reiterate The Historic Thayer Hotel at West Point's strong support of the Village of Highland Falls' application to the New York State DRI program. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 512-563-3617, [rickmm86@gmail.com](mailto:rickmm86@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

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Rick Minicozzi  
Managing General Partner  
The Historic Thayer Hotel at West Point





## Town of Highlands Historical Society

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Highland Falls, New York 10928

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Mr. Joseph D'Onofrio, Mayor  
Village of Highland Falls  
303 Main Street  
Highland Falls, NY 10928

August 25, 2021

**Re: 2021 NYS Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) Application  
Village of Highland Falls, NY**

Dear Mayor D'Onofrio:

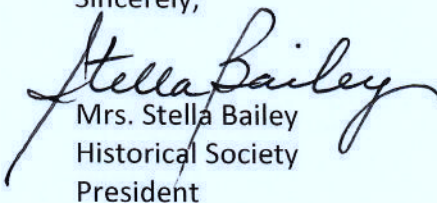
I am pleased to express our organization's support for the Village of Highland Falls' application to the 2021 NYS Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) program. The Town of Highlands Historical Society, located directly on Main Street, recognizes that Downtown Highland Falls is the center of commerce and culture for our region and is a place that is important to us and the wider community of residents. We want New York State and all visitors to the Village to see and celebrate Highland Falls' rich cultural, historic, diversified, and entrepreneurial heritage.

The award of funding for the Village of Highland Falls' DRI application would provide critical assistance to help the Historical Society continue to achieve our mission to preserve, protect and promote the Historical Heritage of this Community.

Highland Falls' DRI application is consistent with the Highland Falls' Comprehensive Plan, and Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP), and the Mid-Hudson REDC Strategic Plan and vision to spark innovation and ignite change. Focusing on the Village's central business core would help the Historical Society to work with the Village and implement immediate and lasting improvement to Downtown Highland Falls.

In closing I would like to reiterate the Historical Societies strong support of the Village of Highland Falls' application to the New York State DRI program. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 845-446-0400 or [sbailey@highlandfallsny.org](mailto:sbailey@highlandfallsny.org)

Sincerely,

  
Mrs. Stella Bailey  
Historical Society  
President



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August 31, 2021

Mr. Joseph D'Onofrio, Mayor  
Village of Highland Falls  
303 Main Street  
Highland Falls, NY 10928

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Re: 2021 NYS Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI)  
Application Village of Highland Falls, NY

Dear Mayor D'Onofrio:

I am pleased to express Hudson Highlands Land Trust, Inc.'s (HHLT) support for the Village of Highland Falls' application to the 2021 NYS Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) program.

The Hudson Highlands Land Trust protects and preserves the natural resources, rural character and scenic beauty of the Hudson Highlands. The DRI funding for the Village of Highland Falls' would give the Village the opportunity to pursue several projects that align with HHLT's mission, including expanding the Roe Park Greenway Trails

Highland Falls' DRI application is consistent with the Highland Falls' Comprehensive Plan, and Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP), and the Mid-Hudson REDC Strategic Plan and vision to spark innovation and ignite change.

In closing I would like to reiterate the HHLT's support of the Village of Highland Falls' application to the New York State DRI program. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (845) 424-3358.

Sincerely,

Katrina Shindledecker  
Executive Director

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# HIGHLAND FALLS-FORT MONTGOMERY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dr. Frank Sheboy, Superintendent of Schools

8 September 2021

Mr. Joseph D'Onofrio, Mayor  
Village of Highland Falls  
303 Main Street  
Highland Falls, NY 10928

**Re: 2021 NYS Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) Application  
Village of Highland Falls, NY**

Dear Mayor D'Onofrio:

I am writing in support of the Village of Highland Falls' application for a Mid-Hudson Downtown Revitalization Grant. As Superintendent of Schools for the Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery Central School District, I believe my support of this initiative is of significant value in consideration of the Village's proposal.

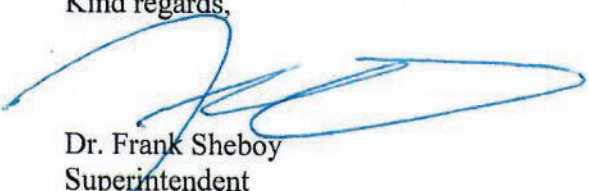
This proposal contains elements which will support the economic, as well as social and cultural development of the community. This will certainly benefit the children and the schools of the community. The proposal calls for the development of the waterfront marina, expansion of the Roe Park Greenway Trails, and additional parking on Main Street.

The Village of Highland Falls would benefit greatly from this initiative. This plan would expand job opportunities for residents as well as individuals from surrounding communities. This plan would promote the community as a positive place to visit, and more importantly, to raise one's family. This plan would support veterans and promote educational and cultural development in one of the most beautiful and historic places along the Hudson River. This plan would bolster the appearance of a downtown, which, like so many, has seen a decline over the past few decades as economic transformation changed our economic base. It would enhance the quality of life for all residents of the village, providing opportunities that other communities already enjoy.

I believe that the Village of Highland Falls Downtown Revitalization Initiative would positively impact the entire community. It would certainly go a long way in transforming the village into a vibrant community where people would want to live, work, and raise their families. Accordingly, I write in support of this application.

In closing I would like to reiterate the Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery Central School District's strong support of the Village of Highland Falls' application to the New York State DRI program. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (845) 446-9575 ext. 1300.

Kind regards,

  
Dr. Frank Sheboy  
Superintendent

September 9, 2021

Mr. Joseph D'Onofrio, Mayor  
Village of Highland Falls  
303 Main Street  
Highland Falls, NY 10928

**Re: 2021 NYS Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) Application  
Village of Highland Falls, NY**

Dear Mayor D'Onofrio:

I am pleased to express our organization's support for the Village of Highland Falls' application to the 2021 NYS Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) program. The *Garden Club of the Highlands* recognizes that Downtown Highland Falls as the center of commerce and culture for our region is a place that is important to us and wider community of residents. We want New York State and all visitors to the Village to see and celebrate Highland Falls' rich cultural, historic, diversified, and entrepreneurial heritage.

The award of funding for the Village of Highland Falls' DRI application would provide critical assistance to help the *Garden Club of the Highlands* achieve our mission to beautify our community with flowering bushes and plants, adding green space to help protect and improve the environment by providing homes for pollinators and birds.

Highland Falls' DRI application is consistent with the Highland Falls' Comprehensive Plan, and Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP), and the Mid-Hudson REDC Strategic Plan and vision to spark innovation and ignite change. Focusing on the Village's central business core would help the *Garden Club of the Highlands* to work with the Village and implement immediate and lasting improvement to Downtown Highland Falls.

In closing I would like to reiterate the *Garden Club of the Highlands* strong support of the Village of Highland Falls' application to the New York State DRI program. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 845-446-2166 or PO Box 184 Fort Montgomery NY 10922.

Sincerely,

Elaine McConnell  
President, Garden Club of the Highlands



*Bear Mountain Bakery & Café*

*307 Main Street*

*Highland Falls, NY 10928*

September 9, 2021

To Whom It May Concern,

The Village of Highland Falls is an area that has great potential to be a great economic driver in the Mid-Hudson Valley and a vibrant community for families. Located on the doorstep of West Point, Highland Falls is uniquely positioned to be able to capitalize on the hundreds of thousands of visitors to West Point, Bear Mountain State Park, and Woodbury Commons every year. It is a special area that is ripe for investment to jump to a new level for Orange County, the Hudson Valley Region, and New York State.

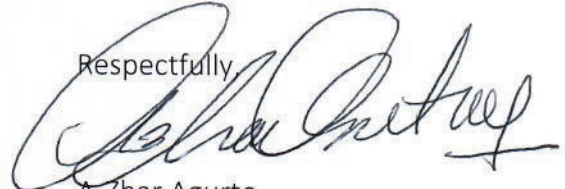
A major driver of Highland Falls tourism, The United States Military Academy at West Point (USMA), is unique in that it attracts many families from around our Country and the World. Cadets and professors are specially selected from across the country to attend and teach at USMA in what has become a national treasure. Highland Falls can grow and increase by providing a beautiful hometown atmosphere to pull Military Families involved with USMA off of the military installation and into the town, where their money will be spent on local businesses and not on large national chains that are exempt from taxation by location on the federal Military Reservation of West Point. An investment into Highland Falls would raise the bar and give these Military Families a reason to visit a beautiful destination rightly named "Hometown, U.S.A."

Due to its incredible location, Highland Falls can also provide a picturesque experience to two other very different types of visitors that frequent the area. The highly commercialized and very crowded Woodbury Common Premium Outlets draw one type of visitor, while Bear Mountain State Park draws a very different type of visitor. While visitors to either location would not necessarily visit the other on the same trip, they will overlap with interest in a pleasant, walkable, hometown experience. With Woodbury Commons less than 14 miles away and Bear Mountain State Park only 4 miles, Highland Falls is well-placed to draw in visitors from both locations that can increase the value of the experience of all local destinations. It creates a synergy that is exceedingly rare.



We see this grant as an investment for potential future growth and improvement. Highland Falls should receive this grant not only because it is an area that is in need, but because it will be a wisely spent investment that will enable the area to grow and give back to the rest of the County, Region, and State.

Respectfully

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A-Zhar Agurto

Owner

Bear Mountain Bakery & Café

# TOWN of HIGHLANDS



Bear Mountain  
Fort Montgomery  
Highland Falls  
West Point

September 13, 2021

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Mr. Joseph D'Onofrio, Mayor  
Village of Highland Falls  
303 Main Street  
Highland Falls, NY 10928

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Village of Highland Falls, NY**

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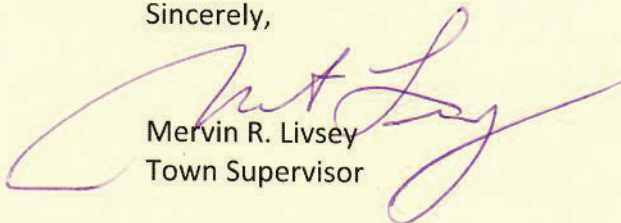
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The award of funding for the Village of Highland Falls' DRI application would provide critical assistance to help the Town of Highlands achieve our mission to better serve our residents.

Highland Falls' DRI application is consistent with the Highland Falls' Comprehensive Plan, and Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP), and the Mid-Hudson REDC Strategic Plan and vision to spark innovation and ignite change. Focusing on the Village's central business core would help the Town of Highlands to work with the Village and implement immediate and lasting improvement to Downtown Highland Falls.

In closing I would like to reiterate the Town of Highlands strong support of the Village of Highland Falls' application to the New York State DRI program. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 845-446-4280 extension 312.

Sincerely,

  
Mervin R. Livsey  
Town Supervisor





**STEVEN M. NEUHAUS**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

August 31, 2021

Thomas Scaglione, Regional Director  
Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council  
33 Airport Center Drive  
New Windsor, NY 12553

**Re: 2021 NYS Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) Application  
Village of Highland Falls, NY**

Dear Mr. Scaglione:

As County Executive of Orange County, I write in support of the Village of Highland Falls' application to the 2021 NYS Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) program. Downtown Highland Falls is a center of commerce and culture for that area of Orange County. New York State and all visitors to the Village should see and celebrate Highland Falls' rich cultural, historical and diverse heritage.

This funding for the Village of Highland Falls' DRI application would provide critical assistance to help the Village in its mission to upgrade the Downtown area and help it to become a welcoming tourist destination.

Highland Falls' DRI application is consistent with the Highland Falls' Comprehensive Plan, and Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP), as well as the Mid-Hudson REDC Strategic Plan and vision, and will spark innovation and ignite change. Focusing on the Village's central business core by implementing lasting improvements to Downtown Highland Falls would be a great start.

I strongly support of the Village of Highland Falls' application to the New York State DRI program and I encourage you to give it your consideration. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me should you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Steven M. Neuhaus  
County Executive

**CHAIR**  
INVESTIGATIONS & GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

**COMMITTEES**  
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**SENATOR**  
**JAMES SKOUFIS**  
39<sup>TH</sup> SENATORIAL DISTRICT  
STATE OF NEW YORK

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skoufis@nysenate.gov

September 10, 2021

Mayor Joseph D'Onofrio  
Village of Highland Falls  
303 Main Street  
Highland Falls, NY 10928

Dear Mayor D'Onofrio:

I write to support the Village of Highland Falls' application to the 2021 NYS Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) program.

As a center of commerce, Downtown Highland Falls is important to the Village and Mid-Hudson Region. Highland Falls wants visitors and New York State to appreciate and celebrate Highland Falls' rich cultural, historic, diversified and entrepreneurial heritage.

The Highland Falls' DRI application is consistent with its Comprehensive Plan, its Local Waterfront Revitalization Program, and the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council's goal to spark innovation. Focusing on the Village's central business core would help the Village implement immediate and lasting improvement to Downtown Highland Falls.

I support the Village of Highland Falls and hope you will look favorably on its application. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James Skoufis".

James Skoufis  
Senator, 39<sup>th</sup> District