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Mayor Lee Kyriacou
Councilmember George Mansfield, At Large
Councilmember Paloma Wake, At Large
Councilmember Molly Rhodes, Ward 1
Councilmember Justice McCray, Ward 2
Councilmember Wren Longno, Ward 3
Councilmember Dan Aymar-Blair, Ward 4
City Administrator Chris White

April 18, 2022
7:00 PM
City Council Agenda

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Community Segment

Screening of the Beacon Compost Drop Site Video

Community Investment Program Applications and Recommendations

Public Comment

Notice of Meeting Location - April 18, 2022

Reports: Mayor, City Council, and City Administrator

1. Proclamation of April as Autism Awareness Month
2. Proclamation of April 29, 2022 as Arbor Day

Local Laws and Resolutions

1. Resolution No. 62 - Appointing Richard Figueroa to the Position of Heavy Motor Equipment Operator
2. Resolution No. 63 - Approving the Appointment of Kate Stryker to the Tree Advisory Committee
3. Resolution No. 64 - Setting a Public Hearing to Amend Chapter 5, Section 20 of the Code of the City of Beacon to Amend Ward Boundaries
4. Resolution No. 65 - Resolution Supporting the Proposed New York State Build Public Renewables Act
5. Resolution No. 66 - Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute an Agreement with Architecture, Engineering, and Land Surveying Northeast, PLLC for Development of a Lake Management Plan for the City of Beacon Drinking Water Reservoirs

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of Minutes - April 4, 2022

2nd Opportunity for Public Comments

Adjournment

City of Beacon City Council Agenda
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Screening of the Beacon Compost Drop Site Video

ATTACHMENTS

Beacon Compost Drop Off Flyer

Beacon Composts

Free organic waste drop-off is now available to all Beacon residents!

Want to help reduce climate change? Participate in Beacon's compost program where you can drop off your food waste for free at three locations. Composting is a great way to reduce the waste burned at the county incinerator!

Drop off your organic waste including all food scraps, meat, dairy, bones, uncoated paper, BPI certified dishware and cutlery, paper towels, toilet paper rolls and more!

Questions?

Head to https://tinyurl.com/BeaconCompost or scan the QR code to learn more!

City of Beacon City Council Agenda
04/18/2022

Title:

Community Investment Program Applications and Recommendations

ATTACHMENTS

2022 Community Investment Program - Summary

2022 Community Investment Program - Recommended Funding

2022 Community Investment Program - Additional Applicants

Memo

To: Chris White, City Administrator
From: Mark Price
CC: Benjamin Swanson
Date: April 13, 2022
Re: Community Investment Program Applicants

Following is a summary of the 2022 Community Investment Program applicants. I have also included their original applications. I have reviewed all applications for completeness and content. There are some very good proposals.

Ultimately, I know the decision to which applicant is funded lies in the hands of the Beacon City Council. In review of all of the applications, I have selected four applicants that I would recommend an award of funding to in 2022. This recommendation, I believe, allows for a diversity of funding across several categories, including, Youth, Health, Education, and Recreation.

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Mark Price

Recreation Director

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Recreation Department Recommended Funding

Applicant	*Category*	*Purpose*	*Spending Summary*	*Amount Requested*	*Recommended funding*
Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County	Youth	Positive Youth Development Program	Youth wages, Staff wages, environmentally friendly vehicle	$10,000.00	$8000
NAMI Mid-Hudson	Health	Mental Wellness Programming	Staffing, materials	$5,000	$4500
The Foundation for Beacon Schools, Inc.	Education	Past, Present and Future: Beacon's Youth Create Films on Local History	Learning supplies, camera equipment, film licenses fees, professional stipends, recording equiptment, and web hosting	$6,500	$5000
Beacon Youth Football	Recreation	Startup Capital for Youth Football League	Insurance, scholarship fund, flooring, computer, printer, refrigerator, freezer, blocking sled	$6000	$2500

Additional Applicants

Applicant	*Category*	*Purpose*	*Spending Summary*	*Amount Requested*	*Recommended funding*
Banana Bag and Bodice - Beacon Spring Celebration of Light	Community	Community Festival	Lantern materials, Lantern artist, Graphic designer, Musicians deposits	$2000	0
Beacon Junior Baseball	Youth	Renovate the batting cages that currently stand and to install pitching practice locale	Materials and supplies to upgrade current facilities	$8,000	0
Common Ground Farm	Health	Food Security	5'x8' trailer, Materials to insulate the trailer, A truck bed cover, A sturdy cart for transporting food, Vegetable bins.	$5,626	0
Fareground	Health	To strengthen and enhance its food access activities in Beacon	Staffing, supplies, materials	$10,000.	0
Howland Cultural Center	Community	The "Howland 150" anniversary exhibition	Exhibition printing and promotional materials	$6835	0
I Am Beacon	Youth	Youth enrichment programs	staffing programs, including a Program Director/Main Staffer and Student Support Instructors for our courses.	$10,000	0

Recreation Department Recommended Funding

- Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County
- NAMI Mid-Hudson
- The Foundation for Beacon Schools, Inc.
- Beacon Youth Football

2022 Community Investment Application
City of Beacon Proposal # 2022-003

Applicant Information

Name of Organization: ***Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County***	
Address: ***2715 Route 44, Millbrook, NY 12545***	Email: ***jr8252cornell.edu***
Phone: ***845-677-8223***	EIN/ Tax ID: [redacted]
If using, Name of Fiscal Sponsor: ***n/a***	
Address:	Email:
Phone:	EIN/ Tax ID:
Designated contact: ***Jane Rodd - 4-H Green Teen Program Leader***	
Address: [redacted]	Email: ***jr825@cornell.edu***
Phone: [redacted]	Cell: [redacted]

Proposal Information

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2. Tell us about the history of your organization.
3. Tell us about your current programs and activities.
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Cornell Cooperative Extension | Dutchess County

Request For Proposal: City of Beacon Community Investment Application
for
Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County (CCEDC)
Green Teen Workforce Development Program (GT)
based at
Beacon Recreation Center, 23 West Center Street, Beacon, NY

1. Please provide your organization mission statement.

Green Teen is a 4-H (Positive Youth Development) program of CCEDC. The mission of CCEDC is to put "knowledge to work in pursuit of economic vitality, ecological sustainability, and social well-being. We bring local experience and research-based solutions together, helping New York State families and communities thrive in our rapidly changing world".

The GT program has its own mission within that of CCEDC. "The Green Teen program empowers urban youth to be effective community change-agents by immersing them in the local food system. This youth development program teaches life and work skills through hands-on experiences in farming and gardening, health and nutrition, entrepreneurship, and leadership". http://ccedutchess.org/youth-4-h/green-teen-community-gardening

2. Tell us about the history of your organization.

Since 1913, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County (CCEDC) has responded to the needs of local residents with unbiased, research-based information, tools and education that people have come to depend on and trust. Our programs are developed in direct response to community input and are based on the most current information available from Cornell and other Land Grant universities from across the nation. Extension staff and trained volunteers deliver education programs, conduct applied research, and encourage community collaborations. Our educators connect people with the information they need on topics such as commercial and consumer agriculture; nutrition and health; youth and families; finances; energy efficiency; economic and community development; and sustainable natural resources. Our ability to match university resources with community needs helps us play a vital role in the lives of individuals, families, businesses, and communities throughout Dutchess County.

CCEDC is a subordinate governmental agency with an educational mission that operates under a form of organization and administration approved by Cornell University as agent for the State of New York. It is tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The association is part of the national cooperative extension system, an educational partnership between County, State, and Federal governments. CCEDC is governed by an elected Board of Directors with general oversight from Cornell. All associations work to meet the needs of the counties in which they are located as well as state and national goals.

We have an extensive system for getting input from diverse interests in the community. CCE is an educator and employer recognized for valuing AA/EEO, Protected Veterans, and Individuals with Disabilities, and provides equal program and employment opportunities.

Dutchess County 4-H is a collection of programs of which GT is one. 4-H provides youth, ages 5-19, with the mentoring and support to grow and thrive regardless of their background, interests and abilities. Supported by the national 4-H organization and Cornell University all our programs utilize Positive Youth Development strategies. These center on engaging young people in topics that interest them, empowering them to make their own decisions, and providing challenging opportunities, resulting in youth who demonstrate Confidence, Competence, Caring, Character, and Connection. These' Life and Leadership Skills' are the foundation which enable 4-H youth to: succeed as individuals, support their families, strengthen their communities, and make a difference to our world.

3. Tell us about your current programs and activities.

Through 4-H, CCEDC runs numerous programs, including:

- The GT program, in its' 18th year, which has successfully provided over 350 teens with intensive workforce development training as authentic employees of CCEDC.
- Numerous short programs in conjunction with Beacon City schools providing science-based learning from elementary through high school.
- A year-round Club-based program where over 350 youth participate annually under the mentorship of trained volunteers to learn life skills and vocational competences.
- A mentoring program designed specifically to provide opportunities for 21 youth with special needs to participate in farm-based education.
- Three after-school programs in elementary schools in the Northeast of the county serving a high proportion of youth from immigrant and low-income families.
- Summer programs for all ages and all backgrounds tailored to population needs.
- During the NYS Agriculture In The Classroom Ag. Literacy Week, 4-H staff and volunteers provide an insight into the food system for over 2000 1st-3rd graders annually.

4. Please describe a few top accomplishments of your organization within the last three years.

Described below are some Green Teen program accomplishments from 2020-21.

Youth Benefits from Green Teen Participation During Covid

Green Teen was one of only a handful of youth programs that did not lose momentum during the 2020 21 COVID Pandemic. In fact, we exceeded outcomes in a number of ways. Staff pivoted to put safe-working protocols in place and reschedule working sessions for enrolled youth so they could work mainly outside, in small groups with PPE. Education was conducted virtually. And the program went ahead.

We exceeded our outcome of providing workforce development for 21 youth – instead we served 24. But it was not the vocational skills that were the major gain. It was the positive impacts on the physical and mental health of the youth. At a time where school was 100% virtual and there were no extra-curricula activities such as sports or clubs, we provided them with opportunities to get off their devices, go outside, engage in meaningful activities, and help others. They received mentoring from trained, caring staff and the chance to interact face-to-

face (albeit outside, in masks from a distance) with peers. They were no longer trapped and isolated. They continued to practice social-emotional behaviors such as teamwork ans collaboration and gained a heightened sense of self through helping their community.

Food for Our Community in a Time of Great Need

Green Teens grow food! Pre-COVID, this food was sold via our Green Teen Mobile Market. Prices were low but the income helped sustain the program, as well as being an exercise in commerce from the youth. With so many suffering hardship during the pandemic, it just did not feel right to sell food. So, the Mobile Farmers Market was transitioned into the Green Teen Free Farm Stand. In 2020-21, approximately 2500lb of food was given to those in need. Staff also worked to help with food distribution at other locations, and to help with the pop-up food shelves around the City.

Green Teen Impacts lives

The story featured here, A Student Returns as Teacher | The Highlands Current (published March 7, 2022), illustrates just how impactful the Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County Green Teen program really is. A program that helps an at-risk youth build the skills and qualifications they need to graduate high school, gain associates and bachelor's degrees, secure a job, then climb the career ladder to become the Program Manager of the program they entered as a freshman in high school, has achieved its' mission! Samantha Brittain was appointed as Green Teen Program Manager at the start of 2022. She succeeds her mentor, Helanna Bratman.

Under Sam's direction there are plans to continue and grow the program. The idea of a volunteer program described above was her brainchild. Youth will continue to participate in activities including workshops in topics ranging from financial literacy to food justice, and will be adding micro-credentials such as first aid/CPR and suicide awareness training to their resumes. Though Sam's story is the ultimate in demonstrating how impactful Green Teen is, it is not the only example. Several Green Teen assistants and educators have been employed by CCEDC post-completion of the program, and many others (whom we have stayed connected with) have gone on to a range of careers, citing skills learned in Green Teen as being key to their success.

5. Provide a brief description of the proposal.

Green Teen is primarily a workforce development program. Life skills and behaviors learned by youth in the program are transferable to success in high school, college, and careers. In 2022, we are seeking to broaden the range of experiences youth benefit from, and the number of youth who benefit. Growing food for the community will remain a core vocational activity. We seek to expand on this to introduce other components such as environmental studies through topics such as learning about pollinators and how to provide and maintain habitat for these creatures who are so critical to our food chain. A vehicle is essential to GT activities. The iconic Green Teen bus provides the means to transport youth and equipment between gardens, to work with our partner organizations such as maintain the pollinator gardens, to visit colleges for career guidance and other invaluable educational activities. Our ultimate goal is to replace the current bus (which is very old, and not environmentally friendly). Part of this proposal is to keep the current bus functional and help purchase a new one, dependent on funds and availability.

6. Describe the purpose and key anticipated outcomes.

There are three planned outcomes to this specific proposal:

1) To expand the workforce development program by providing youth the opportunity to work additional hours: for example, tending pollinator gardens in Beacon in collaboration with the City and studying the wider implications of pollinator decline.
2) To pilot a volunteer program, where youth can support their community, working in the pollinator and vegetable gardens, and doing service-based activities while learning.
3) To help maintain the existing Green Teen bus and/or partially fund the purchase of a replacement vehicle.

This proposal will support and enrich the experiences of youths in the GT program. Through the volunteer program, it will increase the number of youths we reach by over 50%. Overarching program outcomes are that youth in the program will:

- Increase their knowledge of gardening, marketing, the food system, and related environmental issues, and develop skills relevant to industry;
- Develop employment skills, behaviors and attitudes required for successful college participation and employment; youth will develop an understanding of labor laws and expectations;
- Develop life and leadership skills such as social skills, communication skills, financial literacy, decision making, and problem solving; and
- Take a leadership role to enhance the skills developed in their initial participation in the GT program and expand and develop their work skills and experience through new environments and opportunities such as this proposal provides.

7. Identify individuals or communities served.

The population served by GT is youth from the City of Beacon, the majority of whom have experienced or exhibit significant risk factors such as lack of parental supervision, academic problems, poverty, peer rejection, teen pregnancy and child abuse or neglect. These factors, unless mitigated by a positive experience, such as a mentorship program like GT, are linked to issues such as high school dropout, substance abuse, and risk-taking behaviors. https://youth.gov/youth-topics/risk-and-protective-factors

Youth in the GT workforce development program will be aged 14-19 and eligible for working papers. Youth in the volunteer program will be middle or high school aged and from a variety of backgrounds.

Further communities served by GT are:

- Low-income individuals and families who source free vegetables and fruit through the GT Free Farm Stand each week (over 1200lb per year);
- Employers who gain trained employees with transferable skills and behaviors;
- City of Beacon school children who benefit from short, science-based programs delivered in schools;
- Volunteers in the new program who will 'learn by doing', and accrue hours towards honor roll, etc.; and
- The Beacon (and wider) community who will benefit from the gardens and the positive environmental impact of the gardens GT tends.

8. Note the amount of funding requested.

$10,000.00

9. Provide an overview of how funds will be spent.

Funds will be spent as follows:

- Youth wages over and above what is currently available specifically to tend the pollinators gardens.
- Staff wages to establish the volunteer program to serve an additional 16 youth.
- To partly pay for the purchase of an environmentally friendly vehicle, or to maintain the existing vehicle if a replacement cannot be purchased this year.
- Other expenses directly related to the above activities.

10. Identify the proposed proposal timeline.

CCEDC funding runs on a calendar year. Funds from the City of Beacon will be used between the date a contract is executed and December 31, 2022.

May	Complete feasibility study and either repair existing bus and/or source replacement bus based on funds and availability.
June	Interview and hire summer GT crew – approximately 12-14 youth
July	Orientation and begin work taking on regular maintenance and development of the pollinator gardens in the City, as well as all usual GT gardening and educational activities.
September	Summer GT crew completes program. Interview and hire fall crew – 8 youth.
September	Recruit volunteers for new pilot program.
October	Fall crew begin work taking on regular maintenance and development of the pollinator gardens in the City, as well as all usual GT gardening and educational activities.
October	Volunteer program starts – up to 16 youth. Activities to include seed saving from pollinator gardens, and community work such as clean-up days and assisting with food pantries.
December	Regular GT program finishes. Volunteer and short programs continue.

11. Please list any partners in this proposal, the partner's role and your relationship.

To implement this proposal does not require formal partnerships, contracts or MOUs. However, without in-kind support from other community organizations, GT would be less effective.

- City of Beacon Recreation Department – In collaboration with Mark Price and his staff, opportunities for the teens become available, such as first aid/CPR training, and where GT can assist with care of the pollinator gardens.
- Common Ground Farm – A long standing partnership, which is mutually beneficial in several ways, for example, GT youth help staff the Beacon Farmers Market where the youth gain financial literacy and communication skills, Common Ground Farm provide

excess produce which GT distributes through the Free Farm Stand, and GT youth work for Common Ground at no cost to them in summer to gain leadership experience.
- GT partners with numerous local organizations such as One Nature, Land to Learn, and Fareground to better serve the community.

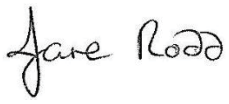
12. Please describe your plan for sustainability of the project or initiative after the grant award has been exhausted.

Green Teen has several funders who have supported the program for many years. The County of Dutchess partially funds GT. The core program attracts donations from private individuals and foundations. Expansion of the program and one-off purchases such as a new vehicle are not currently funded. Our hope is that funds from the City of Beacon will make it possible to achieve these outcomes:

- Pollinator Gardens – The first year requires the greatest input as gardens are planned, created and established. With ongoing funding, this process can be continued, but if no additional funding is available gardens can be maintained ongoing once established by core GT participants.
- Vehicle – Once purchased, there is enough finding in the current operating budget to maintain it. This will be sustainable for at least 5 years.
- Volunteer program – As a youth leadership program, the goal is to pilot it as a staff-led program then gradually transition to letting the youth take more leadership, thus reducing staff costs. Donations will also support this program, and youth can fundraise.

Backed by CCEDC, the 4-H Program Leader allocates a significant proportion of time to identifying and securing funding sources and managing the program finances. In over 17 years, Green Teen has never failed to meet or exceed promised outcomes.

Your consideration of this request is sincerely appreciated.



Jane Rodd
4-H Program Leader
Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County

City of Beacon Community Investment Program

The City of Beacon is inviting Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for funding assistance to not-for-profit and community-based organizations for projects or initiatives which enhance the City's quality of place and/ or address critical community needs. The Community Investment Program was created by an allocation of $20,000 in total by the City Council, as part of the 2022 City of Beacon Operating Budget. As such, funding may only be used for programs or initiatives in 2022. Funding administration will be by the City's Recreation Department, with the selection of funding being awarded by the City Council. All applicants are encouraged to seek a consultation with the Recreation Director in advance of preparing their application with any questions.

- Potential grant awards from $ 1,000 to $10,000.
- Applications open: March 7, 2022.
- Applications for the 2022 program are due: April 1, 2022 @ 12:00 noon.
- All grants approved will be subject to prevailing public health advisories and practice.

Purpose of the Community Investment Program

- To improve the well-being and quality of life of the community and its residents, through financial assistance to not-for-profit and community-based organizations which provide programs and services to youth and residents in the arts, culture, heritage, recreation, environment, health, public safety, and other human services.
- To promote the self-sufficiency and effectiveness of not-for-profit and community-based organizations and programs by encouraging those in receipt of funding from this Community Investment Program to become self-supporting.

Eligibility and Requirements

- Tax-exempt status, i.e., 501(c)(3) or equivalent, as defined by the Internal Revenue Code. Community organizations without tax-exempt status must provide proof of a fiscal sponsor.
- Objectives must be clearly defined and realistically accomplished.
- Only one request per applicant will be considered in a given fiscal year.
- School boards, for-profit businesses, individuals, or political entities are not eligible.
- Funds are to be used within the fiscal year during which the organization is awarded. You must also submit documentation that the funds were used for the specific purpose for which the grant was approved. This documentation is due by December 31, 2022.
- Programs and services must directly benefit the residents of the City of Beacon and cannot take place outside of the City of Beacon.
- Funding cannot be used for fundraising activities or to cover operating deficits or payables.

2022 Community Investment Application
City of Beacon Proposal # 2022-003

Applicant Information

Name of Organization: ***NAMI Mid-Hudson***	
Address: ***P.O. Box 787 Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12602***	Email: ***contact@namimidhudson.org***
Phone: ***845-206-9892***	EIN/ Tax ID: [redacted]
If using, Name of Fiscal Sponsor:	
Address:	Email:
Phone:	EIN/ Tax ID:
Designated contact: ***George Czornyj (Executive Director)***	
Address: [redacted]	Email: [redacted]
Phone:	Cell: [redacted]

Proposal Information

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NAMI Mid-Hudson
National Alliance on Mental Illness

Beacon Community Investment Program for 2022

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1. Organization mission statement

Who We Are
NAMI Mid-Hudson is the local 501(c)(3) affiliate of NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness. It is the nation's largest grass-roots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for millions of Americans living with a mental health condition and their loved ones.

Mission
To provide evidence based education, support and advocacy for individuals living with mental health conditions/challenges and their families.

Our Vision
That individuals with a mental health condition and their families have the right information, tools, quick access to services and a strong support network to maximize quicker recovery outcomes.

What We Do
We educate the public about mental health and increase mental health literacy in our community. We offer resources and support to all whose lives are touched by a mental health condition. We advocate at every level to ensure the rights and dignity of those with a mental health condition. We advocate to offer hope to those families/caregivers and individuals living with a mental illness and we work to eradicate the stigma surrounding mental illness. And we work to promote research in the science and treatment of mental illnesses and to preserve mental wellness in our community.

NAMI-Mid-Hudson is active in our community by collaboratively working with other organizations, local businesses, and schools to educate the public and de-stigmatize mental illness.

We **s**erve the people of Dutchess and Ulster Counties in NY to:
1. **Advocate** for and support individuals with mental illnesses, family members and their loved ones.
2. **Eradicate** stigma.
3. **Support** research, causes and treatment; and access to services regarding mental illness.
4. **Educate** the public about mental illnesses.
5. **Work** to improve public and private support systems for individuals with mental illnesses.
6. **Promote and Teach** NAMI **Free** Educational Classes.

2. History of NAMI Mid-Hudson

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- *NAMI Mid-Hudson was Founded in 1981*
- *NAMI is a peer run group*
- *Governed by NAMI National By Laws*
- *NAMI Executive Committee (President, Treasurer & Secretary)*
  - *Board of Directors – 8*
  - *Staff (4 paid)*
- *Volunteers who teach classes, facilitate support groups and volunteer for wellness events*
- *Active NAMI Mid-Hudson Members → 150*
- *Serving thousands of families in Dutchess and Ulster Counties*

NAMI was formed in 1977, when Harriet Shetler and Beverly Young, two mothers, each with a son with schizophrenia, met over lunch to discuss the similar challenges they shared raising a child with a serious mental illness. At a second lunch, the women, both active in civic and charitable activities, decided to assemble people with similar concerns.

Beverly Young

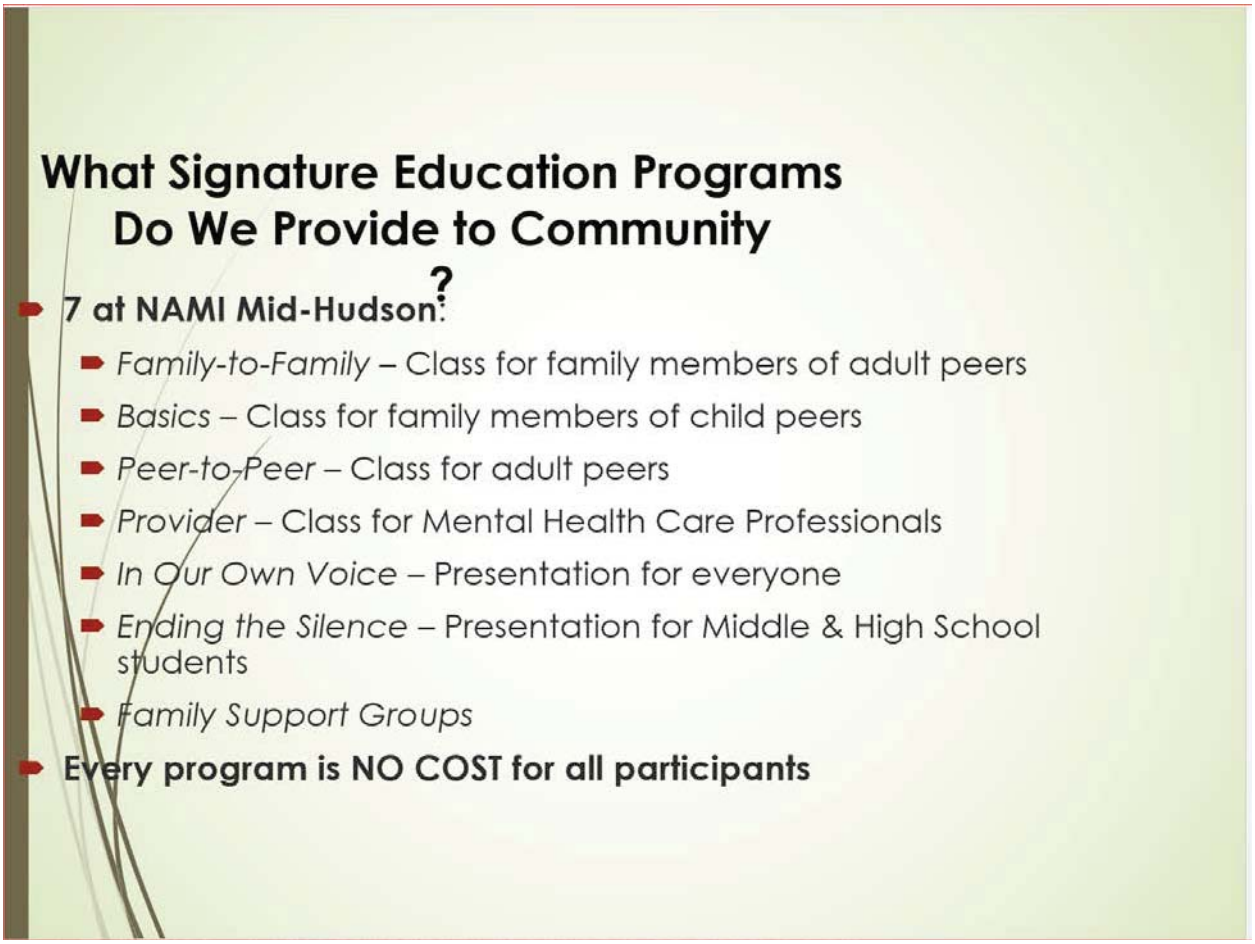
Harriet Shetler

In April of 1977 13 people met at a nightclub in Madison. Mrs. Shetler suggested a name, Alliance for the Mentally Ill, partly because its acronym, AMI, meant “friend” in French. Within six months, 75 people had joined.

The dissatisfaction with treatment of loved ones living with mental illness, the stigma surrounding mental illness and lack of support and education is what brought 284 persons who came to Madison from 59 different groups located in 29 states and Canada to start this NAMI Alliance in Sept., 1979 and it was Incorporated in the Spring of 1980 as NAMI.

3. NAMI Mid-Hudson Current programs and Activities.

The mental health programs that NAMI Mid-Hudson delivers to our community to families and individuals with a mental health condition are shown below.



NAMI Mid-Hudson
National Alliance on Mental Illness
Signature Programs, Support Services, and Presentations
Education *Resources* *Support* *Advocacy*
NAMI Family-to-Family
National Alliance on Mental Illness
NAMI Ending the Silence
National Alliance on Mental Illness
PREVENTION
EDUCATION
DIVERSION
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NAMI Family Support Group
National Alliance on Mental Illness
NAMI In Our Own Voice
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National Alliance on Mental Illness
NAMI Connection
National Alliance on Mental Illness
RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP
NAMI Homefront
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NAMI Basics
National Alliance on Mental Illness

4. Summary of Key Accomplishments achieved in 2021

NAMI Mid-Hudson outreach has touched thousands of individuals in 2021 in executing our Mission to provide:

- **Evidence based education**
- **Support to Families and**
- **Advocacy for individuals living with mental health challenges & their families**

Program	NAMI Mid-Hudson Outreach & Community Contributions
Family-to-Family Educational Class	**Community Family Well Being** • F2F classes increased participants knowledge about mental illness and dealing with a mental health crisis • Families gained new knowledge about resources & supports available for themselves & their loved ones. • **NAMI Mid-Hudson** completed three 9 week F2F classes with families from Dutchess and Ulster Counties. • 84 Graduates feel better equipped to *"keep on helping their Loved One".*
Peer-to-Peer Educational Class	**Community Wellness for Adults Living with a Mental Health Condition** • Peer to Peer classes help adults living with a mental health condition better understand themselves and their recovery. • Taught by trained leaders with lived experience, this program includes activities, discussions and informative videos. • NAMI Mid-Hudson completed three 8 week P2P classes for adults living with a mental health condition from Dutchess and Ulster Counties. • 35 Graduates felt better equipped to focus on their mental wellness • Two new leaders were certified to teach

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Ending the Silence for Students Families and Staff	**Ending the Silence for Students focusing on Positive Youth Development** • Increasing mental health literacy and promoting mental wellness in our youth with positive coping skills to reduce the severity of mental illness and act as a deterrent to bullying, risky behaviors like substance/alcohol abuse and even suicide. • Had a tremendous response from the local high schools asking for presentations on **ETS for students** • Presented ETS to ***1055 students at 9 schools, some multiple times on 16 different days*** ➢ Beacon High School educated on Nov. 9th 2021 --> 117 Students participated **Below is feedback from a school teacher, an unbiased 3rd party, that corroborates the value the program brings to help students and families in the Beacon community.**
	NAMI presented to Beacon High School the Ending the Silence Program about Mental Health in November 2021. Right after the presentation the teacher, Diane Tanzi sent us this success story: "I am writing this letter hoping those that read it will understand the value of NAMI Mid-Hudson's ETS program along with Jo Ann Brown and her young adult presenters to the Beacon City School District Community. In my 15 years of teaching I have not found a more valuable resource. ETS gives students real life examples. It extends what we teach in health class with relatable real life stories. They literally get resources and a Trusted Adult List in their hands. The students are listening! ***This presentation gave me the tools to work with students and what I have learned helped me to save a student.*** I was teaching hybrid and a student emailed me and told me he wanted to speak with me and not to tell his parents. ***He said he was having thoughts of just "ending it all."*** I saw the email and was able to keep him on the virtual meet after all the other students left, while also calling the school psychologist and administration. I was able to have an honest conversation with him. ***He was hysterical crying and I was able to ask him if he was having thoughts of suicide and if he had a plan?*** He said yes and I was able to get him to turn on his video and keep him talking. We were then able to get in contact with someone at home and he was able to get the help he needed. ***He was hospitalized and treated.*** I am so proud to have been a little aspect of hope for him. I often think about what would of happened if I did not check my email, or if I did not have the training as an educator or was afraid to ask the question. I am so happy to have had the confidence and experience to be able to remember these simple questions that are reiterated by NAMI at each ETS presentation. ***I honestly was afraid to ask that question before the ETS presentations. That student is thriving today Thanks to NAMI Mid-Hudson's ETS presentations."***
Support Groups	• **Family Group support** meets monthly at 3 different locations in Dutchess and 1 in Ulster → 48 Opportunities to network with families and learn from each other's experiences (Avg. attendance 8 to 12 family members at each group meeting) • **Connection Adult Recovery Support Group** meets monthly. (Avg attendance is 8 adults • living with a mental health condition at each meeting)
In Our Own Voice	**People with mental health conditions share their powerful personal stories in this presentation** • A first-hand account of what it's like to live with a mental health condition. • Change attitudes, assumptions and stereotypes by describing the reality of living with mental health conditions

	• Presented Monthly to an average of 30 participants each presentation • Ten presenters are currently participating in this program, Four adults are training to be presenters
Mental Health Advocacy	• Letters to Gov. Cuomo, Howard Zucker, MD & Ann Sullivan, MD **regarding reinstating the eliminated inpatient mental health and detox services from Ulster community**. • Interfaith Initiative Outreach Project to Underserved Community • Participated in Ulster County Mental Health Task Force • Jo Ann presented at Annual Ulster County Suicide Prevention Forum in Sept. 2021 • Reached out to 7 local Hannaford's stores to provide mental health support for employees • May "Walk in Nature", Ribbon Campaign and Podcasts May 2021
Wellness Table Events	**Community Wellness Events and Forums** • Wellness Zoom events at Local High Schools, Agencies, Businesses and Local Colleges. ✓ Many events were cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions form local Government ✓ **50 events this Year ➔ Touched over 1500 participants** • Mental May Awareness Month -> Crunch Fitness tabling, videos and Zumba Event May 2021 • Spaceman Shootout Event The Fight for Mental Health Awareness August 2021 • National Night Out annual community-building campaign August 2021 • Eastern Dutchess Health Fair Dutchess Community Action August 2021 • Back2School Block Party Mental Health packets for 150 Backpacks • Town of Dover Recreation Community Day at Boyce Park September 2021 • Building Bridges Fall Conference and Networking event October 2021 • ECCSI System of Care Panel April and November 2021 • Eastern Dutchess Rural Health Network Meetings

5. Description of the proposal

In the table below are the 3 key programs that will be offered to City of Beacon residents. NAMI Mid-Hudson has been delivering Ending the Silence program to Beacon High School for the last 4 years and we also provide access to the Beacon residents to participate in the other NAMI programs. During May being Mental Health Awareness Month, NAMI Mid-Hudson shares with the community the resources we have to promote awareness of mental health and to advocate for families and students in need of support. ***NAMI Mid-Hudson will again sponsor this year the Ribbon campaign in Beacon for May being Mental Health Awareness Month in the Community.***

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Mental Health Educational & Support Programs	**Program Overview and Benefits Community Gains from Programs**
ETS Presentations to High School Students to Learn about Early Signs of Mental Health Conditions	NAMI Ending the Silence is an engaging presentation that helps audience members learn about the warning signs of mental health conditions and what steps to take if you or a loved one are showing symptoms of a mental health condition. NAMI ETS presentations include two leaders: one who shares an informative presentation and a young adult with a mental health condition who shares their journey of recovery. Audience members can ask questions and gain understanding of an often-misunderstood topic. Through dialogue, we can help grow the movement to end stigma. ***What Students Will Get*** • NAMI Ending the Silence for Students: 50-minute presentation designed for middle and high school students that includes warning signs, facts and statistics and how to get help for themselves or a friend. Research has shown that NAMI Ending the Silence for Students is effective in changing middle and high school students' knowledge and attitudes toward mental health conditions and toward seeking help
Two Family to Family 8 Week Classes	NAMI Family-to-Family is a free, 8-session educational program for family, significant others and friends of people with mental health conditions. It is a designated evidenced-based program. This means that research shows that the program significantly improves the coping and problem-solving abilities of the people closest to a person with a mental health condition. ***What You'll Gain*** • How to solve problems and communicate effectively • Taking care of yourself and managing your stress • Supporting your loved one with compassion • Finding and using local supports and services • Latest information on mental health conditions & how they affect the brain • How to handle a crisis • Current treatments and therapies • The impact of mental health conditions on the entire family
Weekly Family Support Groups on Mental Health	Zoom online support & Communications NAMI Family Support Group is a peer-led support group for any adult with a loved one who has experienced symptoms of a mental health condition. Gain insight from the challenges and successes of others facing similar experiences. • NAMI's support groups are unique because they follow a structured model, ensuring everyone has an opportunity to be heard and to get what they need. • Free of cost to participants • Designed for adult loved ones of people with mental health conditions • Led by family members of people with mental health conditions • 60-90 minutes long and meets weekly • No specific medical therapy or treatment is endorsed • Confidential

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6. Purpose and Key Anticipated Outcomes

Below is a summary of Outputs and Outcomes we plan on Achieving

Outputs	Outcomes
Beacon residents will be offered to participate in the 8 week Family to Family Class on line virtually Beacon residents will be able to attend the NAMI Mid-Hudson Support Groups offered online 4 times each month	**Community Family Well Being** • Will increase their knowledge about mental illness and dealing with a mental health crisis • Will gain new knowledge about resources and supports available for themselves and their loved ones. • Use survey questionnaire to assess from Participants benefits gained from learning about mental health and support services
Beacon High School will participate in Ending the Silence Presentations done remotely with enhanced security protocols required by school district	**Positive Youth Development** • Increasing mental health literacy and promoting mental wellness in our youth with positive coping skills can reduce the severity of mental illness and act as a deterrent to bullying, risky behaviors like substance/alcohol abuse and even suicide. • Adolescents and young adult participants will demonstrate improved life skills to build coping mechanisms, including confidence and improved decision making to reduce high-risk behaviors and to reduce instances of substance abuse, bullying, violence, and other destructive behaviors. • Use pre and post survey questionnaire to assess success with a target of 75% Satisfaction rating from Participants
Outreach to Community about Mental Health Education and Services	**During May Mental Health Awareness Month** • Participate in I am Beacon PodCast • Wellness Events Tables giving out NAMI pamphlets • Flyers depicting NAMI Mid-Hudson Signature Programs to educate community and promote NAMI Brand Image • Ribbon Campaign

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7. Individuals/Communities Served – Target Population

The NAMI Signature programs are for families, friends, care givers and people who are in need of mental health education and support in Dutchess and Ulster Counties. We also collaborate with and are referred to as a resource by other local government agencies who provide behavioral health resources to the community.

For Ending the Silence (ETS), we have been canvasing the local community to assess needs and getting feedback from ***Dutchess County school management regarding providing education classes including for our students in the Beacon community.*** There is a need for this education at both the middle and high school levels. In 2022 NAMI Mid-Hudson proposes to increase the number of students served in Dutchess and Ulster Counties by approximately 4x to 1200 students to fill the need gap.

NAMI Mid-Hudson has analyzed the ALICE data provided by United Way for Dutchess County and is using it to address the needs of the people in the community who have the highest % of households at or below the ALICE/Poverty levels. Using an analytics approach is a robust way of making sure we reach a diverse group of people. This also helps us in formulating a plan to expand programs to those towns based on where the need is the greatest.

8. Funding requested: $5,000

9. & 10. Overview of How Funds will be Spent & Proposed Timeline

2022 NAMI Mid-Hudson Beacon Program Budget			
Mental Health Educational Programs	**Funds Cover Program Service**	**Proposed Timeline**	**Expense**
• ETS Presentations to High School Students to Learn about Early Signs of Mental Health Conditions	1. Program Director/Coordinator Support	Fall 2022 (Sept. – Dec.)	$2500
• Two Family to Family 8 Week Classes	2. Materials, Administrative Staff	June to Dec. 2022	$2000
• Weekly Family Support Groups on Mental Health	3. Zoom online support & Communications	May to Dec. 2022	$500
Total Fund Soliciting for Proposed Program			**$5,000**

11. Partners and their role in our relationship with them

The NAMI programs are no cost to participants but funds are needed to administer the programs which includes:

- Training volunteer teachers & presenters
- Finding presentation locations
- Recruiting participants
- Coordinating curriculum, materials & schedules

The key partners who support these programs with funding are:

1. Dutchess County Agency Partner Grant
2. Dutchess County Dept. Of Behavioral Community Health
3. United Way of Dutchess County
4. Eastern Dutchess Rural Health Network
5. Ulster County Dept. of Mental Health for Ulster Programs

The programs they support are listed in the screen shot below.

12. NAMI plan for sustainability of the project after the grant award has been exhausted

Since NAMI Mid-Hudson is a nonprofit organization, we rely on a multitude of partners to support our mission to provide evidence based education, support and advocacy for individuals living with mental health conditions/challenges and their families. We have established a sustainable program and infrastructure and have been sponsored by the partners listed below for the last 5 years and keep adding new partners to educate the public about mental health and provide education and advocacy by leveraging the National NAMI and New York State organizations.

We also rely on many volunteers who donate their skills, time and energy to give back to our community. The list shown below has grown over the years due to our track record of delivering value to our community through the programs found on our website (NAMI Mid-Hudson (namimidhudson.org)) that contribute to community well-being and family stability. ***Mental well-being impacts family stability and there is no health without mental health.***

Grants/Stipends	Activities Supported
Dutchess County APG	*Family to Family Classes*
United Way – Dutchess County	*Ending the Silence for High School Youth*
Ulster County Dept. of Mental Health	*Ending the Silence for High School Youth*
Dutchess County Dept. of Behavioral & Community Health	*Supports Supplies & Printing for Programs*
Eastern Dutchess Rural Health Network	*Family Programs*
NAMI NYS	*Family Programs*
Public Donations/Support	*Family Programs & Support Groups*
Stewarts Shops	*Family Programs & Support Groups*
Jack & Jill (African American Nonprofit)	*Family Programs & Support Groups*
	All Family Programs and NAMI Management of Organization

2022 Community Investment Application
City of Beacon Proposal # 2022-003

Applicant Information

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If using, Name of Fiscal Sponsor:	
Address:	Email:
Phone:	EIN/ Tax ID:
Designated contact: Anna Sullivan, Board Chair	
Address: [redacted]	Email: [redacted]
Phone: [redacted]	Cell:

Proposal Information

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2. Tell us about the history of your organization.
3. Tell us about your current programs and activities.
4. Please describe a few top accomplishments of your organization within the last three years. 5. Provide a brief description of the proposal.
6. Describe the purpose and key anticipated outcomes.
7. Identify individuals or communities served.
8. Note the amount of funding requested.
9. Provide an overview of how funds will be spent.
10. Identify the proposed proposal timeline.
11. Please list any partners in this proposal, the partner's role and your relationship with them.
12. Please describe your plan for sustainability of the project or initiative after the grant award has been exhausted.

2022 City of Beacon Community Funding Application #2022-003

Applicant: The Foundation for Beacon Schools, Inc.
Date: March 30, 2022
Project Title: **Past, Present and Future: Beacon's Youth Create Films on Local History**

Proposal Summary

The Foundation for Beacon Schools proposes to develop, implement, and evaluate a pilot project to bring Beacon history to life through short documentary films made by BCSD-enrolled children. Through this pilot initiative, Beacon's school-aged children will work with local history and filmmaking experts and community members to develop their projects during school hours under the supervision of a teacher. The short films created for this project will be made available to the City's public television channel 22 and archived online for the community and future generations to enjoy. In partnership with local businesses and religious and nonprofit organizations, including StoryScreen Beacon, the Rise Up Project at St Luke and St Andrew's Church, and the Beacon Historical Society, as well as with local professional filmmakers, teachers and administrators in the Beacon City School District, this project will address many of the goals identified in the City of Beacon's RFP. It will enhance Beacon's quality of place by bringing insights into Beacon's past to new film formats, while helping Beacon youth make deeper connections to their hometown and its history while developing in-demand filmmaking skills. This project will provide a unique enrichment program to our youth and residents in the areas of the arts, culture, and heritage. Approximately 47% of enrolled students in the Beacon City School District are from economically disadvantaged households. For many families, participation in paid after-school enrichment programs can be challenging. Adding this additional learning opportunity will allow students in Beacon to identify and cultivate new interests, talents, and even vocational opportunities. The completion of this pilot will help the Foundation for Beacon Schools and our partners identify the best model for scaling this initiative The films and testimonials from the pilot will also enable us to more effectively fundraise and build a long-term fund to sustain this initiative in future years so that more students can participate in what we hope will become a Beacon tradition.

1. Please provide your organization mission statement

The mission of the Foundation for Beacon Schools is to support innovation, enrichment, and the expansion of educational opportunities in the Beacon City School District (BCSD) through fundraising, grantmaking, program development, and strengthening community ties to our public schools.

The goals of the Foundation are to:
1. fund and evaluate innovative pilot projects and events that enhance student learning and enrichment, with a view to the district sustaining successful initiatives in the long-term;
2. facilitate collaboration between BCSD and the community and local and regional organizations to strengthen educational and occupational opportunities for students;
3. foster strong community involvement and increase the visibility and value of public education in Beacon.

2. Tell us about the history of your organization

The Foundation for Beacon Schools was formed at the start of the pandemic to support innovation and learning enrichment in the six schools in the Beacon City School District. We came together at a time when the outlook for public education funding was uncertain and when students, teachers, school leaders, and families were bearing the brunt of sudden school building closures and the transition to online learning. We felt it was an important moment to establish an organization that could connect the community strongly to our public schools, to support our teachers in the face of many external funders in the region closing their doors, and to further help our students - the leaders of tomorrow - to find and cultivate their talents while they are in school. We incorporated in NY State in February 2021, registered with NY Bureau of Charities in August 2021, and attained 501(c)3 designation by the IRS in October 2021.

3. Tell us about your current programs and activities

Since our inception, we have launched several initiatives. The first is establishing and organizing the **BCSD Student Film Festival**. This new program supports Beacon's students to make a short film using little more than a smartphone and a computer. The festival brings the community together to view the students' submissions on the big screen at the Seeger Theater at BHS.
Open to all grades in the BCSD, students are encouraged to involve family and friends in the production of their films. To support them, FBS has hosted a series of online help sessions with local filmmakers, who have provided advice and tips for students to develop a strong story idea and use good filming and editing techniques. We are encouraging our city's young budding filmmakers to consider narrative as well as documentary films for their project.
As mentioned in our proposal below, we would like to expand support for students to make documentary films about Beacon history in partnership with local organizations including StoryScreen Beacon and the Beacon Historical Society, Beacon's extensive community of professional filmmakers, and the school district.

Other initiatives that are in progress include:

-teacher grants for innovative teaching tools and learning technologies and enrichment events
-the creation of a working group to connect local history experts and organizations and the BCSD to support the inclusion of f Beacon's rich history to the district's curriculum
-support for a 5K race and fun-run in partnership with a local philanthropic organization to raise funds for the Foundation and other youth-related initiatives
-an inaugural gala scheduled for June 11, 2022 at University Settlement Camp to bring our community together to celebrate Beacon's incredible accomplishments in education during the pandemic and to raise money for further initiatives..

4. Describe a few top accomplishments of your organization within the last three years

It was challenging to convene community stakeholders - parents, business owners, community members, and educators - at the start of the pandemic when everybody was facing massive disruptions to their daily lives. With the dedication of our founding team, we were able to work through the extensive administrative steps to form a board, advisory board, mission and vision, and bylaws and build a new education foundation for Beacon that is now incorporated, registered with the Bureau of Charities, and designated by the IRS as a tax-exempt nonprofit organization.

Our first full fiscal year of fundraising, event planning and program development has exceeded our goals thanks to the incredible support of the Beacon community and the Beacon City School District. We are excited to continue to grow to provide events that connect us as a community around support for education, and build funds to support new initiatives and learning technologies for our school district and the 2,743 students it supports.

5. Provide a brief description of the proposal

We propose to develop, implement and evaluate a pilot project to bring Beacon history topics alive with a series of short documentary films made by BCSD-enrolled children, and to archive the students' Beacon history films online for the whole community and future generations to enjoy. To achieve this goal, we will partner with a number of Beacon organizations, businesses, residents who are film and technology professionals, history experts, and BCSD teachers to create a video archive of the students' local history films. The benefits of this project will be widespread.

6. Describe the purpose and key anticipated outcomes

The purpose of this pilot project is:

1. to design, implement and evaluate a pilot project for classes at a different grade levels to research and make a short documentary film on a Beacon history topic;
2. to create an archive of student-led films on Beacon history topics for the community;

3. to identify the appropriate grade levels for this program as it relates to curriculum, student engagement, and the best project design for the future;
4. to establish an ongoing collaboration between local history & film experts, community organizations, and Beacon's educators to benefit Beacon youth, families, and the wider community and to expand learning and vocational opportunities for Beacon's students.

7. **Identify individuals or communities served**

For the pilot project in 2022, up to 100 Beacon students will be directly involved in the research and process of making a short documentary film on a Beacon history topic. Local organizations, businesses, and resident filmmakers will also be involved in helping students complete their project. This initiative will benefit all residents in the City of Beacon. They will have open access to the new short films that shed light on Beacon history topics they may not know much about. The project will bring together stakeholders of different ages in Beacon and deepen our residents' connection to the place they call home. It will provide an enriching educational experience for Beacon school students, and foster new relationships between local nonprofits, schools, businesses, and professionals.

8. **Note the amount of funding requested**

The budget for the proposed project is $6,500. We are respectfully requesting this amount to achieve the stated project objectives. Our board and partners are very grateful to the City of Beacon for supporting nonprofits with this new funding opportunity to enrich quality of life.

9. **Provide an overview of how funds will be spent**

Description	**Cost**
Learning supplies and camera equipment for class visits to Beacon Historical Society	$1,000
Film licensing fees for StoryScreen Beacon to host a talk + screening on documentary filmmaking techniques for participating students	$1,000
Stipends for Beacon-resident filmmakers to provide up to 30 hours of technical assistance and film editing services to classes participating in the pilot project	$3,000
Stipend for a Beacon-resident IT consultant to advise the Foundation on the design and platform for building a searchable archive to host films created from the project	$500
Foundation for Beacon Schools' project management tools & additional web hosting	$500
Recording equipment for RiseUp Oral Histories interviews	$500
Total	**$6,500**

10. **Identify the proposed proposal timeline**

The pilot project will be completed per the RFP by the end of 2022. The class projects will take place during the fall semester of 2022. This timeline will give the Foundation, our partners, and teachers time during the spring / early summer to coordinate the project for each class, set up class visits, build in time for the students' research, and create a schedule for the filmmaking component with the technical assistance of local filmmakers. The Foundation for Beacon Schools will host project kick-off calls in May and will facilitate evaluation meetings at the end of the project to identify lessons learned for the future.

11. **List partners in this proposal, and the partner's role and your relationship with them**

Beacon Historical Society

Included with this application is a Memorandum of Understanding between the Foundation for Beacon Schools and the Beacon Historical Society (BHS) detailing the roles of both organizations if this project is funded by the City of Beacon. BHS will host class visits to their new location and guide each class on their research topic for their film.

StoryScreen Beacon

The Foundation has already begun partnering with StoryScreen Beacon on the BCSD Student Film Festival. We propose to extend that partnership by funding a class visit to StoryScreen Beacon for a guided film talk on how documentary films are made. StoryScreen will license the documentary film to be screened and set up and run the guided talk.

Beacon City School District

The school district administration is providing critical guidance and support to help bring this enrichment opportunity to Beacon's students and support teachers who have expressed interest in participating in the pilot project.

The Foundation for Beacon Schools

As the PI, the Foundation will provide overall project management, putting in place a structure for the project including coordinating kick-off calls, evaluation meetings, connecting stakeholders, funding the purchase of learning materials, tracking project milestones, and generating the final report.

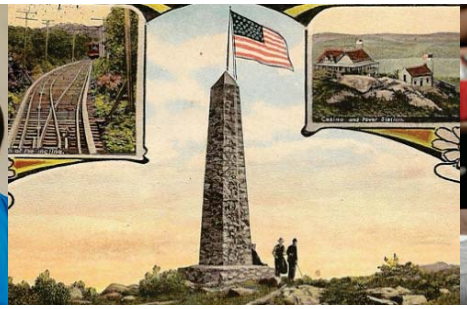
RiseUp - SASLEC Oral Histories Project with Senior Beacon Residents

Members of St. Andrew and St. Luke Epsicopal Church are spearheading an exciting initiative through their RiseUp ministry to connect Beacon youth with

senior residents in the community to interview them and learn about our seniors' experiences of Beacon over their lifetimes. One of the classes involved in the pilot project will take part in the RiseUp Oral Histories Project with the support and guidance of RiseUp members.

12. **Please describe your plan for sustainability of the project or initiative after the grant award has been exhausted**

Upon completion of the pilot project, the Foundation for Beacon Schools will create online and printed fundraising resources to showcase the results of the pilot. The sponsor brochure we create for prospective sponsors, donors, and funders will include images and testimonials from students and our project partners about the initiative, and links to the films created during the pilot project. The products and results will give our program sponsors and donors confidence to support this project into the future. In just the first full year of operation, the Foundation has already secured more than 20 business / corporate sponsorships and over 150 private donations, and each month we are building new connections and partnerships with a range of businesses and nonprofit organizations to achieve our mission.



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Memorandum of Understanding

between the Foundation for Beacon Schools and the Beacon Historical Society
for the City of Beacon Community Investment Initiative RFP, March 2022

I. Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to establish a general working agreement between the Foundation for Beacon Schools, Inc. (FBS) and the Beacon Historical Society (BHS) to coordinate educational activities in support of a pilot project in which Beacon's school students will research and make short films about local history. Working with a range of local organizations, businesses, and resident filmmakers, this pilot project will result in an archive of short films on Beacon history topics that can be enjoyed by the whole community for generations to come.

Background

The Foundation for Beacon Schools, Inc. is applying to the City of Beacon's 2022 Community Investment Initiative to fund this pilot project. Under the proposal, FBS will connect BCSD teaching staff and students participating in the pilot with local history experts at the Beacon Historical Society. The project will fund the learning resources needed for class visits to the Beacon Historical Society, where students and their teacher will learn about research tools and resources available for their project as well as how historical data is preserved. Classes will identify the topic on which they would like to make a film, and select the appropriate research tools and resources to build their documentary. The proposal will also team each class with a Beacon filmmaker who will serve as a mentor / guide to the teacher and students on filmmaking tips and techniques. An IT consultant will help the Foundation for Beacon Schools and the Beacon Historical Society determine the best method for archiving the films produced online, with the possibility for expanding the archive into a searchable database.

Agreement

If awarded funding under this proposal, the Foundation for Beacon Schools will:

-connect participating teachers with a volunteer from the Beacon Historical Society to plan a class visit and select a local history topic from a current list of activities;
-provide funding in the amount of $500 to BHS for supplies for up to three class visits to the Beacon Historical Society as part of the students' research on Beacon history topics;
-provide funding for a tablet computer with integrated camera and video editing app that can be used by visiting classes to film footage of approved BHS archival material, and then saved on

the cloud. The tablet will remain the property of the Beacon Historical Society after the conclusion of the pilot project.

If awarded funding for this proposal, the Beacon Historical Society will:

-connect BHS experts on local history with BCSD teachers and students participating in the pilot project to assist with the design and implementation of the research project
-host up to three class visits to the Beacon Historical Society
-prepare a lesson for the visiting classes on how to narrow down a local history topic, how to research the topic, and how historical information is preserved
-provide a review of the students' film projects for historical accuracy and correct attribution of sources, etc.

This MOU represents a non-legally binding expression of hope and intent for the Foundation for Beacon Schools and the Beacon Historical Society to work together to achieve the goals of the proposed project.

Effective Date
This MOU will become effective upon signature by the President of the Beacon Historical Society and the Board Chair of the Foundation for Beacon Schools, and shall remain in effect until termination ,by either party. Either Party may terminate this MOU upon 90 days written notice to the other party. Its provisions will be reviewed and amended or supplemented as may be mutually agreed upon in writing.

Signed by:

Diane Lapis
President, Beacon Historical Society

3/23/2022
Date

Board Chair, The Foundation for Beacon Schools, Inc.

3/28/2022
Date

2022 Community Investment Application
City of Beacon Proposal # 2022-003

Applicant Information

Name of Organization: Beacon Youth Football	
Address: 59 Robert Cahill Dr.	Email:
Phone: (see below)	EIN/ Tax ID [redacted]
If using, Name of Fiscal Sponsor:	
Address:	Email:
Phone:	EIN/ Tax ID:
Designated contact: Terrance Davis	
Address: [redacted]	Email: [redacted]
Phone: [redacted]	Cell: [redacted]

Will take place @ V.R. Way football Field (Memorial Park, Beacon)

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We are writing up this proposal in hopes of being selected for the City of Beacon Community Investment Program in order to start up the Beacon Youth Football Program.

1) Our mission statement is as follows:

"The Beacon Youth Football Association's mission is to foster a program dedicated to providing the youth of the City of Beacon an environment that is fun, safe and educational for them to learn and succeed in the game of football. "

-We will achieve this through the following:
-providing a safe and nurturing environment for the players
-coaching to help them develop the skills needed to succeed
-fostering an environment where respect to ones self, teammates, opponents, officials and coaches are demanded
-providing our coaches with the tools, resources and support they need to succeed
-embracing the diversity of our community and the communities around us
-encouraging the continued involvement of parents

2)-The history of the original football league dates back to 1965 when Vernon R. Way set out with plans to create not only a field, but a football program, in addition to a field house and lights. This dream was turned into a reality with his handwork, dedication and perseverance; all to ensure that the youth of the City of Beacon had a place to go and play the game that he loved. His motto was "Kids who play sports, stay out of courts." Vernon put his heart and soul into this league. This program and the kids who took part in it were truly his babies. He fully funded the league, paid for all of the kids to play in it, took on the cost of the equipment and even took, printed and handed out individual and team photographs for free for many years. His involvement was beneficial to everyone that he was associated with. Beacon Pop Warner Football would not be what it is today without Vernie. For all of his accomplishments, we as a league, are eternally indebted to Vernon R. Way.

3)-Currently, we have a multitude of people, (including the original founder of the program's family, other families, many friends, community members, businesses and organizations who want to help support our efforts in establishing our new football league and fixing up our field house. We, as a committee, have established our group as an LLC, have filed for a non-profit organization, have acquired insurance for our program, and have sought out members of our community to coach and teach our youth the fundamentals of the game of football. We are currently seeking donations from local businesses going forward and are planning various fundraisers as well in order to raise money to purchase needed items for both our program as well as our field house to better support our cause. (Please note, that the restoration of our field house is going to require a host of repairs in order to make it better suited and more functional in the long run so that we can utilize it for many years to come).

4)-Over the course of the past few years, the previous organization, "Beacon Bears Football," was faced with many obstacles which affected not only the interest of the community members to take part in the football program but also for players to actually play.That's why we as a committee feel very strong about rebuilding this program in a different light where we welcome everyone and encourage others to be a part of this undertaking. We strive to have more community involvement then the last group of individuals who ran the program, We will work hard to do whatever it takes to not only rebuild this league but to have strong ties with individuals in our city who wish to be a part of it.

5) -We are asking for grant money in order to help offset initial start up fees associated with the cost of a new program. We are building this program from the bottom up and starting out with no operational funds, so any monetary support that can be given to us to help will be greatly appreciated. Not only will we be using the funds (if given) to purchase items for the actual program itself but we are also asking for a few things to utilize at the field house for fundraising initiatives for the program as well; such as the refrigerator and the freezer. In addition to the aformentioned, one other item that we are asking for money for is waterproof vinyl flooring. This is a necessity to replace the current rugs that adorn the floors, due to them being unsightly and ruined. (FYI, We are also in the process of finding a contractor to replace the current roof which needs to be repaired due to multiple leaks).

6) The purpose of this proposal is to start up the Beacon Youth Football League, in order to give the children of our community and the surrounding area, an opportunity to play youth football. In addition to this, we want to fix up the field house so that it can be used by the players and coaches to hold meetings in, to train in, review plays/games in, get dressed in, store equipment/items, hold a concession stand out of to earn profits, etc

7) Initially, we will serve children in our community (and the surrounding areas, if there is an interest), from 3rd-5th grade, just to start off the flag football league this Spring. Going forward, next year, we will then expand our program to serve students from 1st-6th grade, once we have the volunteers needed to coach as well as the kids who want to participate.

8) We are seeking $ 6,000.00 in order to do so.

9) <u>The following information, will give a brief overview of how funds will be spent.</u>

1) Insurance (liability (of officers and directors) $1,100.00
2) Scholarship fund (to offset the cost for 10 youth players to take part in the program who don't have the fees to pay) $600.00

3) 1,000 sq. ft of waterproof vinyl flooring (approx. $1.00 a sq ft) $1000.00 (to repair damaged floor)
4) HP laptop computer (17 inch Intel 8GB) $500.00 (for operations of the program, maintaining records, keeping track of finances, tracking information regarding the league and it's program that we are enrolled in), etc.
5) HP printer/copier $200.00 (to print necessary documents relating to the program and the operations within it, and for printing items relating to all of this too.
6) Frigidaire refrigerator (20.5 cubic feet) $750.00 (to store food items that we will cook and sell at the concession stand to earn profits for the program)
7) Stand up freezer/ chest (11.4 cubic feet) $804.00 (same as above)
8) Rogers Athletic Colt Youth Football Blocking Sled $1,649.00 (to be used to help with training and teaching the fundamentals of the game of football)

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10). The proposed timeline would be as soon as possible for most items, however initially, we would need the $1,100 to cover the insurance for the start up of the program.
Our registration / first practices will take place on Aprill 22nd and April 29th at the V. R. Way football field. Our first game will be on May 7th. and span over the course of 6 weeks which will bring us to third week of June.
-The rest of the items can be purchased as soon as the funds become available from the city. Even though, the Spring league is only six weeks long, we also plan to hold a summer camp and clinics throughout June and July. Then, in August, the Fall football season would start.

11. Our committee is as follows:
President- myself (Terry Davis)
Vice President- Dave Antalek
Financial Secretary- Sam Way
Recording Secretary-Dana Quintana
Communication Officer-Kriatal Walden
Facility Manager- Louis Amoroso Jr.
Trustees:
-Josef Walden
-Andrea Davis
-Debra Ashton
-John Ashton
-Sam Way Jr.

12. Our plan for the sustainability of the project after the grant award has been exhausted is to continue with fundraising efforts and contributions from local businesses and organizations going forward in order to keep our program financially sustainable and to ultimately be the most successful that it can be. A big part of this will be the use of the concession area in order to help support it all. It is important to understand that our efforts are not just short term. We intend to revitalize this football league and then keep

it going for many years to come. Through the dedication and commitment by its membership, our committee promises to uphold the highest level of integrity and standards to the Beacon Youth Football League.

*-If you have any further questions or need more information, please reach out to Terry Davis @ (845)542-9270. (Please note that I'm not able to bring my cell phone into my work facility, so therefore I won't receive any messages until after 4 pm on weekdays).

Additional Applicants

- Banana Bag and Bodice - Beacon Spring Celebration of Light
- Beacon Junior Baseball
- Common Ground Farm
- Fareground
- Howland Cultural Center
- I Am Beacon

2022 Community Investment Application
City of Beacon Proposal # 2022-003

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April 1, 2022

Beacon Spring Celebration of Light

We are a small group of Beacon residents putting on a community festival in our big town/ small city to celebrate the coming spring, lunar new year, light, hope, warmth, renewal and kids! The Beacon Spring Celebration of Light is an annual festival that invites local artists, organizations, and everyone in the community to show up with their talents, support, and presence. Together we welcome Spring to the city with light, art, music, warmth and cheer.

On the evening of February 19, 2022, the Beacon Spring Celebration of Light held its first parade. With six main lanterns hand-crafted by local artists and proudly carried by volunteers, the parade commenced from Polhill Park. More than 200 people carrying unique home-made creative lanterns cheered spiritedly behind a brass band along Main Street to The Yard, an outdoor event space. Businesses and their patrons as well as passersby cheered on, waved their hands, and took photos and videos as the parade strolled by. Everyone, from the organizers to the spectators, was warmed from inside out by the light and the spirit.

The Beacon Spring Celebration of Light is proud to collaborate with local artists, designers, musicians, photographer, videographers, and citizens. The rich diversity of Beacon talents and inclusion of all culture contribute to the core value of the event. From the graphic design to the lanterns to the people of all ages and backgrounds joining together, light unites people and brings hope and warmth to us.

We have since been planning and working on the second annual Beacon Spring Celebration of Light. The scale will be bigger as we anticipate more musicians, paraders, and main lanterns. The City of Beacon Community Funding Program's grant will help us cover the costs for materials and payments to artists and designers in the initial stages. The rest of the

expenses will be covered by business sponsorships and organizational donations.

We are requesting funding of $2000 for the preparation stage:

Allocation	Cost	Source	Estimated payment date
Lantern materials	$350	Online	June, 2022
Lantern artist	$500	Pam Koeber-Diebbell, Beacon	June, 2022
Graphic designer (poster, visual)	$500	ThunderCut, Beacon	October, 2022
Musicians deposit	$650	2~3 brass bands	November, 2022
TOTAL	**$2000**		

Year one of The Beacon Spring Celebration of Light received copious media coverage. Local organizations recognized and shared the event information to their members. Participants, businesses, spectators took photos and shared on social media. Please see media coverages following the proposal.

The Beacon Spring Celebration of Light is a stage for local artists to show case their talents while receiving a fee that they deserve. This is an event that welcomes all everyone to participate, all ages, genders, cultural backgrounds, everyone! The Beacon Spring Celebration of Light inspires the paraders, local residents, business and their patrons, and visitors to find warmth, hope, and joy in the dark night - and that's what the City of Beacon is about!

In our community

Beacon Spring Celebration of Light

The Beacon Spring Celebration of Lights invites you, next Saturday, February 19, for an evening to celebrate the coming spring, lunar new year, light, hope, warmth, renewal and kids!

Learn More

1. THE HEART OF ROBIN HOOD. Photo by T.Charles Erickson.
2. OUR TOWN rehearsal photo.
3. Photo provided. Created by Thundercut.

BEACON SPRING CELEBRATION OF LIGHT 2022!

Posted Friday, February 11, 2022 9:03 pm by kinoserge (/user_profile.html?user_id=1770)

BEACON SPRING invites all to join us on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19th, for an evening event celebrating the coming spring, lunar new year, light, hope, warmth, renewal and kids! Everyone is welcome!

5:30p - GATHER - Polhill Park - Main Street & South Ave
Bring lanterns, illuminate our light, line up and kick off the walk!

6:00p - PARADE - South sidewalk Main Street.
Walk the length of Main Street with light and music and cheer!

6:30p - CELEBRATE - The Yard - 4 Hanna Lane
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To: Rabbi Brent Spodek [redacted]

Thanks for the shout out!!
xo
Jessica

On Feb 16, 2022, at 6:59 PM, Rabbi Brent Spodek <[redacted]

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Viewpoints

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Molinaro requests that Gov. Hochul reconsider effort to appoint new sheriff

To the Editor:

I am sending a letter to Governor Hochul on behalf of the people of Dutchess County, requesting that she reconsider her effort to appoint a new County Sheriff

After the passing of Sheriff 'Butch' Anderson, Undersheriff Kirk Imperati has stepped into the role and done admirably He is well-liked and respected throughout the law enforcement community, as well as the community at-large Replacing him is not only unnecessary, a disruption in leadership could be detrimental to public safety

As evidence of the local support for Kirk Imperati, the letter is accompanied by nearly 4,000 signatures asking for him to remain in the position - an outpouring of support that was collected in just a few days

There is no requirement for Governor Hochul to appoint a new Sheriff, and an election will be held for the position this November Taking action now is unnecessary, unwarranted and unwanted

Marc Molinaro
County Executive
Dutchess County

Supports Good Cause Eviction legislation

To the Editor:

I am a homeowner in Beacon and I support Good Cause Eviction Legislation In light of the end of the NYS Eviction moratorium, I am concerned about people in our community who are now facing housing insecurity I am also alarmed at the number of stories I have heard about folks who have experienced exorbitant, unjust rent increases

Predatory practices are driving people who have lived in Beacon for years out of our city Our economic and racial diversity, the stability of neighborhoods and cohesiveness of our community are threatened by current practices

The purpose of Good Cause Eviction Legislation is to give tenants additional consideration they can use in their defense in court Eviction proceedings always go through the courts and ultimately a judge gives a ruling

Landlords who occupy their properties with less than four units would be exempt Considerable expenses due to capital improvements necessitating a rent increase will also be considered a just cause Tenants who refuse to pay their rent, or are a nuisance impacting the safety or comfort of other tenants can still be evicted so the law seems fair to both tenants and landlords

Housing Security is a basic right that too many are denied It is time that all of us ask for our city to take steps to maintain the stability of our community and the protection of those of our community most at risk

Tina Bernstein
City of Beacon

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Alzheimer's treatment needs full coverage from Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

To the Editor:

Thanks to our bipartisan champions in Congress, we've made great progress advancing research on Alzheimer's and dementia, providing hope to families in the midst of a terrible diagnosis and disease progression And now the FDA has approved the first Alzheimer's treatment to address the underlying biology of the disease It's lifted that hope higher, and there are other treatments close behind in the research pipeline showing even greater promise

But with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Service's (CMS) proposed decision limiting coverage to those in clinical trials, access is severely restricted to only those few who live near research institutions or can afford to pay the $28,200 annual cost out-of-pocket CMS has never before limited Medicare coverage like this for any other FDA-approved medication This is unacceptable

People with Alzheimer's and their doctors should be able to decide if an FDA-approved treatment is right for them and those eligible should have it covered by Medicare All those living with Alzheimer's deserve better

My grandmother and all of us around her lived through the emotional pains of Alzheimer's as do more than 6 million people who are affected I appeal to CMS to think of the benefit to millions of reconsidering their decision

Richa Jagga
Wappingers Falls

First responders rescue woman from creek

City of Beacon Fire Department, City of Beacon Medic 1 and BVAC were dispatched for a female fallen possibly into the Fishkill Creek on Feb. 6. Firefighters responded and found a female approximately 50' down an icy embankment, stuck on the shoreline of the creek. An extension ladder was secured and lowered down so a career firefighter could initiate patient contact, according to a Facebook post on the fire department's Facebook page. A rope system was set up and used to lower a stokes basket down to the patient. The patient was placed into the stokes and hauled back up the embankment.

-Courtesy photo

Spring Celebration of Light Saturday

By Kristine Coulter

A Spring Celebration of Light 2022 will take place on the evening of Feb 19 in Beacon Organizers describe it as "celebrating the coming spring, Lunar New Year, light, hope, warmth, renewal and kids "

"One of the organizers is originally from Taiwan and a Spring Celebration of Lights has always been part of her life Upon moving to Beacon she wanted to bring this beautiful tradition to her new home, help introduce Asian American community and their cultures to Hudson Valley residents, create opportunity to meet and get to know your neighbors Another organizer has always been interested in community organizing and using light to bring people together," explained Sergei Krasikov, an event volunteer

The schedule is as follows:

5:30 p. m.- GATHER - Polhill Park - Main Street and South Avenue

-Bring lanterns, illuminate our light, line up and kick off the walk!

6 p.m. - PARADE - Sidewalks of Main Street, gather at Polhill Park

-Walk the length of Main Street with light and music and cheer

6:30 p.m. - CELEBRATE - The Yard - 4 Hanna Lane

-Display one's lanterns Drink tea and eat tasty morsels around the fire Dress warm but be ready to dance to the music

"People can expect to meet neighbors who came from various regions of the world and learn about spring celebrations in their cultures They can expect to see some crafty DYI lanterns They can expect dance, music, warmth and a lot of smiles," according to organizers

According to organizers, thousands of lanterns are released in the sky during Pingxi Sky Lantern Festival; fires and candles lit in honor of fertility goddess Brigid in Ireland; bonfires in Switzerland and Germany for Walpurgis Night; lighting candles for Passover; a five-day fire fiesta in Valencia, Spain to name a few of the celebration of light

Organizers would like to see different groups and organizations make their own lanterns and join them All are welcome to participate - minority organizations, LGBTQ groups, unions, martial arts schools, and more

For more information, visit https://www beaconspring org/ or https://www facebook com/events/3556164027907 90

2022 Community Investment Application
City of Beacon Proposal # 2022-003

Applicant Information

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Phone:	EIN/ Tax ID:
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2022 Community Investment Application
City of Beacon Proposal #2022-003

1. Please provide your organization mission statement.

Beacon Junior Baseball shall be a not-for-profit organization under the laws of the State of New York, and whose purpose is to promote and foster youth baseball up to 18 years of age, within its jurisdiction. Specifically, Beacon Junior Baseball shall provide youth an opportunity to learn and play the sport of baseball, and in doing so, also learn the principles of good sportsmanship, honesty, cooperation, teamwork, and respect for authority. Beacon Junior Baseball shall also provide a supervised, orderly, and progressive program of instruction and competitive baseball games. All Officers, Directors, Players, Parents, Sponsors, and Supporters shall bear in mind that the attainment of exceptional athletic skills or the winning of a game is secondary, and that the molding of future respectful and responsible adults is of primary importance. Directors of Beacon Junior Baseball (a/k/a the Board of Directors) shall strive to provide reasonably equal benefits and opportunities to all registered players whether recreational, instructional, or travel. Beacon Junior Baseball shall also provide quality competition for those players willing and able to compete at the highest levels of competition via a travel team program.

2. Tell us about the history of your organization.

Beacon Junior Baseball was founded back in 1952. In the 70 years since, it has seen thousands of Beacon City School District children learn to play and enjoy the game of baseball. The league had a 1981 team that won a district title, its first state championship, and made a serious run at playing in the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. (See The Highlands Current, August 27, 2021.) More recently, its travel teams have won several Greater Hudson Valley Baseball League championships as well as putting together successful All Star Teams, including one that was invited to participate in the Cal Ripken Mid-Atlantic Regional Baseball Tournament. At least one former player, Lenny Torres, Jr. has been drafted in the first round of the Major League Baseball draft. The league is rich in history, and safely and securely displays its banners in the upstairs of the Beacon Junior Baseball field house.

3. Tell us about your current programs and activities.

Beacon Junior Baseball runs a recreational baseball program in the Spring and Fall for kids of all ability levels. This program includes baseball practices, games, and clinics. For those kids who desire a more intense level of baseball, it offers a travel baseball program that practices and plays games in the Spring, Summer, and Fall, and may include training in the Winter as well. It provides these programs to children from age 4 to age 16, at the current time.

4. Please describe a few top accomplishments of your organization within the last three years.

While the pandemic shut down much of New York State, Beacon Junior Baseball was able to operate safely, with City permission, throughout much of the pandemic, so as to be able to provide children with

a safe outlet to exercise and socialize with friends. We secured sponsorship to be able to procure two new scoreboards for two of the baseball fields that we use. We continue to serve as the feeder program for the middle school and high school baseball programs, with former Beacon Junior Baseball players headlining all of those teams. We have also continued to produce teams that have won Greater Hudson Valley Baseball League championships.

5. Provide a brief description of the proposal.

We desire funding to renovate the batting cages that currently stand and to install pitching plates and home plates in the neighboring vicinity as had once existed. Specifically, we desire to lay, with City permission, a concrete base to portions of the batting cages so as to provide greater stability for hitters as well as to install turf on the ground surface as well as to place padding on the batting cage's metal framework to decrease the velocity of careening baseballs for greater safety to pitchers and hitters alike in the batting cages. We also desire to install pitching mounds and home plates in the neighboring area to reinvigorate an area that had once been used to train and develop pitchers. We also desire to install a new scoreboard at the biggest field.

6. Describe the purpose and key anticipated outcomes.

We anticipate being able to utilize these upgrades to the training facilities in Memorial Park to more safely work with Beacon Junior Baseball players who look to improve their level of play. We anticipate that the batting cages and pitching locale will be able to serve as another station for coaches to better and more safely train their youth baseball players. We anticipate that the batting cages can and will be used by Beacon Junior Baseball players of all ages, from t-ball through high school level. We also anticipate that the kids who pitch will be able to safely practice throwing from properly measured appropriate distances without having to worry about being on the actual baseball fields while others may be using them. The desired location would be close enough to the baseball fields to serve as a place to warm up before serving as a relief pitcher in a Beacon Junior Baseball game. With the installation of a new scoreboard, we would hope to be able to host some tournaments to raise money so as to be able to decrease the cost of joining the Recreational baseball league program and procure additional equipment.

7. Identify individuals or communities served.

The upgraded facilities would serve the youth of Beacon Junior Baseball as well as any members of the community who still play baseball (or softball) outside of the context of Beacon Junior Baseball.

8. Note the amount of funding required.

We are seeking up to $8,000 to complete this project.

9. Provide an overview of how funds will be spent.

Funds will be used to purchase the necessary materials, including necessary dirt, pitching rubbers, home plates, concrete, turf, padding, and other materials associated with the installation of the desired mounds, home plates, and batting cage upgrades. The funds could also potentially be used to pay for the professional labor in preparing and installing properly pitching mounds and home plates as well as laying the concrete properly in a portion of the batting cages. The funds would be used to procure a scoreboard as well as to pay for the City approved electricians to install it.

10. Identify the proposed timeline.

We would likely begin and complete the project over the Summer so as not to disrupt the Spring baseball season.

11. Please list any partners in this proposal, and the partner's role and your relationship with them.

There would not be a partner in the project, although we would hope that this would serve many people once completed.

12. Please describe your plan for sustainability of the project or initiative after the grant award has been exhausted.

Beacon Junior Baseball would continue to maintain the batting cages and pitching area and to promote their use amongst league coaches for both recreation and travel players and teams. Beacon Junior Baseball would also work with the City Rec Department on the potential sponsoring of baseball tournaments on the larger field so as to attract more people to the area and steer them towards local businesses while those players and families are in Beacon.

2022 Community Investment Application
City of Beacon Proposal # 2022-003

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COMMON GROUND

FARM

Getting Fresh Food to Beacon! Community Investment Proposal, City of Beacon 2022

1. Common Ground Farm supports and engages our community by fostering access and connection to fresh food and local agriculture through farming, education, and farmers' markets.

2. Common Ground was founded in 2001 to provide sustainably-grown food to local residents primarily through a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture), on ten acres of DEC land leased from Stony Kill Foundation. In 2012, Common Ground began working with the Beacon City School District (BCSD) to provide Farm to School programming, and began to grow all of its education programs significantly. In 2013 Common Ground shifted its priority to focus more fully on its food access and education based programs and stopped operation of its CSA. This move enabled Common Ground to develop a variety of fresh food distribution strategies to more people in the Beacon community. In 2016, Common Ground took over management of the Beacon Farmers' Market, and in 2017 began management of the Downing Park Farmers' Market in Newburgh. In 2019, the Newburgh Farmers' Market moved to the central and accessible location on Safe Harbors Green in the heart of Newburgh as a multi-vendor 16 week market. Stewarding farmers' markets have become a critical means for food access and a way to support local agriculture beyond our own farm operation. In 2020, Common Ground quickly made many pivots to support our community during the pandemic, including ramping up our donation work, transforming the Beacon Farmers' Market into a preorder system, and creating Farm Camp alternatives when we determined that we would be unable to operate camp. We also formed a working partnership with Mutual Aid Beacon, and officially became Mutual Aid's fiscal sponsor at the start of 2022. In 2021, the Beacon Farmers' Market moved to the DMV for both the summer and winter seasons, allowing us to greatly expand the market year round. We also grew the Newburgh Market to operate year round during the 2021-2022 winter season.

3. Common Ground currently operates three main branches: farm, education, and markets. This structure allows us to provide a multi-faceted approach to food justice, by providing educational and food access support through programming, food donations, and through our markets.

   Common Ground's farm programs include weekly food donations that get 10,000 pounds of fresh food to the people who need it most each year, in partnership with community food access groups, including food pantries, soup kitchens, churches, Fareground, and Mutual Aid Beacon. Common Ground also offers a U-Pick garden, where community members sign up for a season of fresh vegetables that they pick from the fields themselves. This year we are piloting a program that provides five free shares to community members who need food access support. In addition, Common Ground offers

Harvest shares to community members before the Thanksgiving Holiday, which include late season vegetables including spinach, kale, sweet potatoes, potatoes, squash, onions, and garlic. 30 shares go directly to Backpack program recipients, who are students identified by school social workers as food insecure.

Common Ground offers a variety of education programs, including a robust Farm to School program that connects farm and food-based education programming with local food procurement and nutritious recipes in the cafeteria. Our Farm to School work includes Chef in the Classroom, field trips, public art workshops, bee workshops, a gardening program at Rombout, and Professional Development programming for food service staff. Common Ground also runs farm-based education programming, including toddler, homeschool, family and adult workshops, and our popular Farm Camp. All tuition-based programs provide full and sliding scale scholarships to ensure that families have access regardless of income. In 2021, Common Ground provided 30 full scholarship slots to 16 children. In addition, Common Ground operates a Backpack program that ensures that the district's most food insecure children have access to high quality food on the weekends.

Common Ground stewards the Beacon and Newburgh Farmers' Markets. In the time that Common Ground has managed the Beacon market, it transformed from a small waterfront market that catered to visitors from NYC to a large 50 + vendor market located at the center of town that offers multiple food benefit programs, supporting local agriculture and food access in our community. Common Ground also runs the Newburgh Farmers' Market, which provides community engagement, food access, and opportunities for a diverse group of local food producers. The Newburgh Market works in partnership with Our Core, and employees teens each week to learn about the market and local agriculture. Together with Our Core, last year the Newburgh Farmers' Market donated 2,300 pounds of fresh vegetables to emergency food assistance programs.

4. Over the years, Common Ground has donated more than 80,000 pounds of fresh, organically grown food to our neighbors who need it most. In 2020, we ramped up our donation program in response to community need caused by the pandemic and donated 14,000 pounds.

   Common Ground has provided programming to 30,000 children and adults on the farm and in school classrooms since we began operating educational programs. Farm to School supports programming for all elementary aged children in Beacon, and has grown to support garden-based activities at Rombout Middle School, Professional Development for food service staff, and our own fresh vegetables in the cafeterias.

   Since taking on stewardship of the Beacon Farmers' Market, the market has grown significantly, supporting more than 50 local producers in our community. Over $17,000 in Greens4Greens coupons have been redeemed at our markets, doubling the purchasing power of many people who use benefits.

5. Getting Fresh Food to Beacon! Common Ground is in need of several items that will enable us to more efficiently transport fresh vegetables to Beacon, including a trailer, insulation for the trailer, and a truck bed cover. We will use these items to transport fresh vegetables from the farm to the Beacon Farmers' Market every week from May until November, and keep our product sufficiently cool to donate whatever we do not sell each week. In addition, we work with Mutual Aid Beacon to make deliveries of fresh produce to homebound community members each week. Mutual Aid Beacon has identified a need for a set of bins and a hand cart to transport vegetables to community members during the growing season.

6. The purpose of this project is to ensure that Common Ground's farmers have a safe, efficient, and adequate method for transporting fresh vegetables from the farm to the market, and to various sites within the Beacon community. In 2018, Common Ground renovated a 2002 Postal Truck to transport our products to the Beacon Farmers' Market. Unfortunately, during the 2021 season, the vehicle became unsafe to operate due to multiple mechanical problems, including the brakes failing and the turbo no longer working. Despite working with multiple mechanics and paying for several costly repairs, we have been unable to repair the vehicle to a state where it is safe to drive. Common Ground staff and board weighed all the options, and at this time we think that our best, most economical solution would be to invest in a trailer that we can hitch to our pickup truck, which has worked for us reliably since we purchased it in 2016. In addition to purchasing a trailer, we will insulate it so that fresh produce can be kept cold. This solution also requires the purchase of a truck bed cover, so that we can use the vehicle's bed regardless of the weather. In addition, Mutual Aid Beacon's work in distributing food has become an essential support system for Common Ground. To assist them in their food distribution work, we are also requesting a sturdy cart and 6 vegetable bins. These items will help us to get fresh food to people in our community who need it most.

Key outcomes:

a. Common Ground will have safe and reliable transportation to participate as a vendor at the Beacon Farmers' Market. This serves our food access mission because Common Ground fully participates in all of the Beacon Farmers' Market's food access programs, including the end of market donation program, Greens4Greens, SNAP, FMNP, and WIC. In addition, Common Ground works in partnership with Lindley Todd to provide all residents at their property with free $250 market cards to use at the Common Ground stand at the market.
b. Common Ground will be able to more fully utilize and integrate its existing assets, rather than making a really large investment in a new vehicle.
c. Common Ground and Mutual Aid Beacon will be more fully integrated in our combined efforts to feed and support the Beacon community.

7. Getting Fresh Food to Beacon supports the work of both Common Ground farm crew and Mutual Aid volunteers, in addition to supporting people who use benefits at the market, residents at Lindley Todd, families who rely on the Wednesday free food

distribution, families that use the items available at the Mutual Aid Beacon tiny fridges, and people who depend on Mutual Aid grocery deliveries.

8. We are requesting $5,626 to complete this project.

9. Funding will be used to purchase the following items:
    a. One 5'x8' trailer at $3,900
    b. Materials to insulate the trailer $1000
    c. A truck bed cover at $400
    d. A sturdy cart for transporting food $200
    e. Vegetable bins 6 x $21 = $126

10. We plan to purchase all materials requested upon confirmation of funding. We will work to insulate the trailer as soon as it is purchased so that it is ready to be used ahead of the summer market in May of 2022. We will continue to use all purchased materials throughout the 2022 growing season and beyond.

11. Common Ground is partnering with Mutual Aid Beacon. Their role is to distribute fresh food from the farm to people in the community who need it, through their tiny fridges, their food distributions, and their food deliveries. Common Ground is currently serving as Mutual Aid Beacon's fiscal sponsor for food access and educational programs. Common Ground is also partnering with Lindley Todd to provide free market cards to all of their residents. Lindley Todd is covering the cost of any purchases made by residents when they use their market cards at the Common Ground stand.

12. Because we are purchasing equipment and supplies that will last for a long time, we anticipate that this particular project will be self-sustaining upon purchase of items listed. However, we recognize that sustainability is a complex project among nonprofits. Common Ground has remained resilient for 20 years because we operate multiple programs that run on a variety of revenue streams. When we lose one funding source, we work hard to strengthen our other programs. For example, in 2020, we were unable to operate Farm Camp, so we sought additional grant funds and strengthened our farm-based programs. We also recognize that fundraising, both from individuals and from grants, are part of our essential practice as a nonprofit. We understand that funding sources change, and if one funder is no longer able to support us, we will seek additional support from new foundations and partners.

2022 Community Investment Application
City of Beacon Proposal # 2022-003

Applicant Information

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Proposal Information

Please return this information sheet with a separate proposal for utilizing the City of Beacon Community Investment Program funds. Please include the following in your proposal;

1. Please provide your organization mission statement.
2. Tell us about the history of your organization.
3. Tell us about your current programs and activities.
4. Please describe a few top accomplishments of your organization within the last three years.
5. Provide a brief description of the proposal.
6. Describe the purpose and key anticipated outcomes.
7. Identify individuals or communities served.
8. Note the amount of funding requested.
9. Provide an overview of how funds will be spent.
10. Identify the proposed proposal timeline.
11. Please list any partners in this proposal, and the partner's role and your relationship with them.
12. Please describe your plan for sustainability of the project or initiative after the grant award has been exhausted.

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Mission Statement

Fareground, Inc., a charitable 501(c)(3) is a food justice, anti-hunger organization, dedicated to nourishing the community by operating free marketplaces, community fridges, tiny food pantries, and other programs to distribute fresh and prepared foods. Fareground aims to collaborate to serve the community in a variety of ways to create *fair ground*. With a focus on healthy food and accessibility for all, Fareground promotes the necessary changes to build local food security.

Fareground strives to:

- Provide local, organic food whenever possible. We work with local farms and organizations to secure donations or affordable food.
- Honor our community and all of its members, regardless of sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, race, ethnicity, religious beliefs, political beliefs, education levels, or socioeconomic class. We value inclusivity and equity.
- Meet the needs of our community through collaborative partnerships (i.e. coat drives, food drives, first responders to crises, social services, etc.).
- Eliminate hunger by creating a bridge between communities and addressing poverty and sustainability. We are continuously examining privilege and disparities and disrupt these whenever possible.
- Be as ecologically sound as possible and maintain the utmost respect for our environment. We recycle, compost, and avoid disposables whenever possible to prevent waste.

Organization History

Origins

In 2012, a group of residents began meeting to discuss their shared concern about food justice and food insecurity in the Hudson Valley. Their concern led to the creation of Fareground, a food justice organization in Beacon, NY. The goal was to bridge the unnecessary gaps that exist in our communities by providing delicious and nutritious food. Early on, Fareground began hosting 'Pay What You Can' Pop-Up Dinners and building Tiny Food Pantories to place around Beacon in collaboration with several wonderful organizations. Fareground's TFPs offer non-perishable foods, toiletries, and baby care items. These pantries are accessible 24/7 and are for anyone to 'Take what they need and leave what they can.' Fareground sustains the pantries with contributions from businesses, other nonprofits, and individuals alike.

Impact of COVID-19

While Fareground started with a focus on pop-up community meals, once the COVID-19 pandemic hit our community, we launched meal and grocery distributions in partnership with schools and other organizations. These distributions have morphed into our Free Marketplace program.

The COVID-19 pandemic led to a marked increase in demand for our services. It brought into sharp focus the disparities in our community, including those of food access and security. There were immense changes in employment, income, childcare, education, and community resources. In particular the drastic rise in job losses with over 17 million Americans having filed for unemployment between March and August 2020 (Baek, McCrory, Messer, & Mui, 2020) resulted in millions more Americans experienced food insecurity over the past two years (Laborde, Martin, & Vos, 2020). This increase impacted the health and nutrition of adults and children nationwide as well as locally, particularly vulnerable populations who are already at greatest risk for a variety of health and mental health challenges (Dunn, Kenney, Fleischhacker, & Bleich, 2020). Data have shown increased stress, depression, and food insecurity during COVID-19 (Panchal et al., 2020) and our experiences in Beacon and beyond bear this out. Based on all of this data and what we saw in our community, we collaborated with numerous partners to increase access to healthy food during the pandemic. We worked with local school districts, The Food Bank of the Hudson Valley, and many others to provide meals and groceries for hundreds of households and thousands of individuals throughout the height of the pandemic. Our Free Marketplaces, Tiny Food Pantries, Community Fridges, and Holiday Meal Kits, helped to bridge the meal gap for households during that period.

Commitment to Racial Justice

Fareground is committed to developing sustained anti-racist practices and alliances as we work to increase food access in the Mid-Hudson Valley. We see this work as an on-going process of self-reflection, community building, and accountability with the communities with whom we work. We understand that we are working within a food system structured by racism at every level. From the fields and the factories to the grocery stores and the kitchen cupboards, racism shapes who has access to food, land, markets, and leadership positions. As a historically white-led organization, we recognize that we have a long way to go to address these issues within our own organization and in our community work.

Following the lead of Beacon 4 Black Lives, a BIPOC-led anti-racist organization working in Beacon, we understand that real community safety means all people having their basic needs for food, shelter, recreation, health, and community met. We have collaborated with them to build and sustain a community fridge in Beacon. We have also worked in collaboration to advocate for a shift in municipal funding from policing to community needs, including funding for food security efforts in Beacon. We see our part of this work as showing up and supporting the efforts of anti-racist and social justice organizing in our community. In addition, we strive to ground our operations, decisions, and practices in racial justice. We continuously utilize anti-racist and anti-oppressive principles of transparency, collaboration, both/and thinking, and abundance. Anti-oppressive principles aim to decrease oppressive practices and recognize power imbalances within nonprofits and

communities. We see ourselves as partners in this long-term, work to transform our food system from one rooted in exclusion, scarcity, and discrimination, to one of abundance, belonging, and community for all people.

Programs

Fareground has three major areas of work:
-Free Marketplaces
-Healthy Snacks for Youth (launching in April 2022)
-Tiny Food Pantries and Community Fridges

At our **Free Marketplaces**, we offer an enhanced mobile food pantry experience where we bring a range of pantry staples, refrigerated, and frozen foods, including locally-grown items. Our weekly community-based distributions of healthy foods operate using a choice model so participants can select the foods that appeal to them and their families. We bring this mobile pantry to housing and accessible community sites in Beacon, Newburgh, Wappingers, and Fishkill. This makes it possible for folks who have limited access to transportation able to access the food we provide because we bring it to right where they live.

Healthy Snacks for Youth is a new program component that we are building because of the need for more nourishing food for youth that they can access themselves whether after school, during the weekends, or in the summer. We will provide after school and summer snacks for youth including easy-to-eat kid-friendly items like fruit, yogurt, sandwiches, cheese, carrots, celery, cherry tomatoes, hard boiled eggs, granola bars, etc.

Fareground currently operates eight **Tiny Food Pantries** and two **Community Fridges** in collaboration with other organizations and businesses which enable us to provide healthy food to community members who are not able to make it to the Free Marketplaces. We add food several times per week, keep them clean, and encourage other community members to also add food. We are working to establish new Tiny Food Pantries and Community Fridges in partnership with other community groups.

Along with the food, we also provide toiletries, baby care items, and information about other resources (SNAP, HEAP, nutrition, housing, mental health, etc.).

Key Accomplishments

In 2020 and 2021, we provided over 300 holiday and summer BBQ kits per year and distributed meals and groceries to hundreds of households on a weekly basis through Free Marketplaces, collaborations with local school districts, and via home delivery.

In December 2021, we hired our first executive director who is currently at the helm of the organization and directing its operations.

Since Jan 1, 2022, Fareground has provided nourishing food at Free Marketplaces for over 500 households made up of more than 1,600 individuals, including 457 youth and 236 seniors.

Fareground has implemented best practices that align closely with "Improving Health while Alleviating Hunger: Best Practices of a Successful Hunger Relief Organization" (2018):

- Removing stigma and empowering participants by providing a selection of appealing food options to choose from known as "client-choice"
- Encouraging healthy eating by offering more nutrient-dense options and fewer high sugar, high sodium, and highly processed options; promoting healthier foods that are offered through prominent placement; and providing healthy foods geared toward children
- Embracing multiculturalism by offering nutritious foods that are familiar and appealing to people with a diversity of cultural backgrounds
- Developing donation policies for healthy food drives and requesting specific healthier foods when donations are offered
- Developing a "client-first' organizational culture that prioritizes a dignified and respectful experience for all participants

Grant Proposal

Funding from the Beacon City grant program will strengthen Fareground's capacity to provide nourishing food for residents experiencing food insecurity. It would enable the organization to maintain the Free Marketplace, Community Fridge, and Tiny Food Pantry programs with enhanced offerings including nutritious locally-grown offerings. In addition, it would enable Fareground to maintain the newly launched the Healthy Snacks for Youth program that will support families with children in accessing nourishing foods that kids can eat without preparation. We know that households with youth and those with seniors are often struggling the most to get by. Our programs, while open to all, specifically connect with and support the needs of youth and seniors.

So many people have needed food support during the past couple of years, and while we have heard from a few families that they no longer need our support, each week we are meeting new households needing food (sometimes as many as 30 per week). This need is compounded by the fact that resources that had been supporting the work of getting healthy food out to our neighbors are drying up. Therefore, we have increased the number of people and households we are providing food for. We are currently focused on increasing our capacity to pick up donated food, purchase food, as well as store and distribute the food we have obtained. One recent development is that we have become members of the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley. Our membership with the Food Bank enables us to leverage our food dollars much further as most items are available for the $0.16 per pound service fee.

Purpose and Key Outcomes

Our purpose is to provide nourishing food to community members who need it in a dignified and respectful manner. The important outcomes of this work include the following:

- Increased food security for Beacon residents
- Increased sense of community due to neighbors supporting each other through Fareground

All of our work is grounded in community, justice, and sustainability.

Communities Served

We have two primary audiences for our work, 1. those who are connected with us because they live at subsidized apartment complexes; and 2. those who the local schools have connected with us. The apartment complexes include both mixed housing and senior-specific housing, but all residents who qualify for the housing complexes have limited income and have limited access to sufficient nourishing food. The local school districts share our information with families who have been identified by the school districts as needing additional food. Thus we are serving a high proportion of both seniors and families with children. We have also heard from a number of families that members of their households have disabilities. Many of the people we serve do not have vehicles and many also are living on fixed incomes. On a monthly basis, we are serving approximately 400 households (1,280 individuals). Every week, we see some of the same people and we also meet new neighbors who are seeking food from us for the first time. While we serve residents in Beacon, Wappingers, Fishkill, and Newburgh, this grant request is specifically for our food access work in Beacon.

According to Feeding America, approximately 9% of Dutchess County residents are food insecure which means that they do not have consistent access to a healthy balanced diet for an active lifestyle. It is defined by the federal government as “limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate and safe foods or limited or uncertain ability to acquire food in socially acceptable ways.” While more than half of food insecure residents in our region are eligible for SNAP benefits, SNAP does not provide sufficient food for an entire month. In addition, the remaining portion of individuals are not eligible for SNAP and yet are food insecure. As we know from decades of research, food insecurity is higher in lower income neighborhoods and in areas where residents have limited access to transportation. This is why Fareground focuses its work at subsidized housing complexes, bringing the food to where people live.

Our program participants' household situations are currently still being impacted by pandemic related issues including job losses, long COVID, healthcare bills, housing insecurity, caring for ill family members, mental health concerns, interrupted schooling, inadequate childcare, and the loss of loved ones. Unfortunately, we anticipate these challenges continuing through the next year, if not longer.

Communication with Communities Served

We make sure local residents know about our offerings in a few ways. 1. We have an active social media presence and share weekly fliers there and ask our followers to share widely. 2. We have a texting service that shares the

information with any local resident who has shared their phone number for this purpose. We have over 300 participant households subscribed already. We ask folks who receive the text messages to share with their networks. 3. We post fliers around the neighborhoods where the food is available. We also share fliers with housing authorities, other nonprofits, and schools so that this information reaches those who need it most.

We are developing a survey to learn more about what folks would like to see at Free Marketplaces, Tiny Food Pantries, and Community Fridges. We want to make sure that the food we are offering is what our neighbors want to be eating. We operate the Free Marketplaces in a way that is welcoming and friendly so that residents feel good about accessing the food offered. We provide a "market-style" experience (even though everything is free) so that people can select what they would like to take. We also offer non-food items including toiletries, personal care items, hand sanitizer, masks, baby care items, and winter hats.

Funding Request

Fareground requests a grant of $10,000 to strengthen and enhance its food access activities in Beacon. We have secured $21,000 for our Beacon work for the remainder of this year. We have two additional grants pending: $20,000 and $3,000. Together, these funds will enable us to expand our work to meet the growing need for food. The funds will cover staffing for planning, coordination, and management of the Free Marketplaces and Healthy Snacks for Youth programs, mileage for picking up food from the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley and food donors, distribution supplies, printing and educational materials that are aligned with the food offerings, outreach costs including our expanding texting service that enables us to reach local residents who benefit from the Free Marketplaces, and increased refrigeration so we can accept more perishable foods to share with our neighbors. We are launching the Healthy Snacks for Youth program in April and will operate it as funding allows. Any funds provided by the City of Beacon will support our goals of more effectively providing nourishing food for the Beacon community.

Timeline

May 1, 2022 - Dec. 31, 2022
-Free Marketplaces operate on a weekly basis year-round.
-Healthy Snacks for Youth will start in April and continue at least through August, pending sufficient funding.
-Tiny Food Pantries and Community Fridges operate on an ongoing basis and are available 24/7 for people to take advantage of. Three new Tiny Food Pantries are projected to open in summer 2022.
-Monitoring and evaluation of all programs is ongoing.

Partners

We are partnering with the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Orange County (Nourish NY Program), and various local businesses and farms to obtain food. In addition, we partner with local housing authorities in Beacon and Wappingers, a few churches, and community groups including Beacon 4

Black Lives and Mutual Aid Beacon to get the food out to our neighbors. We also partner with other nonprofits including Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County (SNAP -ED program), NY Hope, and Hudson River Housing to provide helpful information about available resources regarding nutrition, mental health, housing, and more.

Plan for Sustainability

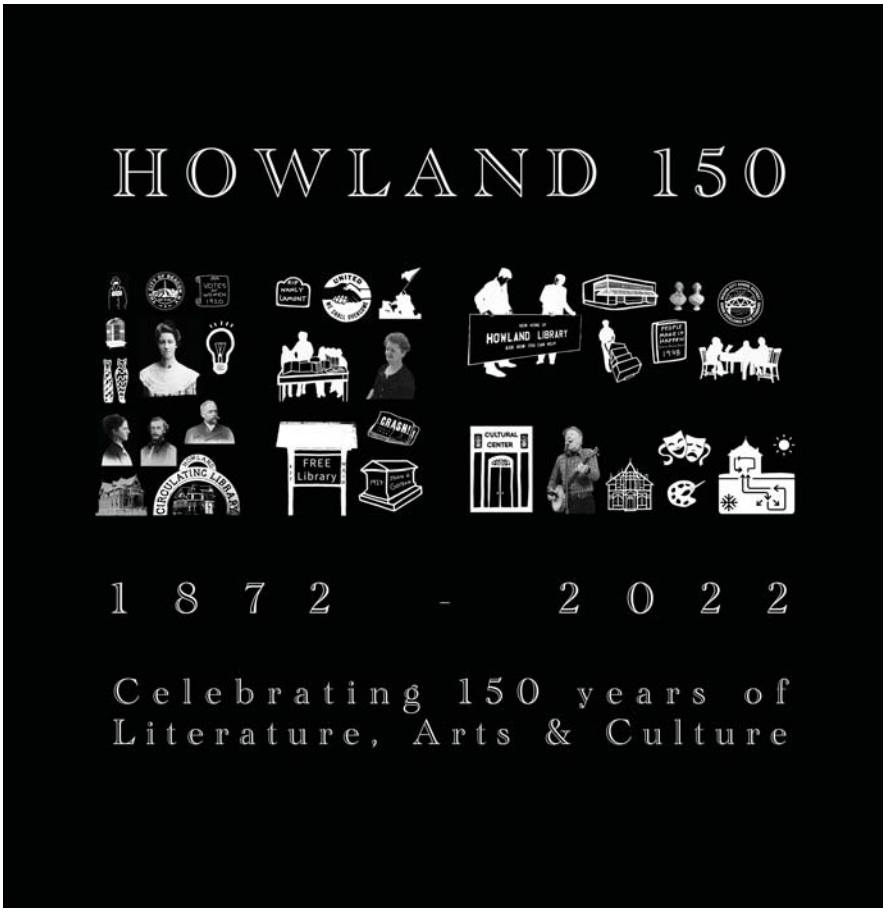
We have three funding streams that support our work. 1. Individual giving; 2. Grants, 3. In-kind contributions. We continue to solicit donations, apply for grants, and seek donated products and services and every little bit makes it possible for us to continue or expand our work. Right now, we are seeing emergency funding for food security and pandemic relief disappear while the need remains and our service numbers continue to increase. As we increase our capacity to operate, we also increase our capacity to raise the funds needed to support those operations.

City of Beacon Community Funding Program

Howland Cultural Center in partnership with
the Howland Library and Beacon Historical Society

Request Funding for "Howland 150"
an exhibition celebrating the 150th anniversary
of the opening our the Howland Library.

April 1, 2022



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Howland Cultural Center: Organization Mission Statement

The mission of The Howland Cultural Center is:

- To protect and preserve this historic building, designed by Richard Morris Hunt and commissioned by his brother-in-law, Civil War General Joseph Howland in 1872, and placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1972
- To maintain a cultural center for the community which promotes the arts and to encourage people to include the arts in their lives
- To serve the community by welcoming groups to use the Center for their special events, i.e.: meetings, recitals, fundraisers, ceremonies, workshops, parties and more.

About Our Organization

The Howland has produced programs in the building since 1979 after acquiring it from the Howland Public Library upon the library's move. We have rehabilitated, restored or adapted the building to highlight it as a work of historical architectural art in its own right. We have been a continuing force in the Beacon arts scene for more than 40 years and in recent times have found increasing opportunities, interest and activity. Much of this stems from Beacon's general revival and recognition as a tourist draw.

Current Programs and Activities

Our next art exhibit opens April 16: “Farm to Table: The Bounty of Beacon and Beyond” with food as the theme. We have six exhibits lined up for the rest of the year. We have booked 45 events for the year, including music, storytelling, literature, theater and dance as well as some rentals for private events.

Top accomplishments in the last three years:

Perhaps most topically, we have survived Covid’s two years of negative impact and we remain viable and active. We were forced to close for a while in March 2020 but quickly pivoted and resumed gallery operations under the state’s 2020 covid mask mandate. We also did live streaming to broadcast performances and purchased equipment using funds raised from our Board of Directors. Musicians also sought us out for recording sessions, which meant developing a new line of business that helps to tide us over through Covid.

In 2019, we restored the original wood floor in the main room, repairing damage and refinishing it. We also rehabilitated and updated our geothermal heating-cooling

system and installed new gas-fired high-efficiency furnaces to handle the main floor. This year we completed a freshening of the main room by repairing plaster, repainting from top to bottom and installing a professional gallery hanging system. We also repaired and repainted the hallways, and earlier, one of our front rooms.

We have reinvigorated our programming by adding comedy events to our mix and by bringing in new theatrical offerings. We have undertaken this Howland 150 project that is, for us, special because it is a way in which we use art to illuminate the history of this building's service to our community.

A Brief Description of Proposal

HOWLAND 150: Celebrating 150 Years of Literacy, Arts and Culture

The "Howland 150" exhibition aims to serve the critical community need of coming together to celebrate and support one of our most vital public institutions, our Public Library.

The Howland Cultural Center, the Howland Public Library, the Beacon Historical Society, local historians, visual and performing artists are collaborating to celebrate this important community milestone - the 150th anniversary of our Library. This citywide exhibition is free to the public and will take place in three locations, the Library, Cultural Center and Historical Society from August 5th to September 25th 2022.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS:

The Howland Cultural Center will present a visual arts exhibit featuring two local artists, artist talks and performances and will also host lectures presented by the Beacon Historical Society.

The Howland Library will exhibit a curated selection of memories from its collection of "Keeping the Books: Highlights from Librarian's Scrap Books" dating back to the 1920's! The Library is also collaborating with I AM BEACON to host a podcast created by Beacon youth who will interview and collect local stories about the Library from longtime Beacon residents.

The Historical Society will create a Howland 150 exhibit from its collection of archives and will present two events at the Howland Cultural Center, “The Eliza Howland Lecture” and “Richard Morris Hunt in Beacon: The Howland Commissions”.

All three organizations will represent in the Spirit of Beacon Day. We already have plans in the works for a fun library-related flashmob!

After two years of COVID restrictions and social isolation, what better reason to come together and support our public institutions that serve everyone in the community? With your support, the Howland 150 will demonstrate what we can accomplish through collaboration, we will tell stories from multiple perspectives that represent Beacon’s diverse community, and bring awareness towards three vital community resources, our library, our cultural arts center and our historical society.

Outcomes

The Howland 150 exhibition will accomplish multiple goals:

1. Create a collaborative working relationship between three vital public institutions, the Howland Library, the Howland Cultural Center and the Beacon Historical Society. All three organizations are public institutions that serve everyone in the community.

2. We have an opportunity to celebrate a milestone that can bring people together around something positive and culturally significant through literacy, arts and culture.

3. Through the exhibition, we are putting together a comprehensive look at 150 years of Beacon History through the story of the library. Through local archives we have been able to uncover some unsung heroes and unheard voices from the community that give context to the shaping of the library.

4. Beyond the exhibit, the information will become part of our local story and made accessible to educators and students in both digital and physical form.

Timeline

April: Continue collaborative planning sessions, finalize advertising designs, secure dates for all public programming

May - June: Printing advertising materials, launch social media campaign

July: Print Exhibition Material (Hang exhibits Aug. 1-4)

August 5 - September 25th: Exhibits Open and Programming begins

SAMPLE OF PROGRAMMING (in progress)

Name of Program	Organization	Presenter
Anniversary Celebration August 5th	HCC-HPL-BHS etc	All 3 organizations
Keeping the Books: Highlights from Librarian Scrapbooks	HPL	Michelle Rivas
Howland 150 Exhibition	HCC	Curator, Donna Mikkelsen
Howland Exhibition Historical Society	BHS	BHS
The Eliza Howland Lecture	BHS	Emily Murnane
Birthday Party Storytime & TShirt Giveaway	HPL	Stephanie Montesanto
Unbound: Artist Transformed Books Art Exhibit	HPL	Michelle Rivas, Juror Thersa Gooby
Make your own catalog card	HPL	Alison Herrero
Studio visit for Teens	HPL	Beacon Tintype
Youth Podcast Interviews	HPL	Brandon Lillard
AIA chapter event, CEU	HCC	J.C. Calderon, et al.
150 performance event TBA	HCC	Curator, Donna Mikkelsen
150 Artist Talk	HCC	Artist Donna Mikkelsen
150 Artist Talk	HCC	Artist Jean Marc Superville Sovak
150 performance event TBA	HCC	Curator, Donna Mikkelsen
Richard Morris Hunt in Beacon: The Howland Commissions	BHS	Steven Baltsas

Funding Request

We are seeking funding in the amount of $6835

These funds will be used for:
1. Printing costs for both the Library and Howland Cultural Center exhibits. The Historical Society will be using resources from their collection and will not require funding for their exhibit.
2. Promotional materials that will advertise all three exhibitions through postcards, pole banners and bus shelter art.

Budget

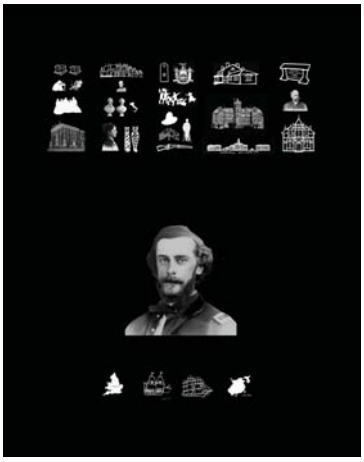
Exhibition Printing Costs:		lesser quality
42 prints semi matte paper 30x40”	$3,750	($1,890)
2 prints semi matte paper 48x 60”	$600	($300)
25 prints 9x12”	$250	
Mounting	$1,230	
Promotional Materials:		
Post cards (500)	$225	
Banners for Spirit of Beacon Day	$130	
Vinyl for Bus Shelter Art (1 bus shelter)	$600	(vista print)
Pole Banners (10)	$650	(vista print)
TOTAL REQUEST	**$6835**	

See estimate provided by local business owner Rob Penner of Beacon Fine Art Printing (attached)

Additional Funding Sources:
We have submitted a $5,000 grant request with Arts Mid Hudson $4,000 to fund our visual and performing artists fees and $1,000 for materials. If we get the grant, we will likely be rewarded half of the amount.

If we do not receive the Community Funds from the City of Beacon, we anticipate reducing the quality of the printed matter and finding alternative mounting materials. In addition, we will seek donations through crowdfunding and a digital and physical donation jar.

MORE ABOUT THE EXHIBITION at The Howland Cultural Center:



"Joseph Howland" pictograph, Donna Mikkelsen, 2022

Howland 150 is a collaborative citywide celebration of the 150th anniversary of the opening of our most vital public institutions, our Library. This project was initiated by local artist Donna Mikkelsen who approached the Board of the Howland Cultural Center (HCC) and proposed the concept, now a collaboration with local artists, the Howland Public Library & the Beacon Historical Society. This multimedia arts exhibition will take place at the HCC, home of the original library. It celebrates community achievements, examines hardships, and explores untold stories from diverse perspectives. Using art, illustration, and photography, performance and the written word.

The exhibit will highlight four pivotal moments in the library's history:

1. **1872:** The Howland Circulating Library was built. This part of the exhibit explores both the "glory" of the Gilded Age that birthed this exquisitely designed building and the lesser-known Reconstruction-era equal opportunity struggles happening in the community at the same time.

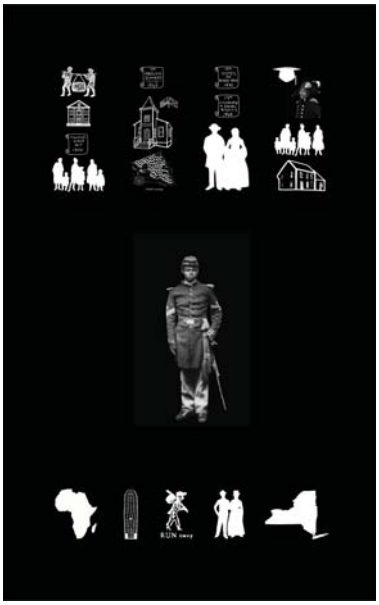
2. **1929:** The library officially became a Free Library. This factory town was about to face the Great Depression. This part of the exhibit highlights the tenure of librarian Nancy Lamont, a descendant of Irish immigrants, who lived above the library. She served as librarian for over 40 years and through two world wars.

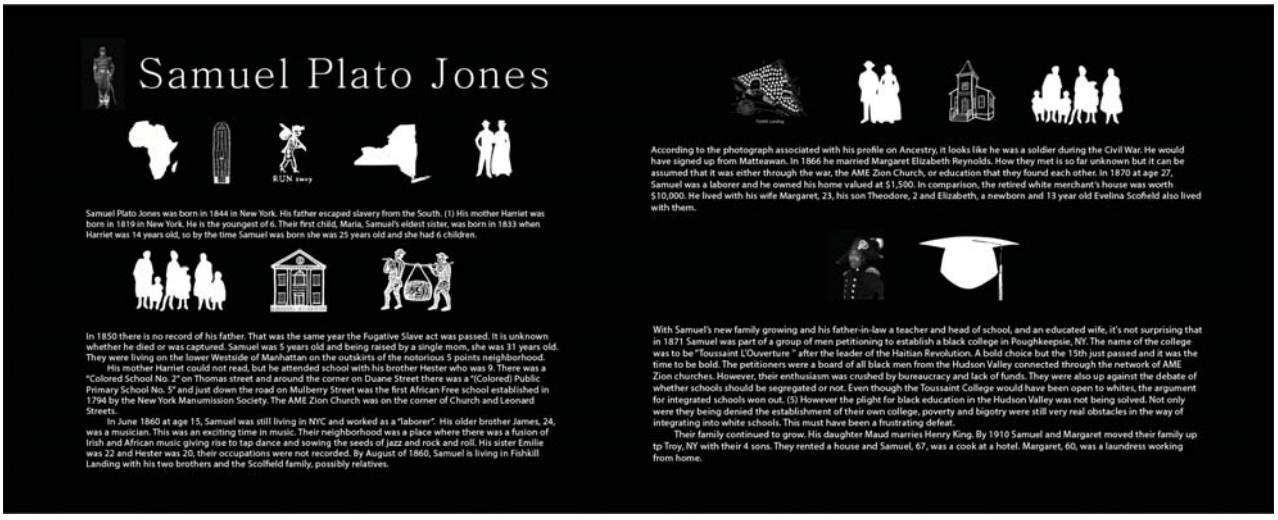
3. **1976:** The library expanded and relocated to a larger space. At the time, local Librarian Patricia Hannah wrote a book "People Make It Happen: The Possibilities of Outreach in Every Phase of Public Library Service". She established outreach and developed the Spanish section in the Library. We will use this opportunity to explore the lesser known movement of the Spanish speaking community in Beacon. The story also diverges here as we celebrate another community achievement, the establishment of the Howland Cultural Arts Center that now occupies the building. HCC has played a pivotal role in establishing the thriving arts community in Beacon today.
4. **Today:** The final piece of the exhibit highlights current events related to literacy, arts and culture in Beacon and looks towards the future role these vital institutions play in the health and well being of our city and its inhabitants

Visual Art Exhibit at HCC

The lower gallery will be a series of 20+ pictographs designed by Donna Mikkelsen. It will be a didactic presentation with each pictograph accompanied by a written narrative. A QR code will lead to a virtual exhibit with citations and resources. The upper gallery will be occupied by local artist Jean-Marc Superville Sovak who will also create artwork representing lesser known community history. Artist Talks will take place on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

Sample mock up of pictograph didactic presentation:





Performance: Historical "Vignettes"

A vignette is "a brief, evocative description, account or episode". The visual and written content of the exhibit informs performers and becomes part of the audience's experience. Local actors, musicians and dancers, will perform a series of historical vignettes, bringing to life historical moments and the people who made them happen. (These vignettes will also be performed on the "Spirit of Beacon Parade" in September, including a flash mob).

Performing Artists:

Maxx Reed, www.maxxreed.com
CHOREOGRAPHER, FILMMAKER, DANCER & EDUCATOR
Beacon resident

Gwen Laster & Damon Banks, https://www.brooklynragamassive.org/events/brm-weekly-gwen-laster-and-damon-banks
MUSICIANS, COMPOSERS, EDUCATORS
Beacon residents

Jennifer Malenke, jennifermalenke.com
ACTOR/SINGER
Beacon resident

Jeremy Schonfeld, jeremyschonfeld.com
COMPOSER
Beacon resident

Visitor Experience

Its a quiet, library-like atmosphere with art on the walls and information to read. Tables and chairs set up with reading material and blank books with pens for visitors to write in to share a local memory or comment on the exhibit. Gallery Hours are Saturdays and Sundays 12-5pm From August 5th - September 25th. On Second Saturdays during gallery hours visitors could expect to see Historical Vignettes performed spontaneously throughout the

HOWLAND
PUBLIC LIBRARY
313 Main Street, Beacon, NY 12508
845-831-1134 beaconlibrary.org

City of Beacon Community Funding Program
23 West Center Street Beacon
NY 12508

Mark Price,

The Howland Public Library is excited to be collaborating with artist and curator Donna Mikkelsen, the Howland Cultural Center, and the Beacon Historical Society to celebrate our 150th anniversary. We've had a few meetings over the past six months to share resources and we are impressed with Donna's pictograph concept as a tool for storytelling, it allows for representation of many diverse perspectives. The Howland Library is happy to be sharing the celebration our 150th anniversary with the Howland Cultural Center. The historic Howland building, that is now the Howland Cultural Center, was the original home of the Howland Library from 1872-1976.

Best,

Michelle Rivas
Outreach Coordinator
Howland Public Library
community@beaconlibrary.org

day with a full ticketed performance both evenings.

BEACON HISTORICAL SOC
61 Leonard Street
PO Box 89

Beacon, NY 12508

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Trustee – Barbara Sbraccia
Trustee – Denise VanBuren

To: The City of Beacon Community Investment Program
From: Diane Lapis, President
Date: March 31, 2022
Re: Letter of support for Howland 150 exhibit

I am writing a letter of support for the Howland 150th Exhibit at the Howland Cultural Center (HCC) in Beacon NY. The Beacon Historical Society (BHS) is collaborating with the HCC and the Howland Library to celebrate the history and impact of this august institution since 1872. We are working with both institutions to provide historical materials (architectural drawings, letters, photos, postcards, newspaper clippings, books and more. Information gleaned from our collections help to tell the story of the Howlands and their philanthropy to the city of Beacon, the two library buildings (the original structure designed by Richard Morris Hunt and its current iteration, the former Fishman's Department Store.

The pictographic panels that will be designed by artist Donna Mikklesen and on display at the HCC will help to tell the story of the library and cultural center's impact on this city in a unique, interesting, and accessible way. We look forward to aiding on this project as it goes forward and celebrating Howland's 150th!

Diane Lapis

Kelly Ellenwood

[redacted] [redacted]

March 25, 2022

I am writing to express my support of the **"Howland 150" Celebration and Exhibition**. This collaboration through art, performance, exhibition, education and community between the Howland Cultural Center, the Howland Public Library and the Beacon Historical Society, truly exemplifies the "Spirit of Beacon." As a community organizer and as an involved parent, I believe that this opportunity to showcase the history of Beacon in service to our community and our schools as we look back on 150 years, is significant. Bringing Beacon's history alive – and being able to understand and learn about the triumphs as well as the flaws - is essential. Tapping into the talent and energy of our community will make learning for our students exciting and relevant.

As a member of the BeaconArts community, I happen to know that the artists involved with this project are of the highest level. They will be sure that all voices are heard, from the past to the present, and will execute the project in such a way that it will reverberate well into the future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kelly Ellenwood
[redacted]

President, Beacon High School PTSO
Secretary, Foundation for Beacon Schools
Ex-Officio, BeaconArts

Estimate from Beacon Fine Printing (cheaper printing costs and mounting expenses are highlighted)

BEACON FINE ART PRINTING

ESTIMATE

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BILL TO
Howland Center
[redacted]

Estimate Number: BFAP_Howland_033122
Estimate Date: March 31, 2022
Expires On: March 31, 2022
Grand Total (USD): **$7,775.00**

Product	Quantity	Price	Amount
Postcards Single Sided B/W 6" x 8" cards (This will be outsourced) Quantity: 500	1	$225.00	$225.00
Giclee Printing Print reproductions of original art at 30" x 40" on Epson Premium Photo Luster Paper Pigment ink 12 Color 30 Black & White	42	$75.00	$3,150.00
Giclee Printing Print reproductions of original art at 48" x 60" Epson Premium Photo Luster Paper Pigment ink	2	$300.00	$600.00
Poster print Print reproduction of original art on Semi-gloss poster paper. Size: 30" x 40" Solvent ink	42	$45.00	$1,890.00
Poster print Print reproduction of original art on Semi-gloss poster paper. Size: 48" x 60" Solvent ink	2	$150.00	$300.00
Giclee Printing Print reproductions of original art at 9" x 12" on Epson Premium Photo Luster Paper Pigment ink	25	$10.00	$250.00

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Product	Quantity	Price	Amount
Vinyl Banners 2' x 6' vinyl banners for tables	2	$65.00	$130.00
Mount Mount 30" x 40" prints on 3/6" Ultraboard	42	$25.00	$1,050.00
Mount Mount 48" x 60" prints on 3/6" Ultraboard	2	$90.00	$180.00

Subtotal:	$7,775.00
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Total:	$7,775.00
Grand Total (USD):	**$7,775.00**

Notes / Terms

Limit Of Liability: While we take every precaution for the safekeeping and handling of all print, film, digital file, negative, transparency and artwork, submitting these materials for processing, printing, mounting, laminating, or other handling constitutes an AGREEMENT by you that any damage or loss by our company, subsidiary, or agents due to unpredictable defects in materials, or even though due to the negligence or other fault of our company , subsidiary, or agents, will entitle you only to replacement with a like amount of unexposed film and processing, or, in the case of mounting, another print, when possible, and only when initially produced by us. Except for such replacement, the acceptance by our company, subsidiary, and/or agents of the film, print, slide, negative, transparency or artwork is without other warranty or liability, and recovery for any incidental or consequential damages is excluded. Should any material submitted involve high value the onus is upon the client to appropriately insure it. We will not accept originals without a signed release stating the above.

Approved:

Thank you for your consideration!

Memorandum of Understanding

between the Foundation for Beacon Schools and the Beacon Historical Society
for the City of Beacon Community Investment Initiative RFP, March 2022

I. Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to establish a general working agreement between the Foundation for Beacon Schools, Inc. (FBS) and the Beacon Historical Society (BHS) to coordinate educational activities in support of a pilot project in which Beacon's school students will research and make short films about local history. Working with a range of local organizations, businesses, and resident filmmakers, this pilot project will result in an archive of short films on Beacon history topics that can be enjoyed by the whole community for generations to come.

Background

The Foundation for Beacon Schools, Inc. is applying to the City of Beacon's 2022 Community Investment Initiative to fund this pilot project. Under the proposal, FBS will connect BCSD teaching staff and students participating in the pilot with local history experts at the Beacon Historical Society. The project will fund the learning resources needed for class visits to the Beacon Historical Society, where students and their teacher will learn about research tools and resources available for their project as well as how historical data is preserved. Classes will identify the topic on which they would like to make a film, and select the appropriate research tools and resources to build their documentary. The proposal will also team each class with a Beacon filmmaker who will serve as a mentor / guide to the teacher and students on filmmaking tips and techniques. An IT consultant will help the Foundation for Beacon Schools and the Beacon Historical Society determine the best method for archiving the films produced online, with the possibility for expanding the archive into a searchable database.

Agreement

If awarded funding under this proposal, the Foundation for Beacon Schools will:

-connect participating teachers with a volunteer from the Beacon Historical Society to plan a class visit and select a local history topic from a current list of activities;
-provide funding in the amount of $500 to BHS for supplies for up to three class visits to the Beacon Historical Society as part of the students' research on Beacon history topics;
-provide funding for a tablet computer with integrated camera and video editing app that can be used by visiting classes to film footage of approved BHS archival material, and then saved on

Spirit of Beacon Day

Date : 4/1/22

To whom it may concern,

This letter is in support of the *Howland 150* anniversary celebration and the cultural and community events and exhibitions which will take place during August and September 2022 and during Spirit of Beacon Day 2022. The Spirit of Beacon Day committee recognizes the Howland's historic, cultural, and educational impact and benefit to our community and will be delighted to highlight the *Howland 150* celebrations during Spirit of Beacon Day.

Sincerely,

Gwenno James
Chair / Spirit of Beacon Committee

the cloud. The tablet will remain the property of the Beacon Historical Society after the conclusion of the pilot project.

If awarded funding for this proposal, the Beacon Historical Society will:

-connect BHS experts on local history with BCSD teachers and students participating in the pilot project to assist with the design and implementation of the research project
-host up to three class visits to the Beacon Historical Society
-prepare a lesson for the visiting classes on how to narrow down a local history topic, how to research the topic, and how historical information is preserved
-provide a review of the students' film projects for historical accuracy and correct attribution of sources, etc.

This MOU represents a non-legally binding expression of hope and intent for the Foundation for Beacon Schools and the Beacon Historical Society to work together to achieve the goals of the proposed project.

Effective Date
This MOU will become effective upon signature by the President of the Beacon Historical Society and the Board Chair of the Foundation for Beacon Schools, and shall remain in effect until termination ,by either party. Either Party may terminate this MOU upon 90 days written notice to the other party. Its provisions will be reviewed and amended or supplemented as may be mutually agreed upon in writing.

Signed by:

Diane Lagis
President, Beacon Historical Society

3/23/2022
Date

Board Chair, The Foundation for Beacon Schools, Inc.

3/28/2022
Date

2022 Community Investment Application
City of Beacon Proposal # 2022-003

Applicant Information

Name of Organization: ***I Am Beacon***	
Address: ***PO Box 265, Beacon NY 12508***	Email: [redacted]
Phone: [redacted]	EIN/ Tax ID: [redacted]
If using, Name of Fiscal Sponsor: ***N/A***	
Address:	Email:
Phone:	EIN/ Tax ID:
Designated contact: ***Reuben Simmons***	
Address: [redacted]	Email: [redacted]
Phone: [redacted]	Cell: [redacted]

Proposal Information

Please return this information sheet with a separate proposal for utilizing the City of Beacon Community Investment Program funds. Please include the following in your proposal;

1. Please provide your organization mission statement.
2. Tell us about the history of your organization.
3. Tell us about your current programs and activities.
4. Please describe a few top accomplishments of your organization within the last three years.
5. Provide a brief description of the proposal.
6. Describe the purpose and key anticipated outcomes.
7. Identify individuals or communities served.
8. Note the amount of funding requested.
9. Provide an overview of how funds will be spent.
10. Identify the proposed proposal timeline.
11. Please list any partners in this proposal, and the partner's role and your relationship with them.
12. Please describe your plan for sustainability of the project or initiative after the grant award has been exhausted.

Mark Price
23 West Center Street
Beacon, NY 12508
(845) 765-8440
mprice@cityofbeacon.org

March 24, 2022

I Am Beacon – RFP for Beacon Community Investment application

1. **Our Mission**

I Am Beacon is a local grassroots nonprofit organization that serves the Beacon, NY community with programs that support individuals and families alike. Our programs aim to build a stronger, more resilient, and inclusive community—from offering scholarships to high school seniors, hosting community-building events, and creating educational opportunities for students to learn concrete skills from mentors and experts, to providing school supplies to students and holiday meals to families in need. I Am Beacon believes in the power of a collaborative effort to address issues impacting our community.

2. **Organization History**

In 2011, I Am Beacon Executive Director Reuben Simmons began a campaign to improve relations between city workers and the community which uncovered a greater need to empower citizens to get involved in addressing issues impacting the community. This work has since transformed into what we know today as I Am Beacon.

I Am Beacon organizes efforts focused on youth education, food insecurity, mental health awareness, community building, and more. We have organized 50+ community-wide events, provided 327 turkeys for families in need, distributed 700+ school supply kits, and awarded more than $27,000 in college scholarships to Beacon youth.

3. **Current programs and activities.**

I Am Beacon supports the entire community, including residents of all ages, with community-wide events. I Am Beacon also provides youth programming that offers academic enrichment, life skills, and mentorship to young people and young adults in the Beacon community. Our programs include:

- **I Run Beacon**, an annual 5k scholarship fundraiser. To date we've awarded over $27,000 in scholarship funds to graduating high school seniors.
- **Making A Difference College Scholarship** – an annual scholarship program for Beacon community High School seniors that demonstrate excellence in giving back to others in our community.
- **Back 2 School Block Party**, an annual event designed to support students and families as they prepare for the upcoming school year. Starter kit backpacks are provided and families are encouraged to engage in local groups and activities for a successful school year.

- **Class in a Bag** this program provides local students in need with all supplies necessary for the upcoming school year. This program is funded through supply donations and money raised at the Back 2 School Block Party event.
- **A Turkey on Every Table**, in collaboration with other local organizations, this program provides turkey and fixings for families to have a heartfelt Thanksgiving meal.
- **Rock Out 4 Mental Health**, an event that was created to raise awareness for mental health needs and to promote resources provided throughout the county.
- **Beacon Youth Podcast Program**, a 4-6 week program designed to teach youth how to develop, design, and produce a podcast, providing communication and audio production skills to ages 10-18.
- **Coach Yogi Talks Youth Development Program**, a 4-6 week mentorship program designed for students ages 13-24 to learn, develop, and discuss skill-building for the future, including goal-setting and financial literacy.
- **Youth Arts & Media Projects**, a 4-6 week program designed to teach youth ages 8-16 how to develop and promote digital art, providing design and digital literacy skills.
- **I Got Game - Youth Summer eGaming League**, a 12-week program centered on teamwork and skill-building, where students ages 12-17 enhance skills in communication and strategy through a positive eGaming environment.
- We also record and produce a podcast, ***This Is Beacon***, which serves as a platform for storytelling, sharing experiences, highlighting the impact of community members, and documenting and preserving the unique history of the Beacon community in the face of urban renewal and gentrification.

4. **Please describe a few top accomplishments of your organization within the last three years.**

Like many organizations, I Am Beacon was affected by the pandemic by the inability to host in-person gatherings and events.

However, despite these challenges and with a commitment to our youth pursuing higher education, we were able to pivot our I Run Beacon 5K to a virtual event to continue our Making A Difference scholarship award. In the last three years, I Am Beacon has awarded $11,000 to 19 Beacon youth.

In addition, we saw a dramatic increase in demand for youth programs, as parents became more focused on providing activities and enrichment for their children. In response, I Am Beacon has pivoted to begin working to meet that demand.

With schools functioning remotely, our youth programs were affected in two ways:
In 2021, we were able to bring back our Back to School Block Party event and saw an increase in participation in the event 2021 vs. 2019; 69% more booth participants from local organizations (representing school, community, youth, and family services) and a significant increase in attendees (as this is not a ticketed event, we cannot provide exact figures but can conservatively state there was an uptick in attendance by more than 20%).

In the spring of 2021, we launched our Youth Podcast Program to teach communication and audio programming skills. We were able to meet virtually and later convert to in-person sessions. In the fall of 2021, we executed 2 pop-up youth events where children of all ages were able to paint a permanent mural and stencil spray paint here in Beacon. We also launched our first youth mentorship workshop in 2021, focused on Goal Setting. Through this 6-week program, students were given tools necessary to explore, identify, and set personal goals while learning fundamental skills in personal management and financial literacy. Through our efforts, we were able to impact 37 children in our community.

As we look ahead, we plan to continue to expand upon youth programming in the Beacon community. Summer 2022, we will launch a Youth In Action - Arts & Media Program designed to mobilize youth in their areas of interest rooted in graphic design.

5. **Provide a brief description of the proposal.**

Our proposal is for $10,000 in funding to compensate staffing for our youth enrichment programs, including a Program Director/Main Staffer and Student Support Instructors for each of our courses.

As a grassroots, locally based organization, we respond directly to the demonstrated needs of our community members. I Am Beacon is currently fully run by volunteers, and all our programs are offered at no cost to the public. In order to move toward a more sustainable model for our teachers and mentors who lead our youth programs, and incentivize youth from the community to engage as teachers, we seek funding to make these paid positions.

Our enrichment programs respond to a demonstrated need for youth support in the community of Beacon, NY, and are designed to provide mentorship, educational opportunities, school supplies, scholarships, holistic support, and address the needs of young people in our community.

This funding would allow I Am Beacon to cover full staffing costs – including a Program Director/Main Staffer (at $2,755 per session) and student Support Instructors (at $350 per session), who will be hired from within the community – for 3 sessions of our youth programs in 2022.

In a typical year, I Am Beacon youth programs and events reach at least 200 young people. Our youth events (The Back 2 School Block Party, and Class in a Bag) typically reach well over 150 students each year. Our 5 youth enrichment programs (The Youth Podcast Program, Coach Yogi Talks Youth Development, Youth & Arts Media Projects, and I Got Game) run after school and during the summer months and serve an average of 12 students per program session.

6. **Describe the purpose and key anticipated outcomes.**

Creating paid staff positions for our youth programs will have a significant impact on the sustainability and growth of the enrichment resources I Am Beacon is able to provide to local youth. We will be able to attract and retain qualified mentors and teachers and offer a greater

number of programs each year–directly impacting the youth in the Beacon community and providing greater access to our free resources.

Additional outcomes for I Am Beacon's youth programming include:

- Nourishing a network of Beacon community members–including leveraging the skilled community members around us, and creating a pipeline to teaching and community engagement for young people
- Fostering positive connections within the community
- Broadening our reach: the students who participate in our youth programming carry forward their experience, inviting others to participate in our skill-building opportunities.

7. Identify individuals or communities served.

I Am Beacon serves everyone in the Beacon community. We are volunteer run and do not currently require families and students to verify their income level; we offer our support and resources to all individuals and families. Families and individuals self-select to participate in our programs that offer support with food, school supplies, and educational resources. Anecdotally, we are able to estimate that at least 70% of the students and families we serve are low- to middle-income. While we do not currently monitor the number of students who qualify for free and reduced lunches who benefit from our youth programs, we plan to begin collecting this data in the future. Funding for this project will allow us to better serve low- and moderate-income youth and families, as well as expand our broader efforts which would attract those households.

8. Note the amount of funding requested.

$10,000

9. Provide an overview of how funds will be spent.

A Beacon Community Funding grant in the amount of $10,000 would be distributed as follows:

- $8,265 toward Program Director/Main Staff (at $2,755 per session for 3 sessions, including payroll costs)
- $1,050 toward Student Support Staff for sessions of youth programming (at $350/session for 3 sessions, including payroll costs)
- $685 toward participant giveaways, granted throughout the year, to students who attend our programs. These giveaways are designed to encourage commitment to attendance and successful completion of the program.

If we were granted a portion of the requested funding, we would allocate funding toward individual sessions of our youth programming. For example, a grant of $3,105 would support Main and Student Support staff positions for one session of the Youth Arts & Media program.

I Am Beacon was awarded a Dutchess County Learn Play Create grant that is supporting the purchase of equipment and technology for our youth programs. Additionally, I Am Beacon

receives financial and in-kind support from individuals and organizational sponsors. We have applied for funding for our youth programs from the United Way Dutchess-Orange Region.

10. Identify the proposed proposal timeline.

Our programs run year-round, and funding would support staffing for our upcoming youth programs, beginning June 2022 and running through June 2023.

Typically the Beacon Youth Podcast program, Coach Yogi Talks Youth Development Program, and Youth Arts & Media Projects run in the Spring and Fall of each year. The Annual Making a Difference College Scholarship is announced in June, and the I Got Game eGaming league runs in the summer from June through August.

11. Please list any partners in this proposal, and the partner's role and your relationship with them.

N/A

12. Please describe your plan for sustainability of the project or initiative after the grant award has been exhausted.

I Am Beacon is currently seeking broad funding to support our new proposed space and staffing. We are fortunate to have a robust community of volunteers and receive in-kind support from local businesses and organizations who recognize the value of our work. Currently, we are entirely volunteer-run, and have not previously relied on grant funding. As we grow our programs and expand what we can offer to the community, we are looking to shift to a sustainable financial model that includes increased revenue from grants, sponsors, and philanthropic funders that will support the growth of our enrichment programs, enable us to run youth programs more frequently, allow us to pay our teachers and mentors, and increase the impact of our work in the Beacon community.

Title:

Notice of Meeting Location - April 18, 2022

ATTACHMENTS

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING LOCATION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City of Beacon City Council will be holding the City Council Meeting of April 18, 2022 in the Courtroom at 1 Municipal Plaza, Beacon, NY 12508. The meeting will simultaneously be streamed via Zoom. The public can attend and comment in the Courtroom, or access the meeting via Zoom at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86919893837?pwd=VmFpRVlFT1ZhSkcyRG1Obm1oYll3QT09

Webinar ID: 869 1989 3837 Passcode: 441729. To the extent internet access is not available, the public can attend and comment via telephone by dialing + 1 929 205 6099 and entering the Webinar ID: 869 1989 3837 Passcode: 441729.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the City Council Meeting of April 18, 2022 at 7:00 pm can be accessed live at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvPpigGwZDeR7WYmw-SuDxg

City of Beacon City Council Agenda
04/18/2022

Title:

Proclamation of April as Autism Awareness Month

ATTACHMENTS

Proclamation of April as Autism Awareness Month

Proclamation

In Honor of Autism Awareness

WHEREAS, autism is a pervasive developmental disorder affecting the social, learning and behavioral skills of those affected by it; and

WHEREAS, autism was once thought to be a relatively rare disorder, but with increased awareness and diagnosis, it is estimated to occur as frequently as 1 in 60 children; and

WHEREAS, while there is no cure for autism, it is well-documented that if individuals with autism receive treatment early in their lives, it is often possible for them to make significant improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Autism Society of America has spearheaded an awareness effort in order to educate parents, professionals and the general public about autism and its effects.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Mayor Lee Kyriacou, do hereby proclaim April as Autism Awareness Month in the City of Beacon.

Signature: _____ Date: 4/18/2022

Lee Kyriacou, Mayor

Title:

Proclamation of April 29, 2022 as Arbor Day

ATTACHMENTS

Proclamation of April 29, 2022 as Arbor Day

TREE CITY USA®
An Arbor Day Foundation Program

★★★ OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION ★★★

WHEREAS in 1872, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture established a special day to be set aside for the planting of trees, ***and***

WHEREAS this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, ***and***

WHEREAS Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, ***and***

WHEREAS trees can be a solution to combating climate change by reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cutting heating and cooling costs, moderating the temperature, cleaning the air, producing life-giving oxygen, and providing habitat for wildlife, ***and***

WHEREAS trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products, ***and***

WHEREAS trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, ***and***

WHEREAS trees — wherever they are planted — are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lee Kyriacou, Mayor of the City of Beacon, do hereby proclaim April 29th as **ARBOR DAY** In the City of Beacon, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, ***and***

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

DATED THIS 18th day of April, 2022

Mayor Lee Kyriacou

Arbor Day Foundation®

City of Beacon City Council Agenda
04/18/2022

Title:

Resolution No. 62 - Appointing Richard Figueroa to the Position of Heavy Motor Equipment Operator

ATTACHMENTS

Superintendent of Streets Memorandum for the Promotion of Richard Figueroa

Resolution Approving the Appointment of Richard Figueroa to the Position of Heavy Motor Equipment Operator

Memorandum

Highway Department

To: Christopher White
City of Beacon City Council

From: Michael Manzi

Re: HMEO Promotion

Date: April 5, 2022

At this time, I would like to promote Richard Figueroa to title of Heavy Motor Equipment Operator.

Richard has been employed by the City since December 2020, at which time he already had previous machine operation, blacktop, drainage, and supervisory experience. I have personally observed and can attest to Richard's machine operating skills. He has proven that he is qualified and more than capable of handling all tasks associated with the title of Heavy Motor Equipment Operator.

This position is budgeted and had been posted in all City Departments. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael Manzi
City of Beacon
Superintendent of Streets

CITY OF BEACON
CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 62 OF 2022

RESOLUTION APPOINTING RICHARD FIGUEROA TO THE POSITION OF HEAVY MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

WHEREAS, there is currently a vacancy for the position of Heavy Motor Equipment Operator; and

WHEREAS, Richard Figueroa meets the qualifications for the position of Heavy Motor Equipment Operator and is recommended for appointment to the position by the Superintendent of Streets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor hereby appoints and the City Council approves the appointment of Richard Figueroa to the position of Heavy Motor Equipment Operator, effective April 24, 2022.

Resolution No. 62 of 2022			**Date: April 18, 2022**				
□ **Amendments**						□ **2/3 Required**	
□ **Not on roll call.**			□ **On roll call**			□ **3/4 Required**	
Motion	Second	Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Reason	Absent
		Paloma Wake					
		Justice McCray					
		George Mansfield					
		Wren Longno					
		Molly Rhodes					
		Dan Aymar-Blair					
		Mayor Lee Kyriacou					
		Motion Carried					

Title:

Resolution No. 63 - Approving the Appointment of Kate Stryker to the Tree Advisory Committee

ATTACHMENTS

Kate Stryker Resume

Kate Stryker Tree Advisory Committee Application

Resolution Approving the Appointment of Kate Stryker to the Tree Advisory Committee

Kate Stryker

Urban Planner

Contact

[redacted]

Competencies & Skills

Written & Verbal Communication
ArcGIS
Microsoft Excel
Microsoft Word
Adobe Suite
Sketch Up
Photography and Video

Professional Summary

Focused on environmental sustainability and equitable community development. Proficiencies include research, data management and analysis, geographic analysis, writing, graphic communications, presentations, community engagement, and project management.

Planning Experience

2019 to Present

Senior Research Planner • Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress

Major Projects

- City of Poughkeepsie Housing Needs Assessment 2021
- Ulster County Housing Action Plan 2021
- Village of Ellenville Strategic Plan 2020
- Proposed New Housing Policy: Analysis and Recommendations for the City of New Rochelle 2020
- Garnerville Arts & Industrial Center Strategic Plan 2019
- Models of Farmworker Housing 2019
- Strategic Community & Economic Development Plan, City of Kingston

Responsibilities

Data research and analysis | Policy analysis and development | Community and economic strategic planning | GIS mapping and analytics | Conducting community engagement sessions | Writing | Project management | Facilitation of professional development

2019

Planning Intern • Scenic Hudson

Contributed to the development of a neighborhood open space assessment tool | GIS mapping and analysis of neighborhoods

2018-2019

NYC Community Planning Fellow • Manhattan Community Board 4

Survey & map of health services | Developed policy recommendations based on findings | Presentations to Community Board 4

2017 to 2018

Planning Intern • City of Newburgh

Historic building inventory | Developed Newburgh “economic snapshot” | Analysis of vacant property data | Code enforcement data analysis | Managed AARP Complete Streets grant

2019

Scholarship Recipient • Regional Plan Towards a Circular Economy

Collaborated with other researchers on an interdisciplinary study in Hungary | On-site studies and assessment of socio-cultural systems and economy | Formulated interventions toward bio-regional revitalization and resiliency

Education

2016 to 2019
Masters of Urban Planning • Hunter College • College of Urban Planning and Policy

Coursework Highlights: Planning Studio | Sustainable Waterfront Planning | GIS | Structure of the Urban Region | Data Analysis | Site Planning

2008 to 2010
MA Science Education • New York University • Steinhardt School of Education

Scholarship New York City Partnership for Excellence | New York State Science Education Certification

2006 to 2008
Post Baccalaureate Studies in Biology • University of Texas, Austin • College of Natural Sciences

2004
BA/BFA • University of New Mexico • Albuquerque

Contact

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References

Available upon request

Committee Application

Submit Forms:
One Municipal Plaza, Suite One
Beacon, NY 12508

Phone: (845) 838-5010
FAX: (845) 838-5012
Email: cityofbeacon@cityofbeacon.org

Name	**Kate Stryker**
Address	[redacted]
Phone Number	
Alternate Phone	
Email Address	[redacted]

Committee You are Interested In

- ☐ Board of Assessment Review
- ☐ Board of Ethics
- ☐ Conservation Advisory Committee
- ☐ Emergency Management Committee
- ☐ Human Relations Commission
- ☐ Planning Board
- ☐ Recreation Committee
- ☐ Traffic Safety Committee
- ☐ Zoning Board of Appeals
- ☐ Any of the above
- ☑ Other **Tree Advisory Committee**

Available number of Hours per week (for Committee work)	**1-2**
Occupation	**Urban and Regional Planner**
Employer	**Hudson Valley Pattern for Progres**
Work Address	
Work Phone	[redacted]

Education

- [ ] Some High School
- [ ] High School Diploma
- [ ] Some College
- [ ] Associates Degree
- [ ] Bachelor's Degree
- [x] Master's Degree
- [ ] Doctorate Degree

Interest & Skills: research, data management and analysis, geographic analysis, writing, graphic communications, presentations, community engagement, ;

Areas of Expertise (business & civic): urban planning, housing, strategic planning

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Reference

Reference Name

Address

Phone

Email Address

Relationship

[redacted]

Please include your resume along with this application.

I agree that by submitting this application, I am electronically signing the application. I solemnly declare that the information I have provided is true.

Applicant Signature:_____ Date:_____

CITY OF BEACON
CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 63 OF 2022

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF KATE STRYKER TO THE TREE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor hereby appoints and the City Council approves the appointment of Kate Stryker to the Tree Advisory Committee for a term beginning on April 18, 2022 and ending on December 31, 2023.

Resolution No. 63 of 2022		**Date: April 18, 2022**					
□ **Amendments**						□ **2/3 Required**	
□ **Not on roll call.**			□ **On roll call**			□ **3/4 Required**	
Motion	Second	Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Reason	Absent
		Paloma Wake					
		Justice McCray					
		George Mansfield					
		Wren Longno					
		Molly Rhodes					
		Dan Aymar-Blair					
		Mayor Lee Kyriacou					
		Motion Carried					

Title:

Resolution No. 64 - Setting a Public Hearing to Amend Chapter 5, Section 20 of the Code of the City of Beacon to Amend Ward Boundaries

ATTACHMENTS

2022 Proposed Ward Redistricting

Proposed Local Law Regarding New Ward Boundaries

Resolution Setting a Public Hearing to Amend Chapter 5, Section 20 of the Code of the City of Beacon to Amend Ward Boundaries

City of Beacon 2022 Amended Ward Numbers DRAFT

April 8, 2022

LOCAL LAW NO. ____ OF 2022

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF BEACON

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 5, SECTION 20 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BEACON

A LOCAL LAW to amend Chapter 5, Section 20 of the Code of the City of Beacon to amend the City's ward boundaries.

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Beacon as follows:

Section 1. Purpose.

Section 1.08 of the Charter of the City of Beacon and Section 5-20 of the Code of the City of Beacon require the City review and adjust, as appropriate, the boundaries of the City's four wards within six months of the publication of the results of each Federal decennial census. The goal of examining the results of the Federal decennial census to ensure that population shifts have not caused the Wards to become unbalanced or have a discriminatory effect. As a result, the City has prepared a local law to amend the Ward boundaries to ensure that the difference in population between the most and least populous Ward does not exceed five percent of the mean population of all Wards. The Ward boundaries must be adjusted by Local Law, subject to a permissive referendum. The new Wards would become effective with the 2023 election for the term commencing January 1, 2024.

Section 2. Chapter 5, Section 20 of the Code of the City of Beacon entitled "Ward boundaries established," is hereby amended as follows:

The City shall be divided into four wards, the boundaries of which shall be reviewed and adjusted as appropriate within six months after publication of the results of each federal decennial census. The current ward boundaries are as follows (all references to a street refer to its center line; all references to a compass point are approximate):

A. Ward One.

(1) From the point on the western City boundary where it touches Red Flynn Drive; then

(2) South on Red Flynn Drive, across the railroad overpass to Beekman Street; then

(3) Northeast on Beekman Street to North Avenue; then

(4) South on North Avenue to Main Street; then

(5) East on Main Street to Schenck ~~Fishkill~~ Avenue; then

(6) North on Schenck ~~Fishkill~~ Avenue to Herbert Street ~~Verplanck Avenue~~; then

(7) West on Herbert Street ~~Verplanck Avenue~~ to Matteawan Road; then

(8) South on Fishkill Avenue to Kent Street; then

~~(7)~~(9) West on Kent Street to Matteawan Road; then

~~(8)~~(10) North on Matteawan Road to Camp Beacon Road; then

~~(9)~~(11) North on Camp Beacon Road and continuing in the same direction to the northern City boundary; then

~~(10)~~(12) Along the northern and western City boundaries back to the starting point.

B. Ward Two.

(1) From the point on the western City boundary where it touches Red Flynn Drive; then

(2) South on Red Flynn Drive, across the railroad overpass to Beekman Street; then

(3) Northeast on Beekman Street to North Avenue; then

(4) South on North Avenue to Main Street; then

(5) East on Main Street to Teller Avenue; then

(6) South on Teller Avenue to Wolcott Avenue; then

(7) West on Wolcott Avenue to Sargent Avenue; then

(8) South on Sargent Avenue to South Avenue; then

(9) South on South Avenue to the midpoint of Fishkill Creek; then

(10) South along the midpoint of Fishkill Creek to the southern City boundary; then

(11) Along the southern and western City boundaries back to the starting point.

C. Ward Three.

(1) From the point on the eastern City boundary where Mount Beacon Monument Road crosses; then

(2) West on Mount Beacon Monument Road to East Main Street; then

(3) West on East Main Street to Depuyster ~~Washington~~ Avenue; then

(4) North on Depuyster ~~Washington~~ Avenue to Grove Street; then

(5) West on Grove Street to Liberty Street; then

(6) South on Liberty Street to East Main Street; then

(7) West on East Main Street to Main Street; then

(8) North on Main Street to Verplanck Avenue; then

(9) West on Verplanck Avenue to ~~Matteawan Road~~Schenck Avenue; then

(10) North on Schenck to Kent Street; then

~~(9)~~(11) West of Kent Street to Matteawan Road; then

~~(10)~~(12) North on Matteawan Road to Camp Beacon Road; then

~~(11)~~(13) North on Camp Beacon Road and continuing in the same direction to the northern City boundary; then

~~(12)~~(14) Along the northern and eastern City boundaries back to the starting point.

D. Ward Four.

(1) From the point on the eastern City boundary where Mount Beacon Monument Road crosses; then

(2) West on Mount Beacon Monument Road to East Main Street; then

(3) West on East Main Street to Depuyster ~~Washington~~ Avenue; then

(4) North on ~~Washington~~ Depuyster Avenue to Grove Street; then

(5) West on Grove Street to Liberty Street; then

(6) South on Liberty Street to East Main Street; then

(7) West on East Main Street to Main Street; then

(8) North on Main Street to Verplanck Avenue; then

(9) West on Verplanck Avenue to ~~Fishkill~~ Schenck Avenue; then

(10) South on Schenck ~~Fishkill~~ Avenue to Main Street ~~until it turns into Teller Avenue~~; then

~~(10)~~(11) West on Main Street to Teller Avenue; then

~~(11)~~(12) South on Teller Avenue to Wolcott Avenue; then

~~(12)~~(13) West on Wolcott Avenue to Sargent Avenue; then

~~(13)~~(14) South on Sargent Avenue to South Avenue; then

~~(14)~~(15) South on South Avenue to the midpoint of Fishkill Creek; then

~~(15)~~(16) South along the midpoint of Fishkill Creek to the southern City boundary; then

~~(16)~~(17) Along the southern and eastern City boundaries back to the starting point.

Section 3. Ratification, Readoption and Confirmation

Except as specifically modified by the amendments contained herein the Code of the City of Beacon is otherwise to remain in full force and effect and is otherwise ratified, readopted and confirmed.

Section 4. Numbering for Codification

It is the intention of the City of Beacon and it is hereby enacted that the provisions of this Local Law shall be included in the Code of the City of Beacon; that the sections and subsections of this Local Law may be re-numbered or re-lettered by the Codifier to accomplish such intention; that the Codifier shall make no substantive changes to this Local Law; that the word "Local Law" shall be changed to "Chapter," "Section" or other appropriate word as required for codification; and that any such rearranging of the numbering and editing shall not affect the validity of this Local Law or the provisions of the Code affected thereby.

Section 5. Severability.

The provisions of this Local Law are separable and if any provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part thereof is held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional, or inapplicable to any person or circumstance, such illegality, invalidity or unconstitutionality, or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, clauses, sentences, subsections, words or parts of this Local Law or their petition to other persons or circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this Local law would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part had not been included therein, and if such person or circumstance to which the Local Law or part hereof is held inapplicable had been specifically exempt there from.

Section 6. Permissive Referendum/Referendum on Petition

This Local Law is subject to a referendum on petition in accordance with Municipal Home Rule Law §§ 10(1)(a)(13)(e) and 24 and the procedures outlined in New York Municipal Home Rule Law § 24, and thus may not be filed with the Secretary of State until the applicable time period has elapsed to file a petition or a referendum has been conducted approving this Local Law.

Section 7. Effective Date

This Local Law shall be subject to permissive referendum and shall not become operative or effective unless and until (a) 45 days has elapsed after its adoption and no petition protesting against this Local Law has been filed with the City Clerk, or (b) if such a petition is filed, a proposition for the approval of this Local Law has been submitted and received the affirmative vote of a majority of the voters voting thereon. If no petition is timely filed or if a petition is filed and this Local Law is approved, it shall take effect upon filing by the office of the New York Secretary of State.

CITY OF BEACON
CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 64 OF 2022

RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MAY 2, 2022 FOR A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 5, SECTION 20 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BEACON TO AMEND WARD BOUNDARIES

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council hereby sets a public hearing for May 2, 2022 for a proposed Local Law which amends Chapter 5, Section 20 of the Code of the City of Beacon to Amend Ward Boundaries.

Resolution No. 64 of 2022			**Date: April 18, 2022**					
□ **Amendments**						□ **2/3 Required**		
□ **Not on roll call.**			□ **On roll call**			□ **3/4 Required**		
Motion	Second	Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Reason	Absent	Tabled
		Paloma Wake						
		Justice McCray						
		George Mansfield						
		Wren Longno						
		Molly Rhodes						
		Dan Aymar-Blair						
		Mayor Lee Kyriacou						
		Motion Carried						

Title:

Resolution No. 65 - Resolution Supporting the Proposed New York State Build Public Renewables Act

ATTACHMENTS

Draft State New York Senate Bill

Draft New York State Assembly Bill

Resolution Supporting the Proposed New York State Build Public Renewables Act

STATE OF NEW YORK

6453

2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

April 29, 2021

Introduced by Sens. PARKER, SALAZAR -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law and the public service law, in relation to implementing the "New York State Build Public Renewables Act"; and to repeal certain provisions of the general business law relating thereto

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "New York State Build Public Renewables Act".

§ 2. Section 1005 of the public authorities law is amended by adding nine new subdivisions 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36 to read as follows:

28. (a) The authority is authorized and directed to purchase, acquire, plan, design, engineer, finance, construct, operate, manage, improve and/or maintain any renewable energy project. The authority is also authorized and directed to provide energy efficiency, retrofits, high performance/sustainable building, and energy management services.

(b) For the purposes of this subdivision and subdivisions twenty-nine, thirty, thirty-one, thirty-two, thirty-three, thirty-four, thirty-five and thirty-six of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(i) "renewable energy" shall be defined as renewable electricity or thermal energy that does not emit greenhouse gases or other pollutants including, but not limited to, photovoltaics (solar), land-based and offshore wind, run-of-the-river and existing New York state hydroelectric, geothermal electric, tidal energy, wave energy, battery energy storage systems, pumped hydroelectric energy storage systems, and renewable thermal energy technology such as solar thermal, air-source and ground-source heat pumps, renewable co-generation, district heating

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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systems, systems designed to capture waste heat, or other heating or cooling technologies using renewable sources of energy that do not emit greenhouse gases or other pollutants, provided, however, that such term shall not include any form of fossil fuels or combustion-based energy which relies upon building new fossil fuel infrastructure or extending the use of fossil fuel infrastructure including, but not limited to, natural gas, green hydrogen fuel, biofuel, biogas, biomass, nuclear, carbon sequestration and renewable natural gas.

(ii) "renewable energy project" shall be defined as all infrastructure which generates, stores, distributes or transmits renewable energy or thermal energy as defined in paragraph (i) of this subdivision, and includes the construction, installation and/or operation of ancillary facilities or equipment done in connection with any such renewable energy generating projects, including, but not limited to, electric vehicle charging infrastructure and renewable offshore wind vessels.

29. (a) The authority shall have the right of first offer and first refusal to and shall coordinate with the department of state's office of renewable energy siting (ORES) to purchase, acquire, plan, design, engineer, finance, construct, operate, manage, improve and/or maintain renewable energy projects over twenty-five megawatts and to own and sell any power or energy created by such renewable energy project. The authority shall have sixty days to commit to a project. The authority shall also have the right of first offer and first refusal to purchase planned, future, and existing renewable energy projects.

(b) Where a renewable energy site appropriate for New York state falls into federal jurisdiction, the authority shall participate in lease auctions in an attempt to obtain ownership of that area.

30. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, to, on or after January first, two thousand twenty-five, only generate and transmit renewable energy and the authority shall only purchase, acquire, plan, design, engineer, finance, construct, operate, manage, improve and/or maintain generation and transmission facilities for the purpose of generating, storing, distributing and transmitting renewable energy. The authority shall phase out its use of existing non-renewable generation as quickly as possible but no later than December thirtieth, two thousand twenty-five, as it scales up renewable energy generation to meet one hundred percent of all state and municipal energy needs and the energy needs of all public and private buildings and properties powered by the authority with renewable energy by two thousand twenty-six, and it shall not purchase, plan, finance, or construct any new generation project or energy infrastructure which is not a renewable energy project or part of a renewable energy project. Renewable energy sources which prioritize projects that actively benefit environmental justice communities and ecosystems, and which have the lowest financial costs, will be prioritized through a process to be determined by local community groups and environmental experts. The authority will also convert all state and municipal properties and authority powered privately owned buildings to receive heating and cooling from renewable energy sources by two thousand thirty.

31. (a) Within two years of the effective date of this subdivision, the authority shall make public a ten-year climate and resiliency plan. Such climate and resiliency plan shall be designed to minimize the costs to ratepayers while balancing the interests of employees, grid reliability and resiliency, environmental justice communities and the environment. Such plan shall be developed in consultation with the New York state independent system operator, the New York state energy

research and development authority, and experts, environmental justice communities, ratepayers and community organizations via the New York state energy research and development authority's community energy hubs. Such resiliency plan shall outline the renewable projects the authority plans to build, how the authority plans to phase out non-renewable assets and how the authority plans to comply with the climate leadership and community protection act and the renewable energy targets outlined in this subdivision and subdivisions twenty-nine, thirty and thirty-two of this section. The authority shall also outline a plan to improve energy resiliency and if necessary to meet the authority's renewable energy targets, shall coordinate with the New York state independent system operator to re-adjust the locational capacity requirements for each region in the state. Additionally, within two years of the effective date of this subdivision, the authority shall make public a democratization plan. Such plan shall be fully funded, created in partnership and codesigned with the NY Energy Democracy Alliance and shall ensure the scale up of renewable build out across the state occurs in line with the principles of energy democracy and transparency.

(b) (i) The authority shall hold at least one annual public hearing related to such climate and resiliency plan and may update such plan annually as needed. The hearing shall be publicized in various forms of media, including but not limited to the authority's website, local newspapers and social media platforms, and shall also be accessible via livestream. In advance of such hearing, the authority shall conspicuously post written notice of such hearing in all authority facilities and New York state energy research and development authority community energy hubs on a sign posted at each facility entrance and exit used by employees, and shall provide at least two weeks advance notice of such hearing to authority customers by directly communicating such notice to customer phone, email and mailing lists. Public input shall be permitted between the hours of 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM. Each speaker shall have at least three minutes to speak, and a remote option shall be provided for submitting comments via video conference, phone, including short message services (SMS) text messages and/or written comment, which shall be read aloud. Provisions for childcare, translation services, American sign language interpretation, closed captioning, and access to accommodations provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act shall be provided upon request.

(ii) The authority shall maintain an online suggestion board where the public may submit recommendations to be voted on by other members of the public. The top five suggestions shall be discussed publicly and shall be voted on by the authority's board at the annual public hearing. Other suggestions may be taken into consideration at the board's discretion. All data, meeting minutes, recordings and documents that do not include personal customer information, including but not limited to depreciation schedules, annual financial statements of itemized spending, environmental impact statements, cost-benefit analyses, climate and resiliency plans, renewable energy project plans, and annual reports on operations, customer service, reliability, resiliency and sustainability, shall be made available on the authority's website, or otherwise made accessible by the authority upon request. All such records shall be maintained as business records for a minimum of ten years. The state comptroller shall audit the authority at least once every two years until two thousand thirty to ascertain whether the authority is in compliance with the renewable energy targets outlined in this subdivision and subdivisions twenty-nine, thirty, thirty-two and thirty-three of this section and

whether the authority's spending and operations are efficient. The most recent comptroller audits shall also be made available on the authority's website, or otherwise made accessible by the authority upon request.

(c) (i) The authority shall conduct an energy efficiency and energy audit program to identify public and private buildings most in need of retrofits and efficiency measures. The authority shall hire authority employees to perform energy audits, retrofits and other efficiency programs, such as incentives for energy efficient appliances and induction stoves, as needed, to meet the climate goals outlined in the climate leadership and community protection act, the New York state energy research and development authority, environmental and energy experts, and communities via the New York state energy research and development authority's community energy hubs. The authority shall prioritize public buildings and low-income customers and tenants to receive the benefits of these efficiency programs and retrofits.

(ii) The authority or the New York state energy research and development authority shall annually post and maintain for at least one year on their website, a report evaluating the energy efficiency program, including, but not limited to, the number of customers served by the efficiency program, the customer demographics, the number of retrofits and energy audits performed, the number of jobs created and employee demographics, and the amount of energy and dollars saved as a result of the program.

The authority shall also submit an annual report to the governor and to the legislature which shall be made available to the public and shall be subject to open hearings in the legislature. Such report shall include the:

(A) Ten year climate and resiliency plan described in paragraph (a) of this subdivision;

(B) Amount of energy produced by each facility;

(C) Energy transferred between facilities within the authority;

(D) Energy transferred outside of the authority for sale;

(E) Kilowatt-hour sales by project and by customer;

(F) Revenues and costs for each project facility;

(G) Accumulated provision for depreciation of each project facility;

(H) Financial and operating information of the energy efficiency program; and

(I) Enrollment in and effectiveness of renewable energy auto-enrollment, retrofit, and energy efficient appliance programs.

32. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, to be the sole provider of electricity and power to all state and municipal owned, leased, controlled, or operated properties that use electricity, including but not limited to all buildings and transportation-related properties such as trains, subways and subway stations, vessels, electrified buses and vehicles, and public or private electric vehicle charging stations.

33. (a) To sell or provide renewable energy to end-use customers and CCA communities using the transmission or distribution system of any utility with consolidated billing.

(b) Any excess renewable energy produced by the authority and not used or stored by state or municipal owned or leased properties shall be sold directly to end-use customers or CCA's, wholesale, using the transmission or distribution system of utilities. This excess energy shall be sold on an opt-out basis, with automatic enrollment prioritizing low-income customers and environmental justice communities.

(i) There shall be no electricity rate increase for the first three years following the effective date of this subdivision. After the first three years following the effective date of this subdivision, a progressive rate structure based on income and level of energy shall be developed in consultation with the authority and communities via the New York state energy research and development authority's community energy hubs.

(ii) The authority shall discourage the shut off of any residential customer's energy for non-payment and shall discourage the charge of punitive late fees by collaborating with distribution companies. The authority shall work with the low income home energy assistance program to assist low-income customers with payment plans and to develop an emergency fund to cover instances of non-payment. Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, the authority may impose penalties for large energy users and may incentivize energy conservation with rebates and discounts on energy efficient products, to be determined by the authority's board in consultation with the New York state energy research and development authority.

34. (a) There shall be ten "New York state energy research and development authority community energy hubs", hereinafter community energy hubs, developed and distributed evenly throughout the state. The location and staffing level of the community energy hubs shall be determined by the New York state energy research and development authority in consultation with local communities and environmental and energy experts. The efforts of such community energy hubs shall be centrally coordinated by the authority and the New York state energy research and development authority.

(b) The purpose of the community energy hubs shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(i) Assisting residents and businesses to adopt renewable energy and energy efficiency measures through outreach, education, enrollment, intake, referral and project management. Administering and enrolling customers into financial assistance, energy efficiency, and renewable energy programs of the authority and the New York state energy research and development authority.

(ii) Planning and using microgrids, battery storage, and decarbonization projects at the level of an individual customer meter or group of meters, where distributed energy resources might be shared locally across multiple customer meters in the same community. The community energy hubs shall also enable the authority to design, finance, procure, install, and own demand-side, behind the meter assets, sited at the customers' property or in the public right of way.

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(v) Identifying, soliciting, receiving feedback on and addressing concerns about proposals for locations for renewable energy projects in coordination with the department of state's office of renewable energy siting and local organizations that are accountable to the community,

utilizing the same co-design process outlined in subparagraph (iv) of this paragraph to assess the energy needs of each community and how such needs interact with the energy needs of the state as a whole.

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(c)(i) All community energy hubs shall hold at least one public meeting on the new rate design before the new rate design is implemented. Such hubs shall also hold quarterly public meetings where all stakeholders, including employees and ratepayers, may provide suggestions for improvements to the programs, investments, technologies, and renewable energy projects of the New York state energy research and development authority and the authority. New York state energy research and development staff and at least one representative of the authority shall attend such meetings and shall report key findings and recommendations to the authority's board for consideration. All records of public meetings shall be maintained as business records for a minimum of ten years.

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(d) The community energy hubs shall be funded through a combination of bonds and revenue from the authority, a portion of rates from the top five-percent earning commercial and industrial customers or any other source of state revenue that is demonstrated to have no impact on low-to-moderate-income New Yorkers. All new renewable projects shall be financed via the following methods: state and municipal bond issuances, available funds from the New York state energy research and development authority and the authority, public banks and participatory budgeting efforts, and/or progressive electric rates.

(e) The authority and the New York state energy research and development authority shall have the power to administer and finance programs for the development, design, installation and provision of financial assistance, with respect to the replacement of refrigerators, dishwashers and other appliances with more energy efficient appliances, or the replacement of gas stoves and water heaters with electric or induction appliances, provided that no costs associated with such financial assistance shall be charged to the authority's customers. Financial assistance shall be repaid to the authority, over a period not to exceed ten years, based on projected savings in energy costs and related costs which accrue to the owner as a result of installing such measures.

35. (a) All employees who become unemployed as a result of this subdivision, subdivisions twenty-eight, twenty-nine, thirty, thirty-one, thirty-two, thirty-three, or thirty-four of this section, or as a result of the transition to renewables and implementation of the climate leadership and community protection act, including but not limited to nuclear, fossil fuel, and ESCO employees, shall be provided with free retraining options to transition to another role, the opportunity to retire early where deemed appropriate by the community energy hubs in consultation with labor unions and employees, or the option for disadvantaged employees to participate in a paid direct access and training program.

(b) There shall be a hiring hall developed within the community energy hubs for the express purpose of hiring and retraining employees for green jobs. Retraining programs may prepare employees to transition to fields including, but not limited to, jobs installing and/or maintaining renewable energy infrastructure, green roofs and green walls, renewable heat pumps, bioswales, restoring wetlands, regenerative agriculture, remediating lead and mold, performing retrofits, providing customer service for the community energy hubs and the authority, and other green jobs which would allow New York to comply with climate laws including the climate mobilization act and the climate leadership and community protection act.

(c) Such hiring halls shall also create a community jobs pipeline strategy of engaging low-income communities of color and disconnected employees in the struggle to create an equitable community-controlled green economy. Such hiring halls shall: (i) act as employer of record and recruit, screen and hire employees; (ii) mediate disputes between employees and employers as needed; (iii) administer timesheets, payroll, general liability and worker's compensation insurance as needed; (iv) coordinate free training in both general and specialized credentials; and (v) provide wraparound support for employees, including transportation costs and financial literacy.

(d) All new renewable projects owned and operated by the authority and energy efficiency programs owned and operated by the authority shall pay a prevailing wage and shall be subject to project labor agreements. There shall be no emergency strike funds, nor shall there be ratepayer funded management contract negotiation funds; the authority shall at a minimum remain neutral to unionization efforts.

36. (a) A labor advisory board shall be established to determine safety and training standards, disaster response measures, guaranteed hours, staffing levels, retraining programs and other labor issues in consultation with the authority's board.

(b) The advisory board shall consist of seven members to be elected by all current rank-and-file authority employees and rank-and-file employees of community energy hubs and resulting green job programs, not including any outside private contractors. Members shall serve for a term of two years and may serve until their successors are elected. The members of the board shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as board members.

(c) Any labor required to build, design, operate and maintain the authority's renewable energy projects will be performed by authority employees. All employees, regardless of their union, will be cross-trained and perform both new construction and maintenance work.

§ 3. Section 349-d of the general business law is REPEALED.

§ 4. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 27 of section 1005 of the public authorities law, as added by section 2 of part LL of chapter 58 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, as deemed feasible and advisable by the trustees, the authority is authorized to undertake the following actions when it deems it necessary or desirable to address the energy-related needs of any (i) authority customer, (ii) public entity, or (iii) CCA community:

(1) (A) supply power and energy procured from competitive market sources to any (i) authority customer, (ii) public entity, or (iii) CCA community through the supply of such products through an [~~energy services company or other~~] entity that is authorized by the public service commission to procure and sell energy products to participants of a CCA program[~~, provided, however, that the authority shall not supply at any point more than a total of four hundred megawatts of power and energy to authority customers and public entities pursuant to the authority of this clause~~];

(B) supply renewable power[~~,~~] or energy[~~, or related credits or attributes procured through a competitive process, from competitive market sources, or through negotiation when a competitive procurement is not reasonably feasible and such products can be procured on reasonably competitive terms~~] to (i) any authority customer, (ii) any public entity, or (iii) any CCA community [~~through the supply of such products through an energy services company or other entity that is authorized by the public service commission to procure and sell energy products to participants of a CCA program; and~~];

(2) (A) alone or jointly with one or more other entities, finance the development of renewable energy generating projects that are located in the state, including its territorial waters, and/or on property or in waters under the jurisdiction or regulatory authority of the United States, (B) purchase power, energy or related credits or attributes produced from such renewable energy generating projects, and (C) allocate and sell any such products to (i) any authority customer, (ii) any public entity, and (iii) any CCA community through [~~an~~] a not-for-profit energy services company or other entity that is authorized by the public service commission to procure and sell energy products to participants of a CCA program[~~, provided that the authority shall not, pursuant to the authority in this subparagraph, finance more than six renewable energy generation projects and have a per-project electric generating capacity in excess of twenty-five megawatts.~~]; and

(3) (A) provide proof that the applicant is a tax exempt non-profit organization described in section 501(c) of the internal revenue code, (B) a corporation established by the state of New York that is wholly owned by a state, county or municipal entity within the state of New York, (C) a public authority established by the state of New York, or (D) an ESCO registered as a tax exempt non-profit organization described in section 501(c) of the internal revenue code, a corporation wholly owned by a federal, state or municipal government, or a public authority established and controlled by a federal, state or municipal government.

§ 5. Subdivision 5 of section 44 of the public service law, as added by chapter 359 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

5. At least once a year, every utility corporation, not-for-profit energy services company or municipality shall provide its customers with a notice that billing statements are available in large print format. Upon written request by a customer, a utility corporation, not-for-profit energy services company or municipality shall provide the customer's

billing statements in the large print format commencing no later than sixty days after the date upon which the request is received by the utility corporation, **not-for-profit** energy services company or municipality. The provisions of this subdivision shall apply only to printed statements. For the purposes of this section, "large print" shall mean a printed font size of sixteen or greater to illuminate billing information. For the purposes of this section, "**not-for-profit** energy services company" or "**non-for-profit** ESCO" shall mean [~~an~~] **a not-for-profit** entity eligible to sell energy services to end-use customers using the transmission or distribution system of a utility corporation.

§ 6. Nothing in this act is intended to limit, impair, or affect the legal authority of the power authority of the state of New York under any other provision of title 1 of article 5 of the public authorities law.

§ 7. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that the amendments to subdivision 27 of section 1005 of the public authorities law made by section four of this act shall not affect the repeal of such subdivision and shall be deemed repealed therewith.

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Introduced by M. of A. CARROLL, RICHARDSON, COLTON, DINOWITZ, GOTTFRIED, KIM, COOK, DICKENS, SIMON, STIRPE, BARNWELL, CRUZ, L. ROSENTHAL, WEPRIN, ROZIC, MAMDANI -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. HEVESI, HYNDMAN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law and the public service law, in relation to implementing the "New York State Build Public Renewables Act"; and to repeal certain provisions of the general business law relating thereto

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "New York State Build Public Renewables Act".

§ 2. Section 1005 of the public authorities law is amended by adding nine new subdivisions 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36 to read as follows:

28. (a) The authority is authorized and directed to purchase, acquire, plan, design, engineer, finance, construct, operate, manage, improve and/or maintain any renewable energy project. The authority is also authorized and directed to provide energy efficiency, retrofits, high performance/sustainable building, and energy management services.

(b) For the purposes of this subdivision and subdivisions twenty-nine, thirty, thirty-one, thirty-two, thirty-three, thirty-four, thirty-five and thirty-six of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(i) "renewable energy" shall be defined as renewable electricity or thermal energy that does not emit greenhouse gases or other pollutants including, but not limited to, photovoltaics (solar), land-based and offshore wind, run-of-the-river and existing New York state hydroelectric, geothermal electric, tidal energy, wave energy, battery energy

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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storage systems, pumped hydroelectric energy storage systems, and renewable thermal energy technology such as solar thermal, air-source and ground-source heat pumps, renewable co-generation, district heating systems, systems designed to capture waste heat, or other heating or cooling technologies using renewable sources of energy that do not emit greenhouse gases or other pollutants, provided, however, that such term shall not include any form of fossil fuels or combustion-based energy which relies upon building new fossil fuel infrastructure or extending the use of fossil fuel infrastructure including, but not limited to, natural gas, green hydrogen fuel, biofuel, biogas, biomass, nuclear, carbon sequestration and renewable natural gas.

(ii) "renewable energy project" shall be defined as all infrastructure which generates, stores, distributes or transmits renewable energy or thermal energy as defined in paragraph (i) of this subdivision, and includes the construction, installation and/or operation of ancillary facilities or equipment done in connection with any such renewable energy generating projects, including, but not limited to, electric vehicle charging infrastructure and renewable offshore wind vessels.

29. (a) The authority shall have the right of first offer and first refusal to and shall coordinate with the department of state's office of renewable energy siting (ORES) to purchase, acquire, plan, design, engineer, finance, construct, operate, manage, improve and/or maintain renewable energy projects over twenty-five megawatts and to own and sell any power or energy created by such renewable energy project. The authority shall have sixty days to commit to a project. The authority shall also have the right of first offer and first refusal to purchase planned, future, and existing renewable energy projects.

(b) Where a renewable energy site appropriate for New York state falls into federal jurisdiction, the authority shall participate in lease auctions in an attempt to obtain ownership of that area.

30. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, to, on or after January first, two thousand twenty-five, only generate and transmit renewable energy and the authority shall only purchase, acquire, plan, design, engineer, finance, construct, operate, manage, improve and/or maintain generation and transmission facilities for the purpose of generating, storing, distributing and transmitting renewable energy. The authority shall phase out its use of existing non-renewable generation as quickly as possible but no later than December thirtieth, two thousand twenty-five, as it scales up renewable energy generation to meet one hundred percent of all state and municipal energy needs and the energy needs of all public and private buildings and properties powered by the authority with renewable energy by two thousand twenty-six, and it shall not purchase, plan, finance, or construct any new generation project or energy infrastructure which is not a renewable energy project or part of a renewable energy project. Renewable energy sources which prioritize projects that actively benefit environmental justice communities and ecosystems, and which have the lowest financial costs, will be prioritized through a process to be determined by local community groups and environmental experts. The authority will also convert all state and municipal properties and authority powered privately owned buildings to receive heating and cooling from renewable energy sources by two thousand thirty.

31. (a) Within two years of the effective date of this subdivision, the authority shall make public a ten-year climate and resiliency plan. Such climate and resiliency plan shall be designed to minimize the costs to ratepayers while balancing the interests of employees, grid reliabil-

ity and resiliency, environmental justice communities and the environment. Such plan shall be developed in consultation with the New York state independent system operator, the New York state energy research and development authority, and experts, environmental justice communities, ratepayers and community organizations via the New York state energy research and development authority's community energy hubs. Such resiliency plan shall outline the renewable projects the authority plans to build, how the authority plans to phase out non-renewable assets and how the authority plans to comply with the climate leadership and community protection act and the renewable energy targets outlined in this subdivision and subdivisions twenty-nine, thirty and thirty-two of this section. The authority shall also outline a plan to improve energy resiliency and if necessary to meet the authority's renewable energy targets, shall coordinate with the New York state independent system operator to re-adjust the locational capacity requirements for each region in the state. Additionally, within two years of the effective date of this subdivision, the authority shall make public a democratization plan. Such plan shall be fully funded, created in partnership and codesigned with the NY Energy Democracy Alliance and shall ensure the scale up of renewable build out across the state occurs in line with the principles of energy democracy and transparency.

(b) (i) The authority shall hold at least one annual public hearing related to such climate and resiliency plan and may update such plan annually as needed. The hearing shall be publicized in various forms of media, including but not limited to the authority's website, local newspapers and social media platforms, and shall also be accessible via livestream. In advance of such hearing, the authority shall conspicuously post written notice of such hearing in all authority facilities and New York state energy research and development authority community energy hubs on a sign posted at each facility entrance and exit used by employees, and shall provide at least two weeks advance notice of such hearing to authority customers by directly communicating such notice to customer phone, email and mailing lists. Public input shall be permitted between the hours of 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM. Each speaker shall have at least three minutes to speak, and a remote option shall be provided for submitting comments via video conference, phone, including short message services (SMS) text messages and/or written comment, which shall be read aloud. Provisions for childcare, translation services, American sign language interpretation, closed captioning, and access to accommodations provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act shall be provided upon request.

(ii) The authority shall maintain an online suggestion board where the public may submit recommendations to be voted on by other members of the public. The top five suggestions shall be discussed publicly and shall be voted on by the authority's board at the annual public hearing. Other suggestions may be taken into consideration at the board's discretion. All data, meeting minutes, recordings and documents that do not include personal customer information, including but not limited to depreciation schedules, annual financial statements of itemized spending, environmental impact statements, cost-benefit analyses, climate and resiliency plans, renewable energy project plans, and annual reports on operations, customer service, reliability, resiliency and sustainability, shall be made available on the authority's website, or otherwise made accessible by the authority upon request. All such records shall be maintained as business records for a minimum of ten years. The state comptroller shall audit the authority at least once every two years until two thou-

sand thirty to ascertain whether the authority is in compliance with the renewable energy targets outlined in this subdivision and subdivisions twenty-nine, thirty, thirty-two and thirty-three of this section and whether the authority's spending and operations are efficient. The most recent comptroller audits shall also be made available on the authority's website, or otherwise made accessible by the authority upon request.

(c) (i) The authority shall conduct an energy efficiency and energy audit program to identify public and private buildings most in need of retrofits and efficiency measures. The authority shall hire authority employees to perform energy audits, retrofits and other efficiency programs, such as incentives for energy efficient appliances and induction stoves, as needed, to meet the climate goals outlined in the climate leadership and community protection act, the New York state energy research and development authority, environmental and energy experts, and communities via the New York state energy research and development authority's community energy hubs. The authority shall prioritize public buildings and low-income customers and tenants to receive the benefits of these efficiency programs and retrofits.

(ii) The authority or the New York state energy research and development authority shall annually post and maintain for at least one year on their website, a report evaluating the energy efficiency program, including, but not limited to, the number of customers served by the efficiency program, the customer demographics, the number of retrofits and energy audits performed, the number of jobs created and employee demographics, and the amount of energy and dollars saved as a result of the program.

The authority shall also submit an annual report to the governor and to the legislature which shall be made available to the public and shall be subject to open hearings in the legislature. Such report shall include the:

(A) Ten year climate and resiliency plan described in paragraph (a) of this subdivision;

(B) Amount of energy produced by each facility;

(C) Energy transferred between facilities within the authority;

(D) Energy transferred outside of the authority for sale;

(E) Kilowatt-hour sales by project and by customer;

(F) Revenues and costs for each project facility;

(G) Accumulated provision for depreciation of each project facility;

(H) Financial and operating information of the energy efficiency program; and

(I) Enrollment in and effectiveness of renewable energy auto-enrollment, retrofit, and energy efficient appliance programs.

32. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, to be the sole provider of electricity and power to all state and municipal owned, leased, controlled, or operated properties that use electricity, including but not limited to all buildings and transportation-related properties such as trains, subways and subway stations, vessels, electrified buses and vehicles, and public or private electric vehicle charging stations.

33. (a) To sell or provide renewable energy to end-use customers and CCA communities using the transmission or distribution system of any utility with consolidated billing.

(b) Any excess renewable energy produced by the authority and not used or stored by state or municipal owned or leased properties shall be sold directly to end-use customers or CCA's, wholesale, using the transmission or distribution system of utilities. This excess energy shall be

sold on an opt-out basis, with automatic enrollment prioritizing low-income customers and environmental justice communities.

(i) There shall be no electricity rate increase for the first three years following the effective date of this subdivision. After the first three years following the effective date of this subdivision, a progressive rate structure based on income and level of energy shall be developed in consultation with the authority and communities via the New York state energy research and development authority's community energy hubs.

(ii) The authority shall discourage the shut off of any residential customer's energy for non-payment and shall discourage the charge of punitive late fees by collaborating with distribution companies. The authority shall work with the low income home energy assistance program to assist low-income customers with payment plans and to develop an emergency fund to cover instances of non-payment. Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, the authority may impose penalties for large energy users and may incentivize energy conservation with rebates and discounts on energy efficient products, to be determined by the authority's board in consultation with the New York state energy research and development authority.

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(iv) Ensuring that advocacy organizations and environmental justice organizations co-design energy programs, providing their knowledge of local communities and their insight into how energy programs have performed in their community, and receive the necessary financial and technical assistance to meaningfully participate in the co-design process.

(v) Identifying, soliciting, receiving feedback on and addressing concerns about proposals for locations for renewable energy projects in

coordination with the department of state's office of renewable energy siting and local organizations that are accountable to the community, utilizing the same co-design process outlined in subparagraph (iv) of paragraph (b) of this subdivision to assess the energy needs of each community and how such needs interact with the energy needs of the state as a whole.

(vi) Performing community outreach and education on energy and climate-related initiatives, and/or supporting local community organizations to perform this outreach and education, including utility proceedings and the power authority of the state of New York's renewable energy enrollment program.

(vii) Addressing customer service issues and billing issues for services provided by the New York state energy research and development authority and the authority, including connecting low-income customers with assistance programs such as the low income home energy assistance program, and providing access to language translation services.

(c)(i) All community energy hubs shall hold at least one public meeting on the new rate design before the new rate design is implemented. Such hubs shall also hold quarterly public meetings where all stakeholders, including employees and ratepayers, may provide suggestions for improvements to the programs, investments, technologies, and renewable energy projects of the New York state energy research and development authority and the authority. New York state energy research and development staff and at least one representative of the authority shall attend such meetings and shall report key findings and recommendations to the authority's board for consideration. All records of public meetings shall be maintained as business records for a minimum of ten years.

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(b) There shall be a hiring hall developed within the community energy hubs for the express purpose of hiring and retraining employees for green jobs. Retraining programs may prepare employees to transition to fields including, but not limited to, jobs installing and/or maintaining renewable energy infrastructure, green roofs and green walls, renewable heat pumps, bioswales, restoring wetlands, regenerative agriculture, remediating lead and mold, performing retrofits, providing customer service for the community energy hubs and the authority, and other green jobs which would allow New York to comply with climate laws including the climate mobilization act and the climate leadership and community protection act.

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employees. All employees, regardless of their union, will be cross-trained and perform both new construction and maintenance work.

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§ 4. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 27 of section 1005 of the public authorities law, as added by section 2 of part LL of chapter 58 of the laws of 2019, is amended and a new subparagraph 3 is added to read as follows:

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, as deemed feasible and advisable by the trustees, the authority is authorized to undertake the following actions when it deems it necessary or desirable to address the energy-related needs of any (i) authority customer, (ii) public entity, or (iii) CCA community:

(1) (A) supply power and energy procured from competitive market sources to any (i) authority customer, (ii) public entity, or (iii) CCA community through the supply of such products through an [~~energy services company or other~~] entity that is authorized by the public service commission to procure and sell energy products to participants of a CCA program[~~, provided, however, that the authority shall not supply at any point more than a total of four hundred megawatts of power and energy to authority customers and public entities pursuant to the authority of this clause~~];

(B) supply renewable power[~~,~~] or energy[~~, or related credits or attributes procured through a competitive process, from competitive market sources, or through negotiation when a competitive procurement is not reasonably feasible and such products can be procured on reasonably competitive terms~~] to (i) any authority customer, (ii) any public entity, or (iii) any CCA community [~~through the supply of such products through an energy services company or other entity that is authorized by the public service commission to procure and sell energy products to participants of a CCA program; and~~];

(2) (A) alone or jointly with one or more other entities, finance the development of renewable energy generating projects that are located in the state, including its territorial waters, and/or on property or in waters under the jurisdiction or regulatory authority of the United States, (B) purchase power, energy or related credits or attributes produced from such renewable energy generating projects, and (C) allocate and sell any such products to (i) any authority customer, (ii) any public entity, and (iii) any CCA community through [~~an~~] a not-for-profit energy services company or other entity that is authorized by the public service commission to procure and sell energy products to participants of a CCA program[~~, provided that the authority shall not, pursuant to the authority in this subparagraph, finance more than six renewable energy generation projects and have a per-project electric generating capacity in excess of twenty-five megawatts.~~]; and

(3) (A) provide proof that the applicant is a tax exempt non-profit organization described in section 501(c) of the internal revenue code, (B) a corporation established by the state of New York that is wholly owned by a state, county or municipal entity within the state of New York, (C) a public authority established by the state of New York, or (D) an ESCO registered as a tax exempt non-profit organization described in section 501(c) of the internal revenue code, a corporation wholly owned by a federal, state or municipal government, or a public authority established and controlled by a federal, state or municipal government.

§ 5. Subdivision 5 of section 44 of the public service law, as added by chapter 359 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

5. At least once a year, every utility corporation, **not-for-profit** energy services company or municipality shall provide its customers with a notice that billing statements are available in large print format. Upon written request by a customer, a utility corporation, **not-for-profit** energy services company or municipality shall provide the customer's billing statements in the large print format commencing no later than sixty days after the date upon which the request is received by the utility corporation, **not-for-profit** energy services company or municipality. The provisions of this subdivision shall apply only to printed statements. For the purposes of this section, "large print" shall mean a printed font size of sixteen or greater to illuminate billing information. For the purposes of this section, "**not-for-profit** energy services company" or "**non-for-profit** ESCO" shall mean [~~an~~] **a not-for-profit** entity eligible to sell energy services to end-use customers using the transmission or distribution system of a utility corporation.

§ 6. Nothing in this act is intended to limit, impair, or affect the legal authority of the power authority of the state of New York under any other provision of title 1 of article 5 of the public authorities law.

§ 7. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that the amendments to subdivision 27 of section 1005 of the public authorities law made by section four of this act shall not affect the repeal of such subdivision and shall be deemed repealed therewith.

CITY OF BEACON
CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 65 OF 2022

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE BUILD PUBLIC RENEWABLES ACT

WHEREAS, the New York State Senate and Assembly are now considering adopting into law the Build Public Renewables Act (A1466A/S6453), requiring the New York Power Authority ("NYPA") to provide only renewable energy and power to customers and requiring NYPA to be the sole provider of energy to all State-owned and municipal properties; and

WHEREAS, New York State passed in 2019 the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), committing our state to a rapid decarbonization of our economy and ensuring that we invest in frontline communities most impacted by pollution and climate change — specifically that the State generate 70% of electricity from renewable sources by 2030, 100% carbon-free electricity by 2040, and net zero carbon emissions economy-wide by 2050; and

WHEREAS, only about 5% of electricity in New York State is currently generated by wind and solar; and

WHEREAS, the Build Public Renewables Act (the "Act") requires all NYPA projects to include: prevailing wage, project labor agreements, neutrality to unionization, and priority to existing hiring halls and apprenticeship programs; and

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of green union jobs are anticipated to come to the State, including the Hudson Valley, through the passing of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Act will add as much as $93 billion to the State's economy without raising taxes, as NYPA is funded by issuing its own bonds, which are highly-rated by all three major rating agencies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Beacon's State Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson cosponsored the Act; and

WHEREAS, the City of Beacon, as one of only eight Silver Certified Climate Smart Communities in the State, is a leader in the adoption and support of Climate Smart policies and sets an example for other municipalities across the state; and

WHEREAS, the City of Beacon has itself already implemented aligned efforts towards the State's CLCPA goals, such as constructing a municipal solar array and adopting a Community Choice Aggregate program to deliver renewable energy to utility customers in the City of Beacon; and

WHEREAS, the City of Beacon recognizes that Climate Change is a human-made phenomenon and represents an existential threat to our community and our world; and

WHEREAS, the 52nd annual celebration of Earth Day lands on April 22nd, wherein the year's theme is "Invest in our Planet," and therefore represents a timely opportunity to recommit the City of Beacon to its Climate priorities and to our responsibilities as global citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Beacon City Council urges the New York State Legislature to pass of the Build Public Renewables Act (A1466A/S6453); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Beacon City Council urges New York State to focus additional economic development resources into the Hudson Valley to provide prevailing wage jobs for the construction and operation of clean power generation, brownfield clean-up, or other sustainable economic development projects in the Hudson Valley; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk of the City of Beacon is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to Governor Kathy Hochul, State Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson, and to State Senator Sue Serino.

Resolution No. 65 of 2022			**Date: April 18, 2022**				
☐ Amendments						**☐ 2/3 Required**	
☐ Not on roll call.			**☐ On roll call**			**☐ 3/4 Required**	
Motion	Second	Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Reason	Absent
		Paloma Wake					
		Justice McCray					
		George Mansfield					
		Wren Longno					
		Molly Rhodes					
		Dan Aymar-Blair					
		Mayor Lee Kyriacou					
		Motion Carried					

City of Beacon City Council Agenda
04/18/2022

Title:

Resolution No. 66 - Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute an Agreement with Architecture, Engineering, and Land Surveying Northeast, PLLC for Development of a Lake Management Plan for the City of Beacon Drinking Water Reservoirs

ATTACHMENTS

Cedarwood Engineering Services, PLLC Contract Cancellation Letter

Contract and Scope of Work for Development of a Lake Management Plan for the City of Beacon Drinking Water Reservoirs

Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute an Agreement with Architecture, Engineering, and Land Surveying Northeast, PLLC for Development of a Lake Management Plan for the City of Beacon Drinking Water Reservoirs

CEDARWOOD
ENGINEERING SERVICES PLLC

March 17, 2022

Ed Balicki
Superintendent, Department of Water and Wastewater
City of Beacon
470 Liberty Street
Beacon, NY 12508

Re: City of Beacon Reservoirs Lake Management Plans
Cancellation of Contract

Dear Ed:

Cedarwood Engineering Services, PLLC hereby withdraws and cancels the contract agreement with the City of Beacon for the Development of Lake Management Plan for the Beacon Drinking Water Reservoirs. No time has been expended on this project and therefore there will be no charges associated with this contract.

Sincerely,
CEDARWOOD ENGINEERING SERVICES, PLLC

Jonathan Soukup, P.E., Principal

ec: Christopher White, City Administrator

AES Northeast
Architecture, Engineering, and Land Surveying Northeast, PLLC

AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE CITY OF BEACON
AND
ARCHITECTURE, ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING NORTHEAST, PLLC

DEVELOPMENT OF A LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE BEACON DRINKING WATER RESERVOIRS: CARGILL RESERVOIR, MELZINGAH RESERVOIR, AND MOUNT BEACON RESERVOIR

CITY OF BEACON, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NY

AES Project Number 5072

THIS IS AN AGREEMENT made effective _____, between the CITY OF BEACON, located at 1 Municipal Plaza, Beacon, NY 12508 (CITY), and **ARCHITECTURE, ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING NORTHEAST, PLLC**, located at 12 City Hall Place, Plattsburgh NY 12901 (AES Northeast).

CITY intends to enlist the professional services of AES Northeast to provide engineering services for the Development of a Lake Management Plan for the Beacon Drinking Water Reservoirs: Cargill Reservoir, Melzingah Reservoir, and Mount Beacon Reservoir as specified in the Scope of Professional Services and Deliverables below.

CITY and AES Northeast, in consideration of their mutual covenants, herein agree in respect of the performance or furnishing of professional engineering services by AES Northeast with respect to the Project and the payment for those services by CITY as set forth below. Execution of this Agreement by AES Northeast and CITY constitutes CITY's written authorization to AES Northeast to proceed on the date first above written with the services detailed in the Scope of Professional Services and Deliverables.

GENERAL

With this Engineering agreement, CITY is retaining AES Northeast to provide the tasks described in the Scope of Professional Services for the Development of a Lake Management Plan (LMP) for the Beacon Drinking Water Reservoirs: Cargill Reservoir, Melzingah Reservoir, and Mount Beacon Reservoir.

AES Northeast
Architecture, Engineering, and Land Surveying Northeast, PLLC

SCOPE OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND DELIVERABLES

The following Scope of Work details the tasks that will be accomplished by AES Northeast in the development of a LMP for the City of Beacon Reservoirs. The project's objectives are to:

1. Assess the Current Conditions in the Reservoirs (Tasks 1-4)
2. Identify Water Quality Issues/Establish Management Goals (Task 5)
3. Evaluate Management Alternatives (Task 6)
4. Create the Lake Management Plan (Tasks 7-8)

The project's goal is to protect the water supply by minimizing algae blooms within the reservoirs.

Kick-off Meeting with City

AES Northeast will meet with representatives of the City of Beacon and Department of Water and Wastewater (Department) at the start of the project, prior to initiating any field work or analyses, to obtain existing information and ensure that we fully understand the goals and objectives of this project. AES Northeast will communicate at least monthly with the project contact(s) to provide updates on project status throughout the life of this project. Depending upon the amount of information to be conveyed and/or discussed, these communications will take the form of emails, conference calls or face-to-face meetings in Beacon, NY.

Task 1: Background Information and Watershed Analyses

AES Northeast will examine all available historical water quality data that exists for the reservoirs provided by the City, Department, NYS DEC and other sources. This process will include a review of any past management activities that have taken place in the reservoirs as well as any available history on past algal blooms. Historical weather data will be obtained and used to examine any impact that climatic conditions have on water quality within the reservoirs. AES Northeast will identify any data gaps and make recommendations for additional monitoring and assessments to fill in those data gaps. These data will be summarized in graphical and tabular form.

AES Northeast will use GIS to prepare an analysis of watershed conditions, including land use and land cover, soils, topography, hydrology and other conditions that are relevant to the development of the management plan. This information will be summarized using maps and tables as appropriate.

AES Northeast will familiarize itself with the water supply system currently in use by the City of Beacon, including sources, transmission and treatment. This information will be useful when evaluating management objectives and assessing the feasibility of management alternatives.

Task 2: Water Quality Monitoring

AES Northeast understands that there is little direct water quality data available for the City's reservoirs. This information is critical for assessing reservoir health and developing the management plan. Therefore, AES Northeast will sample the reservoirs near their deepest point once per month from May through October during 2022 (see Figure 1 for sample locations). On each sample date and for each of the three reservoirs, AES Northeast will measure Secchi transparency, dissolved oxygen and temperature profiles, and collect samples in the upper and lower waters for the analysis of total phosphors, soluble reactive phosphorus, total nitrogen, nitrate/nitrite nitrogen, ammonia, pH, alkalinity, chlorophyll-*a* (upper waters only) and specific conductivity. AES Northeast will collect samples on each sample date from each reservoir for the enumeration of phytoplankton (algae), which will be identified and counted.

On each sample date, AES Northeast will also collect samples from the tributaries to the reservoirs (Figure 1). Two streams come together to form one inlet at the northeast end of Mezingah Reservoir. AES Northeast will sample this stream. A smaller intermittent stream enters on the south side that will not be sampled since its drainage area is so small and flow is unlikely to be significant throughout the monitoring season. In Cargill Reservoir, two small tributaries to the northwest drains undeveloped land, one of which is intermittent. The tributary to the southeast drains lands containing low density development. The two main inlets will be sampled. The intermittent stream will not be sampled since its drainage area is so small and flow is unlikely to be significant throughout the monitoring season. The tributary samples will be analyzed for the same parameters as the reservoirs, except chlorophyll-*a*. The Beacon Reservoir watershed does not have any tributaries therefore no samples will be collected.

These data will be used to assess the current trophic status of each reservoir, examine watershed inputs, to evaluate conditions that may inhibit or promote the growth of algae and cyanobacteria, and to determine the ecological "health" of the reservoirs as it relates to drinking water quality. These data will be summarized in graphical and tabular form.

If the City is unable to provide boats for the purpose of sampling the reservoirs, AES Northeast will use canoes or kayaks that have been carefully cleaned to ensure that no invasive species are transported into the reservoirs.

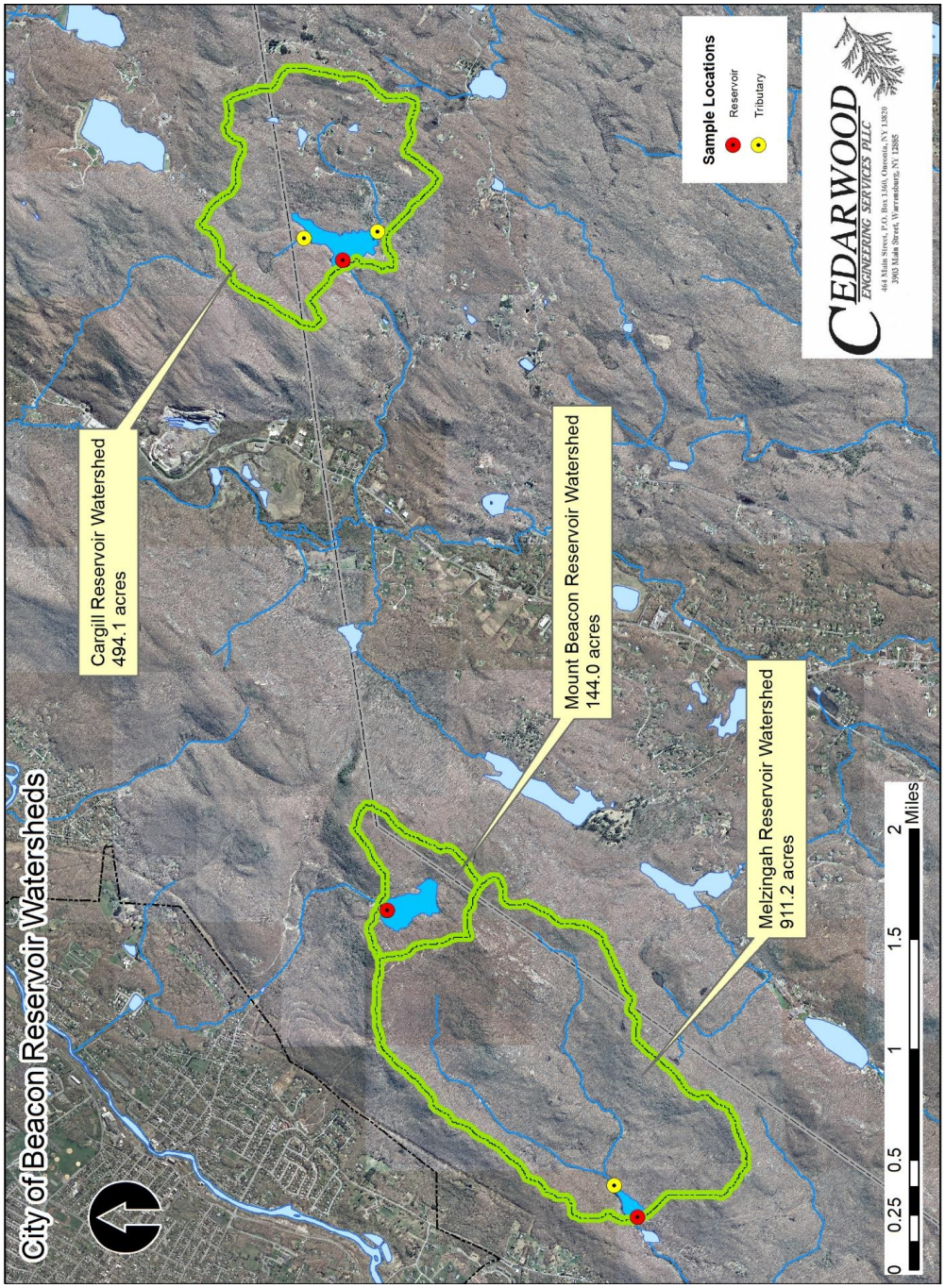

Figure 1 City of Beacon Reservoir Watersheds and Proposed Sampling Locations

Task 3: Bathymetric Analysis

The morphometric characteristics of a lake are important in assessing water quality health and developing a lake management plan. AES Northeast will use the existing bathymetric data provided by the City or Department. The bathymetric data will be imported into our GIS and used to calculate important morphometric characteristics of each reservoir including maximum depth, mean depth and lake volume. We will also create hypsographic curves to determine the volume of water at each depth of each reservoir. The morphometric characteristics will also be used to calculate flushing rates, turnover rates and phosphorus retention coefficients.

Task 4: Macrophyte Mapping

AES Northeast will conduct macrophyte (aquatic plant) mapping to determine aquatic plant abundance and distribution in each of the reservoirs. Macrophyte mapping will be conducted using a combination of visual observation and rake-toss method to quantify both the distribution and abundance of aquatic plant species within the lake. AES Northeast will use these data to create maps of plant distribution and abundance, both for all plant species and individual key species. AES Northeast will also create tables of aquatic plant species overall and relative abundances.

If the City is unable to provide boats for the purpose of mapping the reservoirs, AES Northeast will use canoes or kayaks that have been carefully cleaned to ensure that no invasive species are transported into the reservoirs.

Task 5: Identify Water Quality Issues & Establish Management Goals

AES Northeast will work closely with the City of Beacon and Department of Water and Wastewater and use the products of Task 1 through Task 4 to identify the key water quality issues that affect the City's reservoirs limnologically and ecologically. We will work with the City and Department, providing supporting analyses, to develop a prioritized list of issues that impact the reservoirs and the City's drinking water supply.

Task 6: Evaluate Management Alternatives

AES Northeast will conduct a feasibility analysis of available and appropriate management strategies for management of the City's reservoirs. The feasibility analysis will examine the cost and suitability for achieving the management goals of the City and Department. AES Northeast will present a cost-benefit analysis to the City, propose recommended management strategies and work closely with the City to establish suitable management goals for the reservoirs.
A review of management alternatives will include recommendations for future and ongoing

monitoring, addressing any water quality issues identified in Task 2 such as anoxic conditions in deeper areas of the reservoirs, and evaluate long-term and short-term techniques for managing nutrients and cyanobacteria blooms.

Task 7: Create the Lake Management Plan

Draft LMP

AES Northeast will prepare a Draft LMP for review and comment by the City. The LMP will detail the methodologies and present the results of all of the work conducted under this project. The LMP will define the current conditions of the reservoirs and provide recommendations for managing the reservoirs. Findings and recommendations will be presented separately for each reservoir within the LMP. AES Northeast will meet with the City/Department (Task 8) to present and discuss the report, its findings and recommendations.

Final LMP

AES Northeast will take into consideration the comments of City and Department and any additional feedback from the meeting with the City to prepare the Final LMP. AES Northeast will deliver four (4) printed copies of the final LMP along with an electronic version on an USB flash drive to the City.

Task 8: Meetings & Reservoir Management

Meetings

AES Northeast will participate in up to three meetings (not including the kick-off meeting) with representatives of the City of Beacon and the Department of Water and Wastewater in order to present preliminary findings and involve the stakeholders in the decision-making process. These meetings will tentatively be held to establish management goals, discuss the feasibility of management options and present the draft Lake Management Plan. The first two meetings will take place to coincide with field work. The third meeting, to present the draft report, will be a separately scheduled since all field work will have been complete by that time.

Cyanobacteria Bloom Rapid Response Plan

AES Northeast will work with the Department to create a rapid response plan that can be used should cyanobacteria blooms occur in the lake and threaten the drinking water supply for the City. AES Northeast will also be available on-call should blooms occur to identify the bloom-causing organism and help with the decision to treat or not treat the reservoir(s).

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PROJECT SCHEDULE

AES Northeast will commence the project upon completion of an executed contract. The kickoff meeting will take place between January and March of 2022. Background information and watershed analysis will commence immediately and continue through October 2022. The field work is planned to take place between May and October 2022, with a draft report in January 2023. The final report will be completed by March 2023.

SUMMARY OF COSTS

AES Northeast will perform the described services for the FIXED FEES provided below. These fees include all sample collection, laboratory analysis and report preparation.

Beacon Reservoir LMP Budget	
Task Description	**Cost**
Task 1 - Background Information & watershed analysis	$2,990
Task 2 - Water Quality Monitoring	$19,718
Task 3 - Bathymetric Analysis	$690
Task 4 - Aquatic Plant Mapping	$3,145
Task 5 - Establish Management Goals	$1,840
Task 6 - Evaluate Management Alternatives	$1,840
Task 7 - Prepare Management Plan	$4,600
Task 8 – Meetings & Reservoir Management	$2,530
Total	**$37,353**

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Additional services can be provided by AES Northeast if deemed necessary and approved by the CITY. Compensation for additional services can be negotiated as needed.

Services not indicated or included in the above-listed scope of services, or which are subsequently requested, either verbally or in writing, will be considered additional services. The fee will be based upon either a mutually agreed fixed fee or an hourly basis at rates in effect at

the time the services are performed, plus subcontracts and reimbursable expenses as outlined in the Rate Schedule for the year in which the work is being performed.

COMPENSATION

The CITY will pay AES Northeast fees in accordance with the project budget presented in the Scope of Work.

AES Northeast invoices will be submitted to the CITY on a monthly basis based on percent complete for each task. Payment shall be made to the AES Northeast within forty-five (45) calendar days of the date of the invoice. Checks shall be forwarded to AES Northeast at 12 City Hall Place, Plattsburgh NY 12901.

STANDARD CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The terms and conditions contained on the attached sheet apply to this contract.

LOCAL IN-KIND SERVICES

CITY agrees to provide or make available to AES Northeast the following local resources and services to assist in development of the LMP:

1. Access to reservoirs
2. All reservoir data that may be used in developing the management plan, including but not limited to, bathymetric data, past treatments and water quality data.
3. Drinking Water process information (system flow diagrams, flows, withdrawals, treatments)
4. Other information as may become known to exist that would assist in preparing the LMP

ATTACHMENTS

- AES Northeast 2022 Rate Schedule
- Standard Terms and Conditions
- AES Northeast W-9

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ENDORSEMENTS

The following signatures establish the foregoing:

(CITY)

CITY OF BEACON
DUTCHESS COUNTY, NY

By: _____
(signature)

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

ARCHITECTURE, ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING NORTHEAST, PLLC

By: _____
(signature)

Print Name: Michael R. Martin

Title: Environmental Scientist/Project Manager

Date: March 30, 2022

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2022 Hourly Rates Fee Schedule*

Principal – Registered Architect	$156.00	Land Surveyor – Office	$107.00
Principal – Professional Engineer	$156.00	Surveying Technician – Field/Travel	$92.00
Principal - Land Surveyor	$156.00	Surveying Technician – Office	$87.00
Project Architect II	$136.00	Survey Party Chief - PWR**	$177.00
Project Architect I	$124.00	Survey Instrument Person - PWR**	$167.00
Program Manager	$124.00	CADD Manager	$68.00
Project Manager	$104.00	GIS Specialist	$93.00
Assistant Project Manager	$81.00	Senior Construction Manager	$126.00
Building Designer	$102.00	Construction Manager II	$102.00
Architectural Technician	$70.00	Construction Manager I	$87.00
Professional Engineer III	$151.00	Resident Project Representative III	$92.00
Professional Engineer II	$135.00	Resident Project Representative II	$87.00
Professional Engineer I	$119.00	Resident Project Representative I	$81.00
Intern Engineer II	$102.00	Project Administrator III	$78.00
Intern Engineer I	$97.00	Project Administrator II	$70.00
Engineering Technician II	$95.00	Project Administrator I	$65.00
Engineering Technician I	$87.00	Information Technology Administrator	$94.00
Grant Administrator	$119.00	Administrative Assistant II	$62.00
Land Surveyor – Field/Travel	$112.00	Administrative Assistant I	$55.00
Environmental Scientist	$140.00		

2022 Reimbursable Expenses Fee Schedule*

Copies – black & white single sided 8.5” x 11”	$0.22
Copies – black & white double sided 8.5”x11”	$0.29
Copies – black & white single sided 11”x17”	$0.29
Copies – color 8.5”x11”	$2.20
Copies – color 11”x17”	$5.50
Large document paper prints – black & white 12”x18”	$2.20
Large document paper prints – black & white over 24”x36”	$5.50
Large document paper prints– black & white 24”x36”	$3.30
Large document paper prints – color 12”x18”	$16.50
Large Document paper prints – color 24”x36”	$22.00
Large Document paper prints – color over 24”x36”	$28.60
Large Document mylar (film) prints	$38.50
Scanning construction drawings – 1 to 10 sheets	$16.50
Scanning construction drawings – 11 to 20 sheets	$8.25
Scanning construction drawings – over 20 sheets	$2.20
Provide construction drawings on digital media (USB/CDs)	$27.50
Printing Supplies/Binders/envelopes etc. – cost plus	10%
Postage – cost plus	10%
Sub-consultants – cost plus	15%
Mileage	Per IRS 2022 rate

All rates are subject to change after 12/31/2022

** *NYS Dept. of Labor requires the payment of “Prevailing Wage Rates” (union scale) to Survey personnel on Public Works Projects*

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ARCHITECTURE, ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING NORTHEAST, PLLC STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. **STANDARD OF CARE.** Services shall be performed in accordance with the standard of professional practice ordinarily exercised by the applicable profession at the time and within the locality where the Services are performed. Professional services are not subject to, and ENGINEER cannot provide, any warranty or guarantee, express or implied, including warranties or guarantees contained in any uniform commercial code. Any such warranties or guarantees contained in any purchase orders, requisitions or notices to proceed issued by CLIENT are specifically objected to.

2. **CHANGE OF SCOPE.** The scope of Services set forth in this Agreement is based on facts known at the time of execution of this Agreement, including, if applicable, information supplied by CLIENT. For some projects involving conceptual or process development services, scope may not be fully definable during initial phases. As the Project progresses, facts discovered may indicate that scope must be redefined.

3. **SAFETY.** ENGINEER has established and maintains corporate programs and procedures for the safety of its employees. Unless specifically included as a service to be provided under this Agreement, ENGINEER specifically disclaims any authority or responsibility for general job site safety and safety of persons other than ENGINEER employees.

4. **DELAYS.** If events beyond the control of CLIENT or ENGINEER, including, but not limited to, fire, flood, explosion, riot, strike, war, process shutdown, act of God or the public enemy, and act or regulation of any government agency, result in delay to any schedule established in this Agreement, such schedule shall be amended to the extent necessary to compensate for such delay. In the event such delay exceeds 60 days, ENGINEER shall be entitled to an equitable adjustment in compensation.

5. **TERMINATION/SUSPENSION.** Either party may terminate this Agreement upon 30 days written notice to the other party. CLIENT shall pay ENGINEER for all Services, including profit relating thereto, rendered prior to termination, plus any expenses of termination. In the event either party defaults in its obligations under this Agreement (including CLIENT'S obligation to make the payments required hereunder), the non-defaulting party may, after 7 days written notice stating its intention to suspend performance under the Agreement if cure of such default is not commenced and diligently continued, and failure of the defaulting party to commence cure within such time limit and diligently continue, suspend performance under this Agreement.

6. **OPINIONS OF CONSTRUCTION COST.** Any opinion of construction costs prepared by ENGINEER is supplied for the general guidance of the CLIENT only. Since ENGINEER has no control over competitive bidding or market conditions, ENGINEER cannot guarantee the accuracy of such opinions as compared to contract bids or actual costs to CLIENT.

7. **RELATIONSHIP WITH CONTRACTORS.** ENGINEER shall serve as CLIENT'S professional representative for the Services, and may make recommendations to CLIENT concerning actions relating to CLIENT'S contractors, but ENGINEER specifically disclaims any authority to direct or supervise the means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures of construction selected by CLIENT'S contractors.

8. **CONSTRUCTION REVIEW.** For projects involving construction, CLIENT acknowledges that under generally accepted professional practice, interpretations of construction documents in the field are normally required, and that performance of construction-related services by the design professional for the project permits errors or omissions to be identified and corrected at comparatively low cost. CLIENT agrees to hold ENGINEER harmless from any claims resulting from performance of construction related services by persons other than ENGINEER.

9. **INSURANCE.** ENGINEER will maintain insurance coverage for Professional, Comprehensive General, Automobile, Worker's Compensation, and Employer's Liability in amounts in accordance with legal, and ENGINEER'S business requirements. Certificates evidencing such coverage will be provided to CLIENT upon request. For projects involving construction, CLIENT agrees to require its construction contractor, if any, to include ENGINEER as an additional insured on its policies relating to the Project. ENGINEER'S coverages referenced above shall, in such case, be excess over contractor's primary coverage. Client shall be listed as an additional insured on insurance certificates.

10. **HAZARDOUS MATERIAL.** Hazardous materials may exist at a site where there is no reason to believe they could or should be present. ENGINEER and CLIENT agree that the discovery of unanticipated hazardous materials constitutes a changed condition mandating a renegotiation of the scope of work. ENGINEER agrees to notify CLIENT as soon as practically possible should unanticipated hazardous materials or suspected hazardous materials be encountered. CLIENT acknowledges and agrees that it retains title to all hazardous material existing on the site and shall report to the appropriate federal, state or local public agencies, as required, any conditions at the site that may present a potential danger to the public health, safety or the environment. CLIENT shall execute any manifests or forms in connection with transportation, storage and disposal of hazardous materials resulting from the site or work on the site or shall authorize ENGINEER to execute such documents as CLIENT'S agent. CLIENT waives any claim against ENGINEER and agrees to defend, indemnify, and save ENGINEER harmless from any claim or liability for injury or loss arising from ENGINEER'S discovery of unanticipated hazardous materials or suspected hazardous materials.

11. **INDEMNITIES.** To the fullest extent permitted by law, CLIENT and ENGINEER each agree to indemnify and hold the other harmless, and their respective officers, employees, agents, and representatives, from and against liability for all claims, losses, damages, and expenses, including reasonable attorneys fees, to the extent such claims, losses, damages, or expenses are caused by the indemnifying party's negligent acts, errors, or omissions. In the event claims, losses, damages or expenses are caused by the joint or concurrent negligence of CLIENT and ENGINEER, they shall be borne by each party in proportion to its negligence.

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12. ~~**LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY.** No employee or agent of ENGINEER shall have individual liability to CLIENT. CLIENT agrees that, to the fullest extent permitted by law, ENGINEER'S total liability to CLIENT for any and all injuries, claims, losses, expenses or damages whatsoever arising out of or in any way related to the Project or this Agreement from any causes including, but not limited to, ENGINEER'S negligence, errors, omissions, strict liability, or breach of contract and whether claimed directly or by way of contribution shall not exceed the total compensation received by ENGINEER under this Agreement or [alternative, in effect if strike through not in place shall be limited in the aggregate to the amount of ENGINEER'S insurance or If CLIENT desires a limit of liability greater than that provided above, CLIENT and ENGINEER shall include as an attachment to this Agreement the amount of such limit and the additional compensation to be paid to ENGINEER for assumption of such additional risk. IN NO EVENT AND UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL ENGINEER BE LIABLE TO CLIENT FOR CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL, INDIRECT, SPECIAL, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES.~~

13. **ACCESS.** CLIENT shall provide ENGINEER safe access to any premises necessary for ENGINEER to provide the Services.

14. **REUSE OF PROJECT DELIVERABLES.** Reuse of any documents or other deliverables, including electronic media, pertaining to the Project by CLIENT for any purpose other than that for which such documents or deliverables were originally prepared, or alteration of such documents or deliverables without written verification or adaptation by ENGINEER for the specific purpose intended, shall be at the CLIENT'S risk. Further, all title blocks and the engineer's seal, if applicable, shall be removed if and when CLIENT provides deliverables in electronic media to another entity. CLIENT agrees that relevant analyses, findings and reports provided in electronic media shall also be provided in "hard copy" and that the hard copy shall govern in the case of a discrepancy between the two versions, and shall be held as the official set of drawings, as signed and sealed. CLIENT shall be afforded a period of 30 days in which to check the hard copy against the electronic media. In the event that any error or inconsistency is found as a result of this process, ENGINEER shall be advised and the inconsistency shall be corrected at no additional cost to CLIENT. Following the expiration of this 30-day period, CLIENT shall bear all responsibility for the care, custody and control of the electronic media. In addition, CLIENT represents that it shall retain the necessary mechanisms to read the electronic media, which CLIENT acknowledges to be of only limited duration. CLIENT agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless ENGINEER from all claims, damages, and expenses, (including reasonable litigation costs), arising out of such reuse or alteration by CLIENT or others acting through CLIENT.

15. **AMENDMENT.** This Agreement, upon execution by both parties hereto, can be amended only by a written instrument signed by both parties.

16. **ASSIGNMENT.** Except for assignments (a) to entities which control, or are controlled by, the parties hereto or (b) resulting from operation of law, the rights and obligations of this Agreement cannot be assigned by either party without written permission of the other party. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of any permitted assigns.

17. **STATUTES OF LIMITATION.** To the fullest extent permitted by law, parties agree that, except for claims for indemnification, the time period for bringing claims under this Agreement shall expire one year after Project completion.

18. **DISPUTE RESOLUTION.** Parties shall attempt to settle disputes arising under this agreement by discussion between the parties senior representatives of management. If any dispute can not be resolved in this manner, within a reasonable length of time, parties agree to attempt non-binding mediation or any other method of alternative dispute resolution prior to filing any legal proceedings.

19. **NO WAIVER.** No waiver by either party of any default by the other party in the performance of any particular section of this Agreement shall invalidate any other section of this Agreement or operate as a waiver of any future default, whether like or different in character.

20. **NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARY.** Nothing contained in this Agreement, nor the performance of the parties hereunder, is intended to benefit, nor shall inure to the benefit of, any third party, including CLIENT'S contractors, if any.

21. **SEVERABILITY.** The various terms, provisions and covenants herein contained shall be deemed to be separate and severable, and the invalidity or unenforceability of any of them shall not affect or impair the validity or enforceability of the remainder.

22. **AUTHORITY.** The persons signing this Agreement warrant that they have the authority to sign as, or on behalf of, the party for whom they are signing.

23. **COMPENSATION.** ENGINEER will prepare and submit invoices to the CLIENT on a monthly basis. CLIENT shall make payment to the ENGINEER within 30 calendar days of the date of the invoice.

24. **ADDITIONAL SERVICES.** Additional services can be provided if deemed necessary and approved by the CLIENT. Compensation for additional services can be negotiated as needed. Additional work will be approved by the CLIENT prior to the execution of the additional tasks. Services not indicated or included in the above-listed scope of services or which are subsequently requested, either verbally or in writing, will be considered additional services. The fee will be based upon either a mutually agreed fixed fee or an hourly basis at rates in effect at the time the services are performed, plus subcontracts and reimbursable expenses as outlined in the Rate Schedule for the year in which the work is being performed.

CITY OF BEACON
CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 66 OF 2022

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH ARCHITECTURE, ENGINEERING, AND LAND SURVEYING NORTHEAST, PLLC FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE BEACON DRINKING WATER RESERVOIRS

WHEREAS, the City of Beacon desires to develop lake management plans for Cargill Reservoir, Melzingah Reservoir, and Mount Beacon Reservoir; and

WHEREAS, Architecture, Engineering, and Land Surveying Northeast, PLLC ("AES Northeast") provides services to develop a lake management plan and is willing and able to extend the same to City of Beacon residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Beacon City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator to execute an Agreement with AES Northeast for the development of a lake management plan for the above three reservoirs for the City of Beacon, subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and substance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that City Administrator is hereby authorized to execute any extensions or amendments to this Agreement subject to review and approval by the City Attorney as to form and substance.

Resolution No. 66 of 2022		**Date: April 18, 2022**					
□ **Amendments**						□ **2/3 Required**	
□ **Not on roll call.**			□ **On roll call**			□ **3/4 Required**	
Motion	Second	Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Reason	Absent
		Paloma Wake					
		Justice McCray					
		George Mansfield					
		Wren Longno					
		Molly Rhodes					
		Dan Aymar-Blair					
		Mayor Lee Kyriacou					
		Motion Carried					

City of Beacon City Council Agenda
04/18/2022

Title:

Approval of Minutes - April 4, 2022

ATTACHMENTS

April 4, 2022 City Council Minutes

COURTROOM
1 MUNICIPAL PLAZA
BEACON, NY 12508 AND
LIVE VIA ZOOM

Mayor Lee Kyriacou
Councilmember George Mansfield, At Large
Councilmember Paloma Wake, At Large
Councilmember Molly Rhodes, Ward 1
Councilmember Justice McCray, Ward 2
Councilmember Wren Longno, Ward 3
Councilmember Dan Aymar-Blair, Ward 4
City Administrator Chris White

April 4, 2022
7:00 PM
Draft City Council Minutes

Regular Meeting

These minutes are for the regular meeting of the Beacon City Council. The City Council Meeting was held through video conference and in the Courtroom at 1 Municipal Plaza, Beacon NY 12508. A video recording of the meeting is available at

https://vimeo.com/user1296488. The public was able to attend in-person or through video or telephone and were made aware via the City of Beacon website, beaconny.gov. Please take notice that the full transcript of this meeting is available upon request at City Hall Suite 1, 1 Municipal Plaza, Beacon NY 12508, or by calling (845) 838 – 5010, or by emailing cityofbeacon@beaconny.gov .

Councilmembers Present

Mayor Lee Kyriacou

Councilmember Paloma Wake, At Large

Councilmember Molly Rhodes, Ward One

Councilmember Justice McCray, Ward Two

Councilmember Wren Longno, Ward Three

Councilmember Dan Aymar-Blair, Ward Four

Also Present

Chris White, City Administrator

Nicholas Ward-Willis, City Attorney

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Public Comment

Notice of Meeting Location - April 4, 2022

Reports: Mayor, City Council, and City Administrator

1. Community Quarterly - Session One Outline

Local Laws and Resolutions

1. Resolution No. 58 - Ratifying Paolo Foscolo, Peter Stropoli, and Gavin Coughlin to the City of Beacon Fire Department

Motion to pass the resolution by Councilmember McCray.
Second by Councilmember Rhodes.
Motion passes 7 – 0.

2. Resolution No. 59 - Appointing Kimberly Marra-Choffo to the Position of Deputy City Clerk

Motion to pass the resolution by Councilmember Wake.
Second by Councilmember Longno.
Motion passes 7 – 0.

3. Resolution No. 60 - Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute an Agreement with High End Automotive, Inc. for Vehicle Towing Services

Motion to pass the resolution by Councilmember Rhodes.
Second by Councilmember Aymar-Blair.
Motion passes 7 – 0.

4. Resolution No. 61 - Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute an Agreement with C.R.P. Sanitation, Inc. for Organic Waste Pick-Up and Composting

Motion to pass the resolution by Councilmember Wake.

Second by Councilmember McCray.

Motion passes 7 – 0.

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of Minutes - March 21, 2022

Motion to approve the minutes from March 21, 2022, as amended to correct the video recording link and to remove an extra period, by Councilmember Longno.
Second by Councilmember McCray.
Motion passes 7 – 0.

2nd Opportunity for Public Comments

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Rhodes.

Second by Councilmember Aymar-Blair.

Motion passes 7 – 0.