



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

**June 13, 2022
7:00 PM
City Council Agenda**

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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 Workshop of June 13, 2022 in the Courtroom at 1 Municipal Plaza, Beacon, NY 12508. The meeting will simultaneously be streamed via Zoom. The public can attend in the Courtroom, or access the meeting via Zoom at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86919893837?pwd=VmFpRVlFT1ZhSkcyRG1Obm1oYlI3QT09>

Webinar ID: 869 1989 3837 Passcode: 441729. To the extent internet access is not available, the public can attend 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 Workshop of June 13, 2022 at 7:00 pm can be accessed live at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvPpigGwZDeR7WYmw-SuDxg>

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Discussion of the New York State Climate Action Committee and the Climate Action Committee's Draft Scoping Plan

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City of Beacon Climate Action Committee Letter of Support for the New York Climate Action Council and the Climate Action Committee's Draft Scoping Plan

Draft Resolution in Support of the Climate Action Council and the Climate Action Council's Draft Scoping Plan



June 6, 2022

To: Beacon City Council

From: Beacon Conservation Advisory Committee

Re: NY Climate Action Council Support

Dear City Council:

We are writing to voice our support for the Climate Action Council¹ and the work that they are striving to accomplish. This council is a 22-member committee that has prepared a Scoping Plan to achieve the State's bold clean energy and climate agenda. We would like the City to pass a resolution in support of this work, and offer the following suggested language, adapted from text provided by Emily Skydel of Food & Water Watch.²

Respectfully,

Sergei Krasikov
Chair, Conservation Advisory Committee

¹ <https://climate.ny.gov/Our-Climate-Act/Climate-Action-Council>

² <https://www.foodandwaterwatch.org/>



**CITY OF BEACON
CITY COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION NO. __ OF 2022

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NEW YORK STATE CLIMATE ACTION COUNCIL
AND THE CLIMATE ACTION COUNCIL'S SCOPING PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Sixth Assessment of the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) finds that climate change is causing dangerous and widespread disruption in nature and affecting the lives of billions of people around the world; and

WHEREAS, the IPCC Assessment concludes that rapid, deep and sustained reductions in global greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) are necessary, including accelerated action in this critical decade, to limit global warming to within 1.5°C and 2°C in this century; and

WHEREAS, New York State recognizes the urgent need to reduce and eliminate GHG emissions in the atmosphere, passing the 2019 Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act ("Climate Act") committing the State to:

- reduce GHG emissions by 40 percent by 2030 below 1990 levels, and achieve net-zero emissions by 2050;
- meet 70 percent of electricity needs from renewable resources by 2030, and 100 percent of electricity needs from zero-emissions resources by 2040;
- ensure a just and equitable transition that leaves no one behind, and dedicate up to 40 percent of the benefits of clean energy investments to Disadvantaged Communities; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Climate Action Council has approved for public comment a Draft Scoping Plan to meet New York's climate and equity goals; and

WHEREAS, the Scoping Plan calls for shifting to energy-efficient electrification in buildings and transportation as the primary solution to replace fossil-fuel combustion in these sectors, which together account for 60 percent of the state's carbon emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Scoping Plan calls for a phase-down of emissions from fossil fuel-fired electricity generation, while ensuring support and protections for impacted workers as they transition to clean energy jobs;

WHEREAS, the 2021 Jobs Study by the Just Transition Working Group for the NYS Climate Action Council estimates that meeting New York's climate goals will result in a net gain of 189,000 jobs across the state by 2030, alone, with a ratio of jobs gained to jobs displaced of 10 to 1; and

WHEREAS, the Scoping Plan includes measures that would expand the development of renewable resources and battery storage, encourage "agrivoltaics," or the co-location of agricultural

activities with solar and wind, and provide resources to communities to assist with renewable siting and land-use planning;

WHEREAS, the Scoping Plan recognizes the critical role that rural landscapes play, both natural and working lands, in sequestering carbon emissions and enabling the state to achieve net-zero emissions, and the importance of agricultural land preservation, open space protection, support for farmers to improve soil health, and policies that expand afforestation and reforestation and incentivize and assist private landowners in implementing sustainable forest management practices;

WHEREAS, the Integration Analysis for the Scoping Plan finds that meeting emissions reduction goals of the Climate Act is technically feasible and will have the additional and significant benefit of improving public health by eliminating co-pollutants from fossil fuel combustion, resulting in an estimated \$50 to \$120 billion in health-related savings by 2050; and

WHEREAS, according to NYSERDA, over half of what New Yorkers currently spend on energy leaves New York, mostly for fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, our communities would be better served by keeping energy spending primarily within the local economy; now, therefore be it.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Beacon affirms the critical importance of meeting the emissions and equity goals of the Climate Act, which will help mitigate dangerous warming while delivering the additional benefits of improving public health, economic opportunities, agricultural land open space protection, and quality of life for the people of Beacon; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Beacon declares its support for prohibiting an expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure, which contradicts the goals of the Climate Act, and for transitioning to efficient electricity-based solutions for buildings and transportation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Beacon supports a planning process for a managed transition of the utility gas system that maintains affordable, safe, and reliable utility service and protects low- and moderate-income households from an undue burden in the transition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Beacon supports the recommendations of the Scoping Plan for advanced building codes that will improve the energy efficiency of new buildings, creating healthier living and work environments while reducing monthly energy costs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Beacon supports the recommendations of the Scoping Plan to phase in code requirements prohibiting on-site combustion of fossil fuels in new buildings over a 2024-2027 period; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Beacon calls on the Climate Action Council to include in the Scoping Plan the necessary policies and support to help owners of existing buildings improve energy efficiency and transition to zero-emissions equipment, ensuring cost parity with fossil systems, with incentives and financing assistance as necessary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Beacon supports Scoping Plan recommendations that make electric vehicles more affordable relative to gas-powered vehicles, and expand fast-charging infrastructure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Beacon urges the Climate Action Council to include in the Scoping Plan recommendations to expand assistance for all-electric upstate municipal transit systems; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Beacon further urges the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and NYSERDA to immediately launch a sustained statewide public education and information campaign on the benefits of a clean energy economy and climate-friendly choices by consumers of heating and cooling systems, transportation, and products and appliances; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Beacon shall forward copies of this resolution to the Commissioner of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, President of NYSERDA, Chair of the NYS Public Service Commission, the NYS Climate Action Council, and Members of the State Senate and Assembly representing the City of Beacon.

Resolution No. __ of 2022			Date: June 21, 2022				
☐ Amendments			☐ On roll call			☐ 2/3 Required	
☐ Not 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					

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Title:

Discussion Regarding Accessory Dwelling Units

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Draft Local Law to Amend Chapter 223, Section 24.1 and Section 14 and Chapter 223 Attachment 1, Attachment 2, and Attachment 3 of the Code of the City of Beacon Concerning Accessory Apartments

Proposed Amendments to the Schedule of Dimensional Regulations for Accessory Apartments

Proposed Amendments to the Schedule of Use Regulations - Accessory Apartments

Proposed Amendments to the Schedule of Regulations for Accessory Buildings on Residential Lots

LOCAL LAW NO. ____ OF 2021

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF BEACON

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 223, SECTION 24.1 AND
SECTION 14, AND CHAPTER 223 ATTACHMENT 2:2 OF THE CODE OF
THE CITY OF BEACON

A LOCAL LAW to amend Chapter 223, Section 24.1 and Section 14, and Chapter 223 Attachment 1, Attachment 2 and Attachment 3 of the Code of the City of Beacon concerning accessory apartments.

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

Section 1. Chapter 223, Section 24.1 of the Code of the City of Beacon entitled “Accessory Apartments” is hereby amended as follows:

§ 223-24.1 Accessory Apartments.

- A. Purpose and intent. It is the purpose and intent of allowing accessory apartments on all existing single-family properties in all residence districts and the Transitional District ~~in all residence districts~~ to provide the opportunity and encouragement for the development of small, rental housing units designed to meet the special housing needs of single persons, couples, other small households, the young, the elderly, persons of low and moderate income and relatives of families presently living in Beacon. It is the further purpose and intent of this provision to allow the more efficient use of the City's existing stock of dwellings and accessory buildings, to provide economic support for present resident families of limited income and to otherwise help to protect and preserve property values.
- B. Owner occupancy required. The owner of the single-family lot upon which an accessory apartment is located shall occupy at least one of the dwelling units on said lot.
- C. Location on the lot. An accessory apartment may be located either in or attached to a detached single-family dwelling or in an accessory building on such a single-family lot.
- D. Apartment size. The floor area of an accessory apartment shall not exceed 50% of the

~~total floor area of the single-family dwelling in which it is located. In no case shall the total square footage of the accessory apartment exceed a maximum of 1,000 square feet or be less than a minimum of 200 square feet. Notwithstanding the foregoing, The minimum floor area for an accessory apartment within a detached single-family dwelling shall be 400 square feet. The maximum floor area shall be 650 square feet, but in no case shall the floor area of the apartment exceed 30% of the total floor area of the dwelling building in which it is located. For an accessory apartment located in an accessory building, the minimum floor area shall be 300 square feet, and the maximum shall be 600 square feet, except that the Planning Board may permit a smaller or larger accessory apartment where appropriate in an existing accessory building constructed prior to August 1, 1989. There shall be no more than one accessory apartment permitted per single-family lot. There shall be no more than one accessory apartment permitted per single-family lot. However, in the case of a lot which contains an existing accessory building or buildings that comply with the minimum required setbacks required for a principal building in the zoning district in which the lot is located and that were constructed prior to August 1, 1989, one accessory apartment shall be permitted in each such accessory building in addition to the one permitted in the detached single-family dwelling; the area of such lot shall be at least 100% larger than the minimum lot area required in the district in which the lot is located for each accessory apartment in excess of the first one.~~

- E. Exterior appearance. If an accessory apartment is located in a detached single-family dwelling, the entry to such unit and its design shall be such that, to the degree reasonably feasible, the exterior appearance of the building will remain that of a single-family residence.
- F. Off-street parking. A minimum of one off-street parking space shall be provided for each accessory apartment in addition to the off-street parking required for other uses existing on the lot. The Planning Board may, in its discretion, waive all parking requirements when deemed appropriate.
- G. The accessory apartment shall not be used for short term rentals as defined in § 223-26.5.
- H. An existing structure that does not conform to the yard requirements of Chapter 223 may be converted into an accessory apartment without a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals if the proposed use will not enlarge or increase the dimensional nonconformity.

~~G. Renewal inspections. Each accessory apartment shall be inspected by the Building Department every two years in order to determine whether the apartment remains in compliance with this section. Upon a satisfactory inspection report, the accessory apartment owner shall be reissued a certificate of occupancy. In the event that the inspection indicates that the apartment is no longer in compliance, the certificate of occupancy shall be revoked until the violations are cured.~~

I. The Building Inspector shall have approval authority for accessory apartments entirely contained within an existing single-family dwelling and meeting all the provisions of this section. All other proposed accessory apartments, including any accessory apartments requiring exterior additions, conversions of existing accessory buildings, or new accessory buildings, shall require site plan approval from the Planning Board.

Section 2. Chapter 223, Section 14 of the Code of the City of Beacon entitled “Accessory buildings on residential lots” is hereby amended to add a new subsection (4) as follows:

§ 223-14 Landscaping, lighting, and miscellaneous regulations.

...

E. Accessory buildings on residential lots.

...

(4) This subsection shall not apply to accessory apartments.

Section 3. Chapter 223 Attachment 1 of the Code of the City of Beacon, entitled “§ 223-17. Schedule of Dimensional Regulations” shall be amended to (1) add a 40% maximum percent building coverage limit for the R1-5 and T Zoning Districts and (2) reduce the required front yard setbacks in all R1 residential districts by five (5) feet.

SEE ATTACHED CHART

Section 4. Chapter 223 Attachment 2 of the Code of the City of Beacon, entitled “§ 223-17, City of Beacon Schedule of Use Regulations” shall be amended to permit accessory apartment as-of-right in all Residential Districts and the Transitional District in the City of Beacon, subject to site plan review by the City Planning Board.

SEE ATTACHED CHART

Section 5. Chapter 223 Attachment 3 of the Code of the City of Beacon, entitled “§ 223-17E, Schedule of Regulations for Accessory Buildings on Residential Lots” shall be amended to (1) eliminate the maximum cumulative square foot requirement for accessory buildings for all R1 Zoning Districts, (2) increase the maximum square footage permitted for each accessory building construction in connection with a single-family dwelling to be based on the total square footage of the principal building rather than the footprint of the principal building, and (3) increase the maximum square footage permitted for each accessory building constructed in connection with a single-family home from 40% to 50%.

SEE ATTACHED CHART

Section 6. 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 7. 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 8. 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 9. Effective Date

This local law shall take effect immediately filing with the Office of the Secretary of State.

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ZONING

223 Attachment 1

City of Beacon

§ 223-17. Schedule of Dimensional Regulations
[Added 6-15-2020 by L.L. No. 7-2020¹]

Zoning District	Minimum Lot Size Area ^h (see also § 223-121)				Minimum Yards ^a			Minimum Distance Between Buildings Same Lot	Maximum Height Main Building (see § 223-13) (stories/feet)	Maximum percent Building Coverage		Maximum Number of Units per Building	Minimum Open Space	Zoning District	Also Refer to Pertinent Sections
	Area (square feet)	Per Unit (square feet)	Width (feet)	Depth (feet)	Front (feet)	Side (feet)	Rear ^{d,e} (feet)			Multifamily	All Other				
R1-120	120,000	120,000	250	350	~~75~~ 70	50	75	—	2.5 / 35	N.A.	7%	1	—	R1-120	
R1-80	80,000	80,000	150	200	~~50~~ 45	30	50	—	2.5 / 35	N.A.	10%	1	—	R1-80	
R1-40	40,000	40,000	150	150	~~40~~ 35	25	50	—	2.5 / 35	N.A.	15%	1	—	R1-40	
R1-20	20,000	20,000	125	125	~~30~~ 25	20	40	—	2.5 / 35	N.A.	20%	1	—	R1-20	
R1-10	10,000	10,000	85	100	~~25~~ 20	15	35	—	2.5 / 35	N.A.	25%	1	—	R1-10	
R1-7.5	7,500	7,500	75	100	~~20~~ 15	10	25	—	2.5 / 35	N.A.	30%	1	—	R1-7.5	
R1-5	5,000	5,000	50	100	~~15~~ 10	10	20	—	2.5 / 35	N.A.	40%	1	—	R1-5	
RD-7.5 ^{d,e}	2 acres	7,500	200	200	20 to 35	25	50	30	3 / 35	15%	20%	12	—	RD-7.5 ^{d,e}	
RD-6 ^{d,e}	2 acres	6,000	200	200	50	25	50	30	2.5 / 35	15%	20%	16	—	RD-6 ^{d,e}	
RD-5 ^{d,e}	5,000	5,000	50	100	30	10	25	30	3 / 35	20%	30%	16	—	RD-5 ^{d,e}	
RD-4 ^{d,e}	5,000	4,000	200	200	40	20	40	30	2.5 / 35	20%	25%	20	—	RD-4 ^{d,e}	
RD-3 ^{d,e}	5,000	3,000	50	100	30	20	25	30	3.5 / 45	20%	40%	24	—	RD-3 ^{d,e}	
RD-1.8 ^{d,e}	5,000	1,800	50	100	30	20	25	30	10 ^b / 100	25%	40%	— ^c	—	RD-1.8 ^{d,e}	
RD-1.7 ^{d,e}	5,000	1,700	50	100	30	20	25	30	4.5 ^f / 55 ^f	25%	40%	36 ^g	—	RD-1.7 ^{d,e}	
T	5,000	i	50	100	10	10	20	—	2.5 / 35	—	40%	—	—	T	
GB	—	1,500	—	100	15	20	25	—	— / 35	—	—	—	—	GB	
CMS	—	—	—	75	0 to 10	0	20	—	3 / 38	—	—	—	10%	CMS	Art. IVD
L	—	—	—	75	0 to 20	0 to 30	25	—	4 / 48	—	—	—	15%	L	Art. IVE
FCD	2 acres	3,960	—	—	—	—	—	—	3 / 40	35%		—	30%	FCD	Art. IVC
WP	1 acre	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	2.5 / 35	20%		—	—	WP	Art. IVA
WD	5 acres	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	See Art. IVA	—		—	15%	WD	Art. IVA
LI	—	1,500	60	100	20	20	25	—	— / 35	70%		—	20%	LI	
HI	—	—	60	100	30	20	25	—	— / 40	70%		—	20%	HI	

NOTES:

^a A private garage may be built across a common lot line in multifamily developments by mutual agreement between adjoining property owners, a copy of such agreement to be filed with the building permit application for such garage.

^b But not more than 65% of the dwelling units in a multifamily development may be contained in buildings more than 3 1/2 stories in height.

^c But not more than 24 dwelling units in any building 3 1/2 stories or less in height.

^d For multifamily developments, a well-designed and landscaped recreation or usable open space area, approved by the Planning Board, of 2,000 square feet for the first 20 dwelling units or part thereof, plus 100 square feet for each additional dwelling unit will be required.

^e In any RD District, the Planning Board may approve a subdivision of land into individual building lots containing a minimum of 1,800 square feet of area each and designed for attached or semi-attached single-family dwellings (townhouses), provided that the design is such that the gross dwelling unit density for the entire tract does not exceed that which can normally be permitted for multiple dwellings in the district in which the property is located and further provided that the Planning Board attaches such conditions and safeguards to its approval as, in its opinion, are necessary to assure that the entire property, including any designated common areas for open space.

^f A maximum of one story of parking under a building shall not count toward the maximum building height limitation in feet and stories.

^g And each building shall not exceed 150 feet in length.

^h For all development proposals involving a total lot area of more than three acres within an R1, RD, or Fishkill Creek Development zoning district, the lot area per dwelling unit calculation shall first deduct any lot area covered by surface water, within a federal regulatory floodway, within a state or federally regulated wetland, or with existing, predevelopment very steep slopes of 25% or more as defined in § 223-63.

ⁱ One-half the minimum lot size area per dwelling unit as the least restrictive adjoining residential district.

¹ Editor’s Note: This local law also repealed former 223 Attachment 1, § 223-17C, Schedule of Regulations for Residential Districts, as amended.

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223 Attachment 2

City of Beacon

§ 223-17. City of Beacon Schedule of Use Regulations
[Added 6-15-2020 by L.L. No. 7-2020¹; amended 2-16-2021 by L.L. No. 02-2021]

Permitted Uses by District	Reference Notes	All R1	All RD	T	GB	CMS	L	WD	WP	FCD	LI	HI
Residential												
One-family detached dwelling		P	P	P	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
One-family attached/semidetached	Including townhouses	X	P	P	X	X	P	X	X	P	X	X
Two-family dwelling		X	P	P	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Multifamily dwelling		X	SP*	P	P	P	P	P	X	P	X	X
Artist live/work space	Subject to § 223-14.2	X	X	P	P	P	P	P	X	P	P	X
Retail/Office/Service												
Retail, personal service, or bank		X	X	X	P	P	P	P	X	X	P	X
Office		X	X	P	P	P	P	P	X	P	P	X
Artist studio, art gallery/exhibit space		X	X	P	P	P	P	X	X	P	P	X
Funeral home		X	X	X	P	X	X	X	X	X	P	X
Commercial recreation, indoor		X	X	X	P	P	X	X	X	X	P	P
Auction gallery		X	X	X	P	X	X	X	X	X	P	P
Adult use	Subject to § 223-20.1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	SP	X
Food/Lodging												
Restaurant or coffee house		X	X	X	P	P	P	P	SP*	P	X	X
Bar/brew pub/microbrewery/microdistillery		X	X	X	P	P	P	P	X	P	P	P
Food preparation business		X	X	X	P	SP	SP	X	X	X	P	P
Short-term rental	Subject to § 223-26.5	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Bed-and-breakfast	Subject to § 223-24.4	SP	SP	SP	P	X	P	X	SP*	P	P	X
Inn		X	X	X	P	P	P	P	SP*	P	P	X
Hotel	Subject to § 223-14.1	X	X	X	P	P	P	P	X	X	P	X
Social/Community												
Spa/fitness center/exercise studio		X	X	SP	P	P	P	P	X	P	P	X
Day-care center		X	X	P	P	X	P	P	X	P	SP	X
Park, preserve, community garden		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	X
Theater, concert or conference space		X	X	X	P	P	P	P	X	P	P	X
Museum		SP*	SP*	SP*	P	P	P	P	X	P	P	SP
Place of worship/religious facility		P	P	P	P	X	X	X	X	X	P	X
Social club	Subject to § 223-24.2	SP	SP	SP	SP	P	X	X	X	X	SP	X
X = Use Not Permitted P = Permitted Use SP = Special Permit Use by Planning Board SP* = Special Permit Use by City Council	For specific standards see -->					Article IVD	Article IVE	Article IVA	Article IVA	Article IVC		

¹ Editor’s Note: This local law also repealed former 223 Attachment 2, § 223-17D, Schedule of Regulations for Nonresidential Districts, as amended.

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Permitted Uses by District	Reference Notes	All R1	All RD	T	GB	CMS	L	WD	WP	FCD	LI	HI
Government facility		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Golf course		SP*	SP*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Health Care												
Hospital or nursing home	Subject to 223-21.1/22	SP*	SP*	X	X	X	X	X	X	P	P	P
Animal care facility		SP	SP	X	SP	X	X	X	X	X	SP	X
Educational												
College or university		SP*	SP*	X	P	P	P	X	X	P	P	P
Trade school or training program		X	X	X	P	P	P	X	X	P	P	P
Private school or nursery school		SP	SP	SP	P	X	P	X	X	P	SP	X
Parking/Auto-Oriented												
Off-street parking or parking structure	Subject to § 223-26	X	X	SP	SP	SP	X	X	X	X	X	X
Vehicle sales or rental lot		X	X	X	SP	X	X	X	X	X	SP	X
Gas filling station and/or car wash	Subject to Ch. 210/§ 223-21	X	X	X	SP	X	X	X	X	X	SP	X
Auto body or repair shop	Subject to Chapter 210	X	X	X	SP	X	X	X	X	X	SP	X
Ambulance service		SP	SP	SP	P	X	X	X	X	X	P	X
Industrial or Assembly												
Wholesale or storage business		X	X	X	P	X	X	X	X	X	P	P
Workshop		X	X	SP	P	P	P	X	X	P	P	P
Industrial or manufacturing use		X	X	X	X	X	SP	X	X	P	P	P
Other												
Wireless communication facility	Subject to § 223-26.4	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Small cell wireless facility	Subject to § 223-26.4	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Farm		P	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Horticultural nursery		P	P	X	P	X	X	X	X	X	P	X
Historic District Overlay Use	Subject to § 223-24.7	SP*	SP*	SP*	SP*	SP*	SP*	SP*	SP*	SP*	SP*	SP*
Permitted Accessory Uses (includes uses/structures customarily incidental to a permitted principal use, but not an activity for commercial gain in a residential district)												
Accessory apartment	Subject to § 223-24.1	~~SP~~ <u>P</u>	~~SP~~ <u>P</u>	~~SP~~ <u>P</u>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Private tennis court or pool	Subject to § 223-13	P	P	P	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Home occupation or artist studio	Subject to § 223-17.1	P	P	P	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Parking structure		X	X	SP	X	P	P	P	X	P	X	X
Garden, roof garden, or greenhouse		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Solar collectors	Subject to Article X	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
X = Use Not Permitted P = Permitted Use SP = Special Permit Use by Planning Board SP* = Special Permit Use by City Council	For specific standards see -->					Article IVD	Article IVE	Article IVA	Article IVA	Article IVC		

ZONING

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§ 223-17E, Schedule of Regulations for Accessory Buildings on Residential Lots

Zoning District	Minimum Front Yard	Minimum Rear Yard	Minimum Side Yard	Maximum Cumulative Square Footage for All Accessory Buildings	Maximum Square Footage Permitted For Each Accessory Building (Based on footprint ~~the total square footage of the~~ principal building)	Maximum Number of Sheds Permitted
R1-120 1-Family Residence District	Not permitted in front yard	50	50	2,775	40% ~~50%~~	2
R1-80 1-Family Residence District	Not permitted in front yard	30	30	2,125	40% ~~50%~~	2
R1-40 1-Family Residence District	Not permitted in front yard	25	25	1,625	40% ~~50%~~	2
R1-20 1-Family Residence District	Not permitted in front yard	20	20	1,250	40% ~~50%~~	2
R1-10 1-Family Residence District	Not permitted in front yard	15	15	960	40% ~~50%~~	2
R1-7.5 1-Family Residence District	Not permitted in front yard	5	5	720	40% ~~50%~~	1
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Zoning District	Minimum Front Yard	Minimum Rear Yard	Minimum Side Yard	Maximum Cumulative Square Footage for All Accessory Buildings	Maximum Square Footage Permitted For Each Accessory Building (Based on footprint ^a of principal building) ^b	Maximum Number of Sheds Permitted
~~R1-5 1-Family Residence District~~	~~Not permitted in front yard~~	5	5	720	40%	1
RD-6 Designed Residence District	Not permitted in front yard	50	50	2,775	40%	2
RD-5 Designed Residence District	Not permitted in front yard	30	30	2,125	40%	2
RD-4 Designed Residence District	Not permitted in front yard	25	25	1,625	40%	2
RD-3 Designed Residence District	Not permitted in front yard	20	20	1,250	40%	2
RD-1.8 Designed Residence District	Not permitted in front yard	15	15	960	40%	2
RD-1.7 Designed Residence District	Not permitted in front yard	5	5	720	40%	1
R1-5 Designed Residence District	Not permitted in front yard	5	5	720	40%	1

NOTES:

The following districts were not included in the Planning Board's recommendation: RMF-1.5 (Multifamily Residence District), SAHO (Senior Affordable Housing Overlay District).

^a Footprint includes attached garages but excludes open porches/decks.

^b The maximum square footage of each accessory building for any single-family dwelling located in the RD Zoning District shall be 50% based on the total square footage of the principal building.

City of Beacon City Council Agenda
06/13/2022

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Discussion Regarding the Community Investment Program

ATTACHMENTS

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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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Price', with the name 'M PRICE' printed in blue capital letters to the right.

Mark Price
Recreation Director

Recreation Department Recommended Funding

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Spending Summary</i>	<i>Amount Requested</i>	<i>Recommended funding</i>
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 equipment, 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

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Spending Summary</i>	<i>Amount Requested</i>	<i>Recommended funding</i>
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: <i>Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County</i>	
Address: <i>2715 Route 44, Millbrook, NY 12545</i>	Email: <i>jr8252cornell.edu</i>
Phone: <i>845-677-8223</i>	EIN/ Tax ID: [REDACTED]
If using, Name of Fiscal Sponsor: <i>n/a</i>	
Address:	Email:
Phone:	EIN/ Tax ID:
Designated contact: <i>Jane Rodd - 4-H Green Teen Program Leader</i>	
Address: [REDACTED]	Email: <i>jr825@cornell.edu</i>
Phone: [REDACTED]	Cell: [REDACTED]

Proposal Information

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1. Please provide your organization mission statement.
2. Tell us about the history of your organization.
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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 and 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.

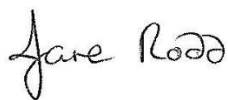
12. Please describe your plan for sustainability of the project or initiative after the grant award has been exhausted.

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.

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



Applicant Information

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

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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 serve 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

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 mental illnesses and their loved ones.

- 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.

What Signature Education Programs Do We Provide to Community

- **7 at NAMI Mid-Hudson?**
 - *Family-to-Family* – Class for family members of adult peers
 - *Basics* – Class for family members of child peers
 - *Peer-to-Peer* – Class for adult peers
 - *Provider* – Class for Mental Health Care Professionals
 - *In Our Own Voice* – Presentation for everyone
 - *Ending the Silence* – Presentation for Middle & High School students
 - *Family Support Groups*
- **Every program is NO COST for all participants**

 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

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 **nami** Peer-to-Peer
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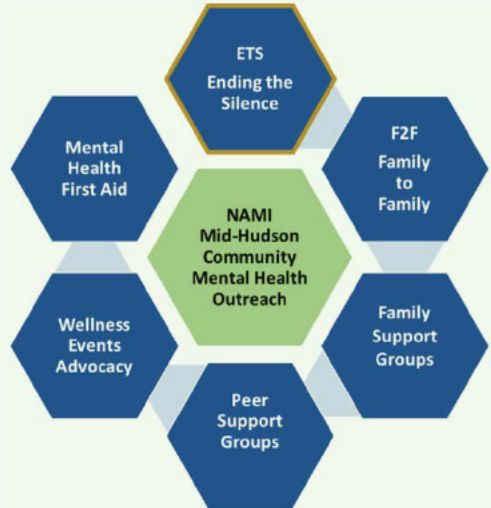


 **nami** In Our Own Voice
National Alliance on Mental Illness

 **nami** Connection
National Alliance on Mental Illness RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP

 **nami** Basics
National Alliance on Mental Illness

4. Summary of Key Accomplishments achieved in 2021

<i>NAMI Mid-Hudson outreach has touched thousands of individuals in 2021 in executing our Mission to provide:</i> ○ 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 <i>“keep on helping their Loved One”</i>.	
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	

<i>Ending the Silence for Students Families and Staff</i>	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! <i>This presentation gave me the tools to work with students and what I have learned helped me to save a student.</i> I was teaching hybrid and a student emailed me and told me he wanted to speak with me and not to tell his parents. <i>He said he was having thoughts of just "ending it all."</i> 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. <i>He was hysterical crying and I was able to ask him if he was having thoughts of suicide and if he had a plan?</i> 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. <i>He was hospitalized and treated.</i> 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>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.</i>"	
<i>Support Groups</i>	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)
<i>In Our Own Voice</i>	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 from 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.***

City of Beacon 2022 NAMI Mid-Hudson Program Proposal	
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

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

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 canvassing 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 \(namimidhudson.org\)](http://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.*

Sources of Income for Program Support

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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Designated contact: Anna Sullivan, Board Chair	
Address: [REDACTED]	Email: [REDACTED]
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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:

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, 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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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.

**St. Andrew & St. Luke
Episcopal Church**

RiseUp - SASLEC Oral Histories Project with Senior Beacon Residents

Members of St. Andrew and St. Luke Episcopal 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:

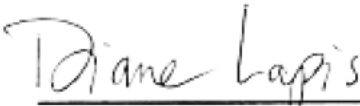
- connect BHS experts on local history with BCSD teachers and students participating in the pilot project to assist with the design and implementation of the research project
- host up to three class visits to the Beacon Historical Society
- prepare a lesson for the visiting classes on how to narrow 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.

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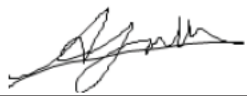
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Signed by:



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**



Name of Organization: Beacon Youth Football		Applicant Information (Will take place @ V.R. Way Football Field Memorial Park, Beacon)
Address: 59 Robert Cahill Dr.	Email:	
Phone: (see below)	EIN/ Tax ID [REDACTED]	
If using, Name of Fiscal Sponsor:		
Address:	Email:	
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Designated contact: Terrance Davis		
Address: [REDACTED]	Email: [REDACTED]	
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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 than 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 aforementioned, 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) The following information, will give a brief overview of how funds will be spent:

- 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

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Applicant Information

Name of Organization: <i>Banana Bag and Bodice - Beacon Spring Celebration of Light</i>	
Address: <i>194 Fishkill Ave., Beacon, NY 12508</i>	Email: <i>beaconspringny@gmail.com</i>
Phone: [REDACTED]	EIN/ Tax ID:
If using, Name of Fiscal Sponsor: <i>Fractured Atlas</i>	
Address: <i>248 35th St, 10th Floor, NY, NY 10001</i>	Email: [REDACTED]
Phone: [REDACTED]	EIN/ Tax ID: [REDACTED]
Designated contact: <i>Jessica Jellyffe and Christine Wang</i>	
Address: [REDACTED]	Email: <i>beaconspringny@gmail.com</i>
Phone: [REDACTED]	Cell: [REDACTED]

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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 showcase 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!



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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.

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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
Display our lanterns. Drink tea and eat tasty morsels around the fire. Dress warm but be ready to dance to the music!

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Thanks for the shout out!!
xO
Jessica

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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!
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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 DIY 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/355616402790790>

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



Applicant Information

Name of Organization: <i>Beacon Junior Baseball</i>	
Address: <i>P.O. Box 672</i>	Email: <i>beaconjuniorbaseball@yahoo.com</i>
Phone: [REDACTED]	EIN/ Tax ID: [REDACTED]
If using, Name of Fiscal Sponsor: <i>n/a</i>	
Address:	Email:
Phone:	EIN/ Tax ID:
Designated contact: <i>Allen R. McKay, President</i>	
Address: [REDACTED]	Email: [REDACTED]
Phone: [REDACTED]	Cell: [REDACTED]

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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.

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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
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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 Pantries 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

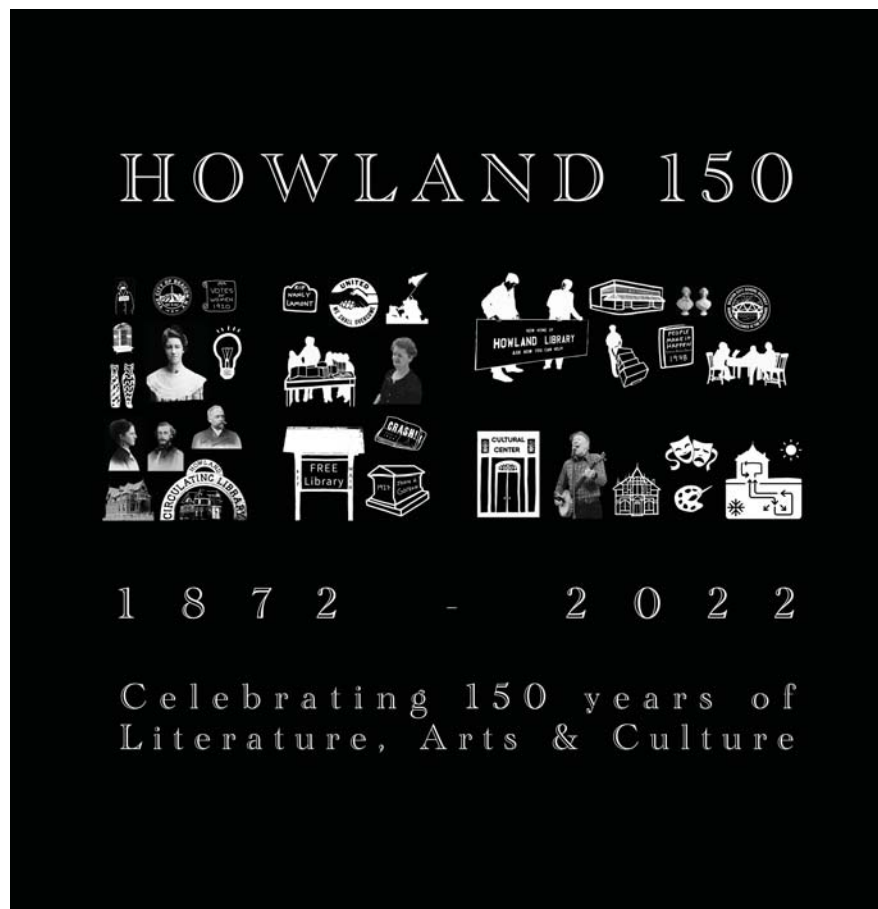
We have three funding streams that support our work. 1. Individual giving; 2. Grants, 3. In-kind contributions. We continue to solicit donations, apply for grants, and seek donated products and services and every little bit makes it possible for us to continue or expand our work. Right now, we are seeing 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



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

Howland Cultural Center

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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	

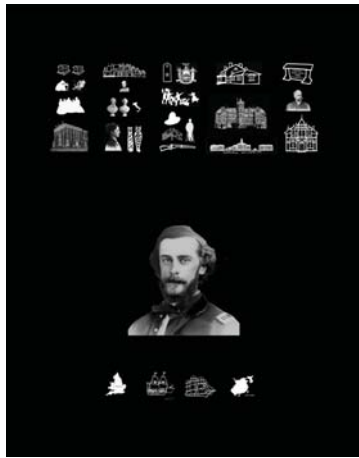
See estimate provided by local business owner Rob Penner of Beacon Fine Art Printing (attached)

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.

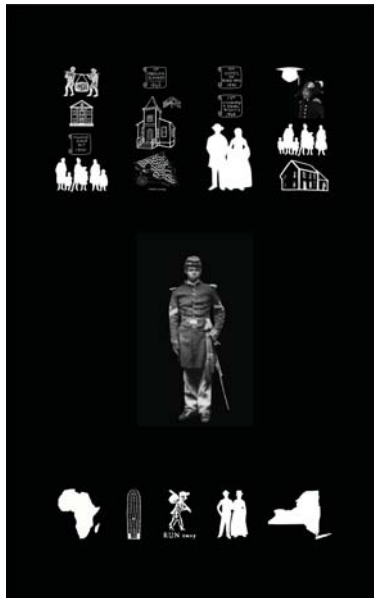
The exhibit will highlight four pivotal moments in the library's history:

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:





Samuel Plato Jones







Samuel Plato Jones was born in 1844 in New York. His father escaped slavery from the South. (1) His mother Harriet was born in 1819 in New York. He is the youngest of 6. Their first child, Maria, Samuel's eldest sister, was born in 1833 when Harriet was 14 years old, so by the time Samuel was born she was 25 years old and had 6 children.

In 1850 there is no record of his father. That was the same year the Fugitive Slave act was passed. It is unknown whether he died or was captured. Samuel was 5 years old and being raised by a single mother, she was 31 years old. They were living on the lower Westside of Manhattan on the outskirts of the notorious 5 points neighborhood. His mother Harriet could not read, but he attended school with his brother Hester who was 9. There was a "Colored School No. 2" on Thomas street and around the corner on Duane Street there was a "Colored Public Primary School No. 3" and just down the road on Mulberry Street was the first African Free school established in 1794 by the New York Manumission Society. The AME Zion Church was on the corner of Church and Leonard Streets.

In June 1860 at age 15, Samuel was still living in NYC and worked as a "laborer". His older brother James, 24, was a musician. This was an exciting time in music. Their neighborhood was a place where there was a fusion of Irish and African music giving rise to tap dance and sowing the seeds of jazz and rock and roll. His sister Emile was 22 and Hester was 25, their occupations were not recorded. By August of 1860, Samuel is living in Fishkill Landing with his two brothers and the Scofield family, possibly relatives.

According to the photograph associated with his profile on Ancestry, it looks like he was a soldier during the Civil War. He would have signed up from Matteawan. In 1866 he married Margaret Elizabeth Reynolds. How they met is so far unknown but it can be assumed that it was either through the war, the AME Zion Church, or education that they found each other. In 1870 at age 27, Samuel was a laborer and he owned his home valued at \$1,500. In comparison, the retired white merchant's house was worth \$10,000. He lived with his wife Margaret, 23, his son Theodore, 2 and Elizabeth, a newborn and 13 year old Evelina Scofield also lived with them.

With Samuel's new family growing and his father-in-law a teacher and head of school, and an educated wife, it's not surprising that in 1871 Samuel was part of a group of men petitioning to establish a black college in Poughkeepsie, NY. The name of the college was to be "Toussaint L'Ouverture" after the leader of the Haitian Revolution. A bold choice but the 15th just passed and it was the time to be bold. The petitioners were a board of all black men from the Hudson Valley connected through the network of AME Zion churches. However their enthusiasm was crushed by bureaucracy and lack of funds. They were also up against the debate of whether schools should be segregated or not. Even though the Toussaint College would have been open to whites, the argument for integrated schools won out. (5) However the plight for black education in the Hudson Valley was not being solved. Not only were they being denied the establishment of their own college, poverty and bigotry were still very real obstacles in the way of integrating into white schools. This must have been a frustrating defeat.

Their family continued to grow. His daughter Maud marries Henry King. By 1910 Samuel and Margaret moved their family up to Troy, NY with their 4 sons. They rented a house and Samuel, 67, was a cook at a hotel. Margaret, 66, was a laundress working from home.

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

It's 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



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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
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day with a full ticketed performance both evenings.



BEACON HISTORICAL SOC

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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



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

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)



ESTIMATE

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BILL TO
Howland Center

Estimate Number: BFAP_Howland_033
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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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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



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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gwenno James".

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:

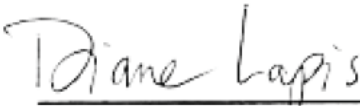
- connect BHS experts on local history with BCSD teachers and students participating in the pilot project to assist with the design and implementation of the research project
- host up to three class visits to the Beacon Historical Society
- prepare a lesson for the visiting classes on how to narrow 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

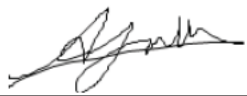
This MOU will become effective upon signature by the President of the Beacon Historical Society and the Board Chair of the Foundation for Beacon Schools, and shall remain in effect until termination ,by either party. Either Party may terminate this MOU upon 90 days written notice to the other party.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

Signed by:



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>I Am Beacon</i>	
Address: <i>PO Box 265, Beacon NY 12508</i>	Email: [REDACTED]
Phone: [REDACTED]	EIN/ Tax ID: [REDACTED]
If using, Name of Fiscal Sponsor: <i>N/A</i>	
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Phone:	EIN/ Tax ID:
Designated contact: <i>Reuben Simmons</i>	
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.

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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.

2022 Community Investment Program - Council Scoring and Recommended Funding Amounts

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Spending Summary</i>	<i>Amount Requested</i>	<i>MARK PRICE REC</i>	<i>COUNCIL REC</i>	<i>SCORE SUM</i>
Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County	Positive Youth Development Program	Youth wages, Staff wages, environmentally friendly vehicle	\$10,000	\$8,000	\$8,000	150
The Foundation for Beacon Schools, Inc.	Past, Present and Future: Beacon's Youth Create Films on Local History	Learning supplies, camera equipment, film licenses fees, professional stipends, recording equipment, and web hosting	\$6,500	\$5,000	\$4,000	146
NAMI Mid-Hudson	Mental Wellness Programming	Staffing, materials	\$5,000	\$4,500	\$2,500	125
Common Ground Farm	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	\$2,000	110
Beacon Youth Football	Startup Capital for Youth Football League	Insurance, scholarship fund, flooring, computer, printer, refrigerator, freezer, blocking sled	\$6,000	\$2,500	\$1,500	109
Howland Cultural Center	The "Howland 150" anniversary exhibition	Exhibition printing and promotional materials	\$6,835	\$0	\$2,000	105
Banana Bag and Bodice - Beacon Spring Celebration of Light	Community Festival	Lantern materials, Lantern artist, Graphic designer, Musicians deposits	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	102
I Am Beacon	Youth enrichment programs	staffing programs, including a Program Director/Main Staffer and Student Support Instructors for our courses.	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	90
Beacon Junior Baseball	Renovate the batting cages that currently stand and to install pitching practice	Materials and supplies to upgrade current facilities	\$8,000	\$0	\$0	90
Fareground	To strengthen and enhance its food access activities in Beacon	Staffing, supplies, materials	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	89

<i>Criteria</i>	<i>Description</i>
Criteria No. 1: Impact	The greatest impact to the most people in improving well-being and quality of life
Criteria No. 2: Investment	Capacity building as opposed to ongoing Operations
Criteria No. 3: Beacon-ness	Programs that are meeting a need that is otherwise lacking in the landscape of Beacon's existing programs

CITY OF BEACON 2022 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Spending Summary</i>	<i>Keane & Beane Review</i>	<i>Is It Permitted?</i>
Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County	Positive Youth Development Program	Youth Wages, Staff wages, environmentally friendly vehicle.	General Municipal Law § 95 authorizes municipalities to undertake and promote activities and establish, maintain and operate projects devoted in whole or in part of providing leisure-time activities for youth or assistance to children. A municipality may enter into an agreement with a not-for-profit agency to provide such services to promote youth programs. The funds provided by the City must go specifically towards youth programming. Funds cannot be used to help maintain the existing Green Teen bus and/or partially fund the purchase of the replacement vehicle. This is not a valid municipal purpose. The City will need to enter into an agreement to set forth the terms and permitted use for the funds. The agreement is required to ensure that the City does not violate the gifting provision of the State Constitution.	Generally, yes, but not for the purchase of a vehicle and a contract is required.
The Foundation for Beacon Schools, Inc.	Past, Present and Future: Beacon's Youth Create Films on Local History	Learning supplies, camera equipment, film licenses fees, professional stipends, recording equipment and web hosting	The City may enter into a contract with this organization to promote youth programs (GML § 95) and promote the arts. (GML § 99-i).	Yes. A contract is required.

CITY OF BEACON 2022 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Spending Summary</i>	<i>Keane & Beane Review</i>	<i>Is It Permitted?</i>
NAMI Mid-Hudson	Mental Wellness Programming	Staffing, materials	This program focuses on presentations to high school students to learn about early signs of mental health conditions. The programs that focus on the mental health of youth are appropriate to fund under GML § 95. We believe the focus on mental wellness for City of Beacon residents is a valid municipal purpose.	Yes. A contract is required.
Common Ground Farm	Food Security	Trailer. Materials to insulate the trailer. A truck bed cover. A sturdy card for transporting food, vegetable bins	The proposal benefits Common Ground Food. There is no direct public benefit. The program will allow Common Ground to participate in the Farmer's Market.	No
Beacon Youth Football	Startup Capital for Youth Football League	Insurance, Scholarship Fund, Flooring, Computer, Printer, Refrigerator, Freezer, Blocking Sled	The proposal allows the Beacon Youth Football Club to renovate its clubhouse. This program does not focus on the youth of the City but only those individuals that register and sign up with the Beacon Youth Football Club. A municipality may enter into a contract with a youth sports league affiliated organization to have it run a portion of the municipal recreation program. The program must be under the supervision and control of the municipality and must be legitimately instituted for the benefit of the municipality.	No. However, if the clubhouse is owned by the City, the City can expend funds to renovate its property.

CITY OF BEACON 2022 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Spending Summary</i>	<i>Keane & Beane Review</i>	<i>Is It Permitted?</i>
Howland Cultural Center	The Howland 150 Anniversary Exhibition	Exhibition printing and promotional materials	The City may enter into an agreement to promote the humanities and the arts (GML § 99-I and General City Law § 25-b).	Yes. A contract is required.
Banana Bag and Bodice Beach Spring Celebration	Community Festival	Lantern materials, lantern artist, graphic designer, musicians.	The City may enter into a contract with this organization to promote youth programs (GML § 95) and promote programs for the aging. (GML § 99-a). A community festival can be enjoyed by both seniors and youths. The City can also spend money for certain cultural activities. (General City Law § 25-b).	Yes. A contract is required.
I am Beacon	Youth Enrichment Program	Staffing program, including a Program Director/Main Staffer and Student Support Instructors for courses.	The City may enter into a contract with this organization to promote youth programs (GML § 95)	Yes. A contract is required.
Beacon Junior Baseball	Renovate the batting cages that currently stand and to install pitching practice.	Materials and supplies to upgrade current facilities.	It is our understanding that the batting cages are located on City property. The City may enter into a contract to install the batting cages, however, the batting cages must be open to all.	Yes. A contract is needed.

CITY OF BEACON 2022 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Spending Summary</i>	<i>Keane & Beane Review</i>	<i>Is It Permitted?</i>
Fareground	To strengthen and enhance its food access activities in Beacon	Staffing, supplies and materials	This program includes a valid municipal purpose to provide food to Beacon residents through food pantries and community fridges.	Yes. A contract is required.

PURPOSE OF CONTRACT

Although municipalities may not *give* funds to a private entity, they may contract with such entities to provide specific activities or services that constitute a proper municipal purpose. Agreements with private entities to provide a proper municipal service need not be complex. The agreement should state the purpose of the contractual arrangement. It should be clear that the service provided is in furtherance of a legitimate municipal purpose. The agreement should state the payment amount and should specify what services will be provided by the private entity in return. Boards should consult with their municipal attorney before entering these types of contracts due to the variety of forms they may take.

City of Beacon City Council Agenda
06/13/2022

Title:

Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute an Agreement with Timothy Dexter for Consulting Services for the Tompkins Hose Fire Station Renovation Project

ATTACHMENTS

[Draft Agreement with Timothy Dexter for Consulting Services for the Tompkins Hose Fire Station Renovation Project](#)

**AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN
THE CITY OF BEACON AND
TIMOTHY DEXTER
FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES
FOR THE TOMPKINS HOSE FIRE STATION RENOVATION PROJECT**

THIS AGREEMENT, bearing the date set forth on the signature page, by and between the City of Beacon, a municipal corporation, at One Municipal Plaza, Beacon, New York 12508 (hereinafter referred to as the "City") and Timothy Dexter (hereinafter referred to as the "Consultant").

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2022, the City Council adopted Resolution 68 of 2022 to authorize the City Administrator to execute an Agreement with Mitchell Associates Architects, PLLC for architectural plans for the renovation and addition to the Tompkins Hose Fire Station (the "Tompkins Fire Station Renovation Project"); and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to obtain the consultant services of the Consultant concerning the Tompkins Hose Fire Station Renovation Project; and

WHEREAS, the Consultant has the knowledge, skill and capability to perform such services for the City;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the parties, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree to the following:

1. **SCOPE OF SERVICE**. The City hereby retains the Consultant to provide consultant services to the City concerning the Tompkins Hose Fire Station Renovation Project, including the design and construction of the Tompkins Hose Fire Station.
2. **COMPENSATION**. As full and complete consideration for services so rendered, the City shall pay Consultant at an hourly rate of \$75.00. The Consultant shall submit an invoice to the City every month. Each invoice shall provide a description of the work rendered, including the hours worked and services provided. The City shall pay the invoice within thirty (30) days
3. **CONFIDENTIALITY**. Consultant understands that in performing this Agreement it may have access to confidential information in possession of the City. Consultant may also have access to confidential information, including information regarding sensitive, confidential or internal City matters and other protected information. It is agreed that the definition of confidential information includes all documentary, electronic or oral information made known to Consultant through any activity related to this Agreement. Consultant agrees it, its officers, directors, employees and/or agents shall not reveal, publish, discuss, disclose or communicate the content of such confidential information, directly or indirectly to any third-party, except as explicitly provided for in this Agreement. Consultant understands that any unauthorized disclosure, publication and/or communication of such confidential information shall be considered a breach of this Agreement. Consultant agrees that if it receives a subpoena for divulgence of confidential information, it shall notify the City prior to divulging

the same. The parties further agree that the terms and conditions set forth in this Confidentiality section and all of its subparts shall survive the expiration and/or termination of this Agreement.

3. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS.** The Consultant shall be an independent contractor to the City and shall not claim or receive any benefit or privilege conferred to the City's employees, including, without limitation, disability or unemployment insurance, workers' compensation, medical insurance, sick leave, retirement or any other employment benefit. The City shall not be responsible for the Consultant's compliance with any local, state or federal law, regulation or requirement and shall not withhold any taxes, including payroll or income taxes, for the Consultant. \
4. **DEFENSE AND INDEMNIFICATION.** The Consultant agrees to the fullest extent permitted by law to defend, indemnify and hold the City, its Administrator, officers, officials, and employees harmless from any and all losses, claims, liens, demands and causes for action, including but not limited to, judgments, penalties, interest, court costs, and legal fees incurred by the City on behalf of any party, in connection with or arising directly or indirectly from the services provided pursuant to this Agreement and/or a breach of this Agreement by Consultant.
5. **TERM.** This Agreement shall commence on the date set forth herein and shall continue in effect until December 31, 2022. This Agreement may be extended for one additional one-year term at the discretion of the City Administrator, upon the same terms and conditions set forth herein.
6. **TERMINATION.** This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party. The Consultant shall be paid for all work performed in accordance with this Agreement through the date of termination.
7. **QUALIFICATION OF CONSULTANT.** Consultant specifically represents and covenants that he and his employees, consultants and assistants have and shall possess the licenses, experience, knowledge and skills necessary to qualify the Consultant to perform the services described in Paragraph 1. The Consultant accepts the relationship of trust and confidence established between the City and the Consultant by this Agreement. The Consultant represents that he is qualified to provide the services required of the Consultant under this Agreement, in a timely manner. The Consultant agrees to furnish his services in a manner consistent with the industry standard of care and to cooperate with the City and its representatives in performing his services and in furthering the interests of the City.
8. **NON-ASSIGNMENT.** The Consultant may not assign, transfer or convey any of its respective rights or obligations under this Agreement or subcontract any portion of the services set forth herein, without prior written consent of the City, which consent may be withheld for any reason whatsoever or for no reason.
9. **NON-WAIVER.** No failure by the City to insist upon the strict performance of any term, covenant, agreement or provision of this Agreement or to exercise any right or remedy upon a breach thereof, and no acceptance by the City of any services during the continuance of any

breach, shall constitute a waiver of any breach or of any term, covenant, agreement or provision.

10. **MODIFICATION OR AMENDMENT.** No amendment, change or modification of this Agreement shall be valid unless in writing, signed by both parties hereto.
11. **ENTIRE UNDERSTANDING.** This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding and agreement between the parties and any and all prior agreements, commitments, understandings and representations are merged herein and are of no further force and effect.
12. **GOVERNING LAW.** This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York. Any litigation between the parties shall be venued in an appropriate court located in Dutchess County, New York.
13. **CONSTRUCTION.** This Agreement has been arrived at mutually and is not to be construed against any party hereto as being the drafter hereof or causing the same to be drafted.
14. **SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this Agreement shall be held invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not be affected or impaired thereby but shall remain in full force and effect.
15. **COUNTERPARTS.** This Agreement may be executed in counterparts each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same Agreement. Delivery of an executed counterpart of this Agreement by facsimile or email shall be equally as effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement this

_____ day of _____, 2022.

CONSULTANT

CITY OF BEACON

Timothy Dexter

Christopher White, City Administrator

City of Beacon City Council Agenda
06/13/2022

Title:

Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute an Agreement with WSP USA for Construction Inspection Services for the Mount Beacon and Pocket Dam Rehabilitation Project

ATTACHMENTS

[Draft Agreement with WSP USA for Construction Inspection Services for the Mount Beacon and Pocket Dam Rehabilitation Project](#)

[WSP USA - Scope of Services](#)

**AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN
THE CITY OF BEACON, NEW YORK AND WSP USA INC.
FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES**

This Agreement (the “Agreement”) is dated as of June ____, 2022 (the “Effective Date”) between **WSP USA Inc. (“WSP”)**, a domestic business corporation with offices at 500 Summit Lake Drive, 4th Floor, Suite 450, Valhalla, NY 10595, and the **CITY OF BEACON (the “City”)**, a municipal corporation of the State of New York with offices at One Municipal Plaza, Beacon, New York 12508 (each, a “Party”, collectively the “Parties”).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the City currently has a contract with WSP for professional engineering services concerning the Mount Beacon and Pocket Dam Rehabilitation Project; and

WHEREAS, said contract requires WSP to (1) provide professional engineer inspections throughout the construction period on a hold point basis, with a total of twenty inspections, (2) review submittals and shop drawings, (3) develop responses to Contractor Requests for Information, and (4) prepare required monthly progress reports to the NYSDEC; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2022, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 71 of 2022 to authorize the City Administrator to execute an Agreement with the Doyle Contracting, Inc. (the “Contractor”) for the rehabilitation of Mount Beacon Reservoir Dam and Pocket Dam; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to enter into a contract with WSP for additional services, including provision of a full-time construction inspector on the site for the duration of the Mount Beacon and Pocket Dam Rehabilitation Project to oversee the Contractor’s work, produce daily work logs with appropriate photographic documentation, and confirm work completion by the Contractor to support the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, for consideration of the mutual covenants, conditions and agreements contained herein, the Parties to this Agreement agree as follows:

1. **Scope of Services.** The City hereby retains WSP to perform the service set forth in the Proposal for Professional Engineering Services, attached hereto as Exhibit “A” (referred to herein as the “Services”).
2. **Time of Project.** WSP will initiate work under this Agreement following execution of this Agreement.
3. **Term of Agreement.** This Agreement shall commence on the date set forth herein and shall continue in effect until the completion of the Mount Beacon and Pocket Dam Rehabilitation Project.

4. **Compensation.** As full and complete consideration of the Services so rendered, the City shall pay WSP a total amount not-to-exceed Two Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Seven Dollars (\$282,907), which sum includes all costs and expenses incurred by WSP in performing the Services for both Mount Beacon Reservoir Dam and Pocket Dam. Costs in excess of the above shall not be incurred without the prior written authorization of the City Administrator or Director of Finance. WSP shall submit an invoice to the City every month. Each invoice shall provide a description of the work rendered, including the hours worked and services provided. The City shall pay the invoice within thirty (30) days.

5. **Performance of Services.** In performing the Services, WSP shall assign qualified personnel and perform said Services in accordance with the professional standards and with the skill, diligence and quality control/quality assurance measures expected of any firm performing services of a similar nature. WSP shall at all times comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, statutes, rules and regulations.

6. **Independent Contractor Status.** WSP and all employees, assistants, consultants and agents thereof shall be independent contractors to the City and shall not claim or receive any benefit or privilege conferred to the City's employees, including, without limitation, disability or unemployment insurance, workers' compensation, medical insurance, sick leave, retirement or any other employment benefit. The City shall not be responsible for WSP's compliance with any local, state or federal law, regulation or requirement and shall not withhold any taxes, including payroll or income taxes, for WSP or any employee, assistant, consultant or agent thereof. WSP exclusively assumes responsibility for acts of its employees, associates, and subcontractors as they relate to the Services to be provided under the Agreement.

7. **Insurance Requirements.**

A. Prior to commencement of any services, WSP shall, at its sole expense, maintain the following insurance:

- (i) Worker's Compensation and Employers Liability Policy, covering operations in New York State. Policy shall include all employees, volunteers, owners/partners and provide statutory Workers Compensation limits.
- (ii) General Liability Policy, with limits of no less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence/\$2,000,000 annual aggregate limits. The City of Beacon shall be named as an additional insured on the policy. The insurance policy shall be written on a primary and non-contributing coverage basis, including any self-insured retentions.
- (iii) Comprehensive Automobile Policy, with limits of no less than \$1,000,000 Bodily Injury and Injury and Property Damage liability

including coverage for owned, non-owned, and hired private passenger and commercial vehicles. The policy shall be written on a primary and non-contributing coverage basis. The City of Beacon shall be named as an Additional Insured on the policy.

- (iv) **Umbrella Liability**, with limits of no less than \$1,000,000, including coverage for General and Automobile Liability. The City of Beacon shall be named as an Additional Insured on the policy. The insurance policy shall be written on a primary and non-contributing coverage basis, including any self-insured retentions.

B. All insurance coverages must be from an A.M. Best Rated “secured” (B+-A++), New York State admitted insurer.

C. Certificates shall provide that thirty (30) days written notice, by registered mail with return receipt requested, prior to cancellation or expiration be given to the City. Policies that lapse and/or expire during term of work shall be recertified and received by the City no less than thirty (30) days prior to expiration or cancellation.

D. WSP shall furnish to the City Certificates of Insurance as evidence of coverage and proof of Workers Compensation coverage prior to commencement of any services and naming the City, its officers, officials and employees as an Additional Insured on the Commercial General Liability, Commercial Automobile and Umbrella Liability Policies.

8. Indemnification and Liability.

A. To the fullest extent permitted by law, WSP shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend the City and its respective elected officials, agents, officers, and employees from and against any and all losses, damages, detriments, suits, claims, demands, liabilities, costs and charges, including attorneys' fees and disbursement that (i) arise from or are in any way connected with this Agreement; (ii) arise from or are in any way connected with any act or omission of WSP's employees or invitees; (iii) result from any default of this Agreement or any provision hereof by WSP; or (iv) result from the presence of WSP or WSP's employees' property or equipment on City property. WSP's obligations under this paragraph shall survive the revocation or termination of this Agreement. The obligation of WSP to indemnify any party under this paragraph shall not be limited in any manner by any limitation of the amount of insurance coverage or benefits including worker's compensation or other employee benefit acts provided by WSP.

B. The City shall in no event be liable or responsible for damage or injury to any person or property caused by the use, maintenance, or operation of any vehicle or other equipment by, or the action of, WSP or WSP's employees, subcontractors and agents in performing the Services.

C. WSP shall assume all liability for any injury, sickness, disease or death to any employee, subcontractor and/or agent arising out of or resulting from performance of the Services.

D. WSP shall be responsible for repairing all damage to property caused through the use, maintenance, and operation of the WSP's vehicle or other equipment by, or the action of the WSP or WSP's employees, subcontractors or agents.

9. **Non-Assignment.** WSP may not assign, transfer or convey any of its respective rights or obligations under this Agreement or subcontract any portion of the Services set forth herein unless approval is first obtained in writing from the City of Beacon.

10. **Termination.** The City may terminate this Agreement for any reasons upon sixty (60) days' written notice. Upon such termination, WSP shall be paid for all work performed in accordance with this Agreement through the date of termination. Upon any such termination, the Parties shall endeavor in an orderly manner to wind down activities and services performed pursuant to this Agreement.

11. **Notices.** Any notice, request, demand, approval or consent given or required to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be given by a nationally recognized overnight delivery service, with all delivery and/or postage charges prepaid, and shall be deemed to have been given on the day such notice is actually received or refused, or if unclaimed, on the day following the day on which the same shall have been sent by a nationally recognized overnight delivery service and shall be addressed as follows:

To the City of Beacon:

Christopher White
City Administrator
One Municipal Plaza
Beacon, NY 12508

Nicholas Ward-Willis, Esq.
Keane & Beane, P.C.
445 Hamilton Avenue, 15th Floor
White Plains, NY 10601

To WSP USA Inc.:

Jennifer Brunton, PE
500 Summit Lake Drive
4th Floor, Suite 450
Valhalla, NY 10595

12. **Non-Discrimination Requirements.** WSP agrees for itself, and its successors and assigns that WSP shall not discriminate in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement upon the basis of age, race, creed, color, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, military status, sex, disability, predisposing genetic characteristics, familial status, marital status, or domestic violence victim status.

13. **Waiver.** No waiver made by either party with respect to the performance, or manner or time thereof, or any obligation of the other party or any condition to its own obligation hereunder shall be considered a waiver of any of the rights of that party with respect to any other default or breach. No such waiver shall be valid unless it is in writing duly signed by the party waiving the right or rights.

14. **Severability.** If any term or provision of this Agreement shall to any extent be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby, and each term and provision of this Agreement shall be valid and in force to the fullest extent permitted by law.

15. **Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of New York.

16. **Modification or Amendment.** No amendment, change or modification of this Agreement shall be valid unless in writing, signed by both Parties hereto.

17. **Binding Effect.** The covenants, obligations and conditions herein contained shall be binding on and inure to the benefit of the heirs, legal representatives, and assigns of the Parties hereto.

18. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement contains the entire terms and obligations between the Parties as to subject matter herein and supersedes all prior agreements whether oral or written between the Parties hereto. This Agreement may be modified only by a written instrument signed by the Parties.

19. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in counterparts each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same Agreement. Delivery of an executed counterpart of this Agreement by facsimile or email shall be equally as effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be

executed as of the date(s) indicated below.

WSP USA INC.

Name: Jennifer Brunton, PE

Title:

Date: _____

CITY OF BEACON

Name: Christopher White

Title: City Administrator

Date: _____

STATE OF NEW YORK)

COUNTY OF DUTCHESS) ss.:

On the day of _____, in the year 2022, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared _____, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose name(s) is (are) subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument, the individual(s), or the person upon behalf of which the individual(s) acted, executed the instrument.

Notary Public

STATE OF NEW YORK)

COUNTY OF DUTCHESS) ss.:

On the day of _____, in the year 2022, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared _____, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose name(s) is (are) subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument, the individual(s), or the person upon behalf of which the individual(s) acted, executed the instrument.

Notary Public



Proposal for Professional Engineering Services

Date: May 16, 2022

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

Project Name: Mount Beacon and Pocket Dam Remediation Redesign – Engineering Support
City of Beacon, New York

Subject: Proposal for Construction Inspection Services

Scope of Services:

WSP USA Inc. (WSP) is pleased to present this proposal for providing additional construction inspection services at both Pocket and Mount Beacon Dams.

Our current contract includes providing professional engineer inspections throughout the construction period on a hold point basis, with a total of twenty inspections. Also included is review of submittals, shop drawings, developing responses to Contractor Requests for Information, and preparing the required monthly progress reports to the NYSDEC.

Further to your recent request, this proposal covers additional services including provision of a full-time construction inspector on the site for the duration of the project. We will provide an experienced construction inspector to oversee the contractor's work and produce daily work logs with appropriate photographic documentation. Our inspector will also be available to confirm work completion by the contractor to support the City of Beacon with approval of the contractor's payment requests.

1. On-Site Construction Inspection. This task includes provision of a full-time construction inspector to oversee the contractor throughout the duration of the project. The estimated schedule is a total of 8-months duration to complete both Pocket and Mount Beacon projects. We will attempt to assign a local inspector to reduce travel time to/from the site, and minimize expenses for hotel accommodation and meals. Our inspector will also require a truck or SUV for access to the project site due to access road conditions.
2. Office Support. This task includes project management and office administration support for the duration of the 8-month construction schedule.



Assumptions/Exclusions:

1. We assume our construction inspector will work for 45-hours a week, throughout the project's 8-month duration. This working time includes travel to/from the site.
2. We assume that 5 months of construction will take place in 2022 then the contractor will shutdown the site with no construction taking place during the winter period. The final 3 months of construction will then recommence in spring 2023.
3. We have included necessary expenses including truck/SUV rental, gas, hotel accommodation and meals. We will attempt to assign a local inspector to minimize overall expenses.
4. The contractor will provide a suitable workspace for our construction inspector within the site trailer throughout the duration of the project.

Fee:

Our proposed fee for the Scope of Services described in this proposal is Two-Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Nine-Hundred Seven Dollars (\$282,907). We will perform the work on a time and expense basis. A breakdown of our assumed level of effort and hourly billing rates is included in Attachment A. We have included 6% escalation in our billing rates for work scheduled to be completed in 2023. All expenses will be marked up 5% which is included in the total.

An estimated cost breakdown is provided below.

TASK	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL FEE
4.00	On-site Construction Inspection	\$ 271,363
4.20	Office Support	\$ 11,544
	TOTALS	\$ 282,907

Terms and Conditions:

The services provided pursuant to this proposal shall be governed by the terms and conditions of the existing Agreement between WSP and the City of Beacon dated December 5, 2017.

Closing:

We appreciate the opportunity to submit this proposal and again work in partnership with the City of Beacon to successfully meet the project objectives. Should you have any questions or require additional information after reviewing this proposal, please feel free to contact Tom Edwards at Thomas.Edwards@wsp.com or me at Jennifer.Brunton@wsp.com.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Brunton, PE



ATTACHMENT A – Cost Tables

2022 Construction Work

Task	Employees	T. Edwards	J. Bielby		G. Bolton	Labor Hours	Labor Cost	Expenses	Total
	Titles	Senior Lead Engineer	Lead Engineer	Construction Inspector	Senior Draftsman				
	Hourly Billing Rate	\$ 185.12	\$ 175.51	\$ 128.57	\$ 121.15				
	Description								
1	On-Site Construction Inspection			975		975	\$125,356	\$40,149	\$165,505
2	Office Support	5	32		6	43	\$7,269		\$7,269
2022 TOTALS		5	32	975	6	1018	\$132,625	\$40,149	\$172,774

2023 Construction Work

Task	Employees	T. Edwards	J. Bielby		G. Bolton	Labor Hours	Labor Cost	Expenses	Total
	Titles	Senior Lead Engineer	Lead Engineer	Construction Inspector	Senior Draftsman				
	Hourly Billing Rate	\$ 196.23	\$ 186.04	\$ 136.28	\$ 128.42				
	Description								
1	On-Site Construction Inspection			600		600	\$81,768	\$24,090	\$105,858
2	Office Support	4	16		4	24	\$4,275		\$4,275
2023 TOTALS		4	16	600	4	624	\$86,043	\$24,090	\$110,133

COMBINED TOTALS		9	48	1575	10	1642	\$ 218,668	\$ 64,239	\$ 282,907
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Estimated Expenses Breakdown

Car Rental (includes gas)	200	DAY	100	\$ 20,000
Hotel Accomodation	144	DAY	200	\$ 28,800
Meals	180	DAY	66	\$ 11,880
Miscellaneous Field Equipment & Supp	4	EA	100	\$ 400
Copying and Shipping	1	EA	100	\$ 100
Sub Total				\$ 61,180
				5% Markup \$ 3,059
TOTAL EXPENSES				\$ 64,239

City of Beacon City Council Agenda
06/13/2022

Title:

Approving Amendments to the City of Beacon 2022 Operating Budget

ATTACHMENTS

[Proposed Amendments to the 2022 City of Beacon Operating Budget](#)

Council Budget Amendments
June 21, 2022 Meeting

1. Amend the 2022 General Fund Budget to provide for arbitrator costs. Below is the proposed budget amendment:

Transfer to:

A -01-1420-450600- ARBITRATORS	<u>\$ 16,200</u>
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Transfer from:

A -01-1420-450436- IN REM & SALE OF PROPERTY	<u>\$ 16,200</u>
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2. Amend the 2022 General Fund Budget for payments of accrued and unused time for those retiring from various departments. Below is the proposed budget amendment:

Transfer to:

A -03-3120-190000- SEVERANCE/RETIREMENT PAY	\$ 94,223
A -03-3410-190000- SEVERANCE/RETIREMENT PAY	30,697
A -05-5110-190000- SEVERANCE/RETIREMENT PAY	<u>22,432</u>
Total	<u>\$ 147,352</u>

Transfer from:

A -01-1990-400004- CONTINGENCY-RETIREMENT	<u>\$ 147,352</u>
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3. Amend the 2022 Sewer Fund Budget for payments of accrued and unused time for an individual retirement. Below is the proposed budget amendment:

Transfer to:

G -08-8130-190000- SEVERANCE/RETIREMENT PAY	<u>\$ 9,938</u>
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Transfer from:

G -01-1990-400004- CONTINGENCY-RETIREMENT	<u>\$ 9,938</u>
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4. Amend the 2022 General Fund Budget for Patrol and Detective overtime due to staffing shortages, injuries and investigations. Below is the proposed budget amendment:

Transfer to:

A -03-3120-105000- OVERTIME	\$ 320,000
A -03-3130-105000- OVERTIME	<u>36,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 356,000</u>

Transfer from:

A -03-3120-101000- REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 200,000
A -03-3120-106001- POLICE ASSISTANT	20,000
A -01-1990-400001- CONTINGENCY FUND	<u>136,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 356,000</u>

Council Budget Amendments
June 21, 2022 Meeting

5. Amend the 2022 Sewer Fund Budget for the removal and replacement of odor control filters.
Below is the proposed budget amendment:

Transfer to:

G -08-8130-447200- REPAIR OF EQUIPMENT	<u>\$ 35,750</u>
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Transfer from:

G -01-1990-400001- CONTINGENCY FUND	<u>\$ 35,750</u>
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Respectfully submitted,
Susan K. Tucker CPA

City of Beacon City Council Agenda
06/13/2022

Title:

Discussion Regarding Recommended Amendments to the City Code by the City of Beacon Traffic and Safety Planning Committee

ATTACHMENTS

[Traffic and Safety Planning Committee Memorandum Regarding Recommended Code Amendments](#)



CITY OF BEACON New York

PARKING AND TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

845-838-5010

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Kyriacou and City Council

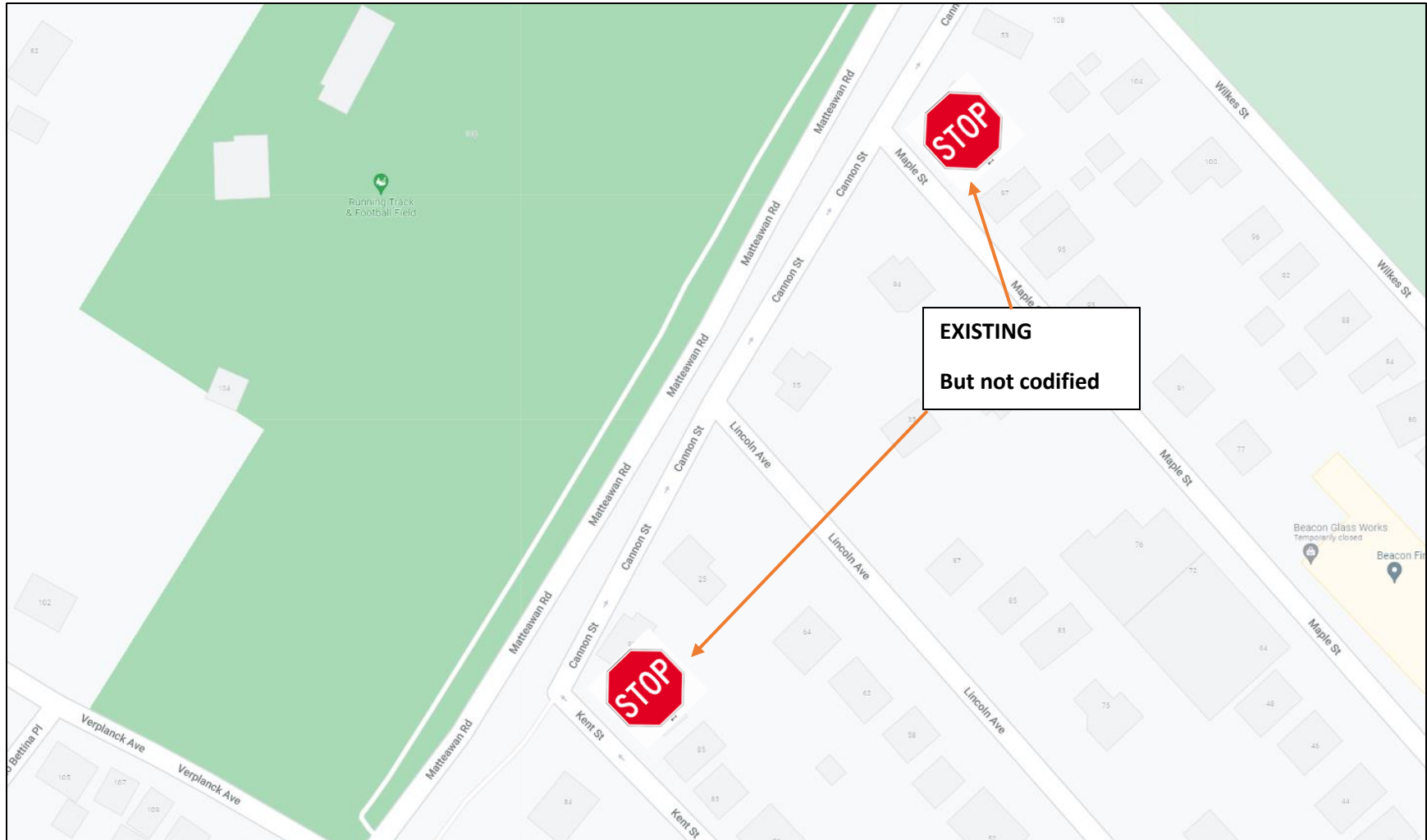
FROM: Matthew Dubetsky, Traffic and Safety Planning Committee Chair

RE: Proposed Changes to the City Code Chapter 211, Vehicles and

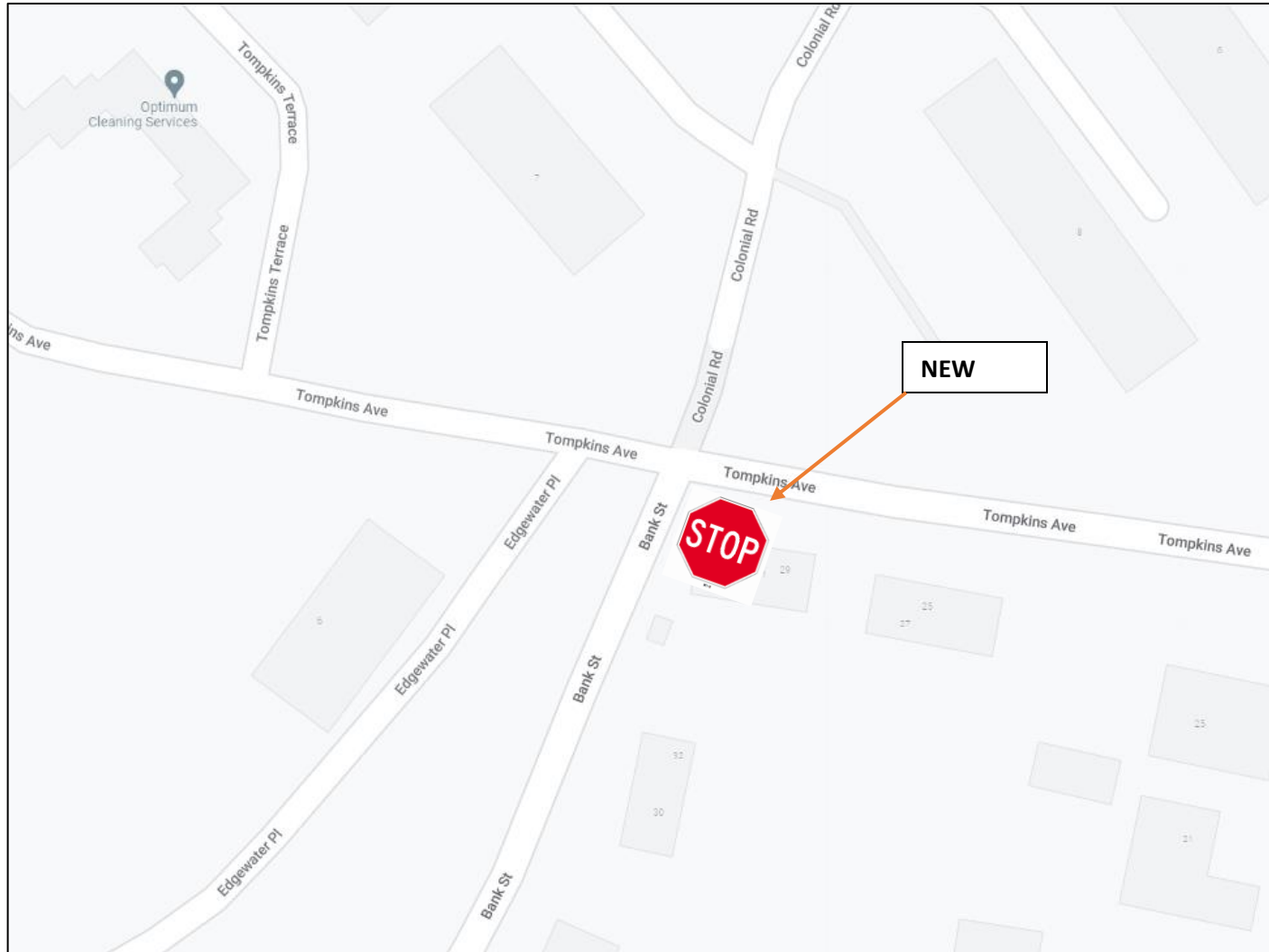
DATE: Traffic June 13, 2022

The Parking and Traffic and Safety Committee reviewed a number of traffic and safety related issues and make the following recommendations to the City Council.

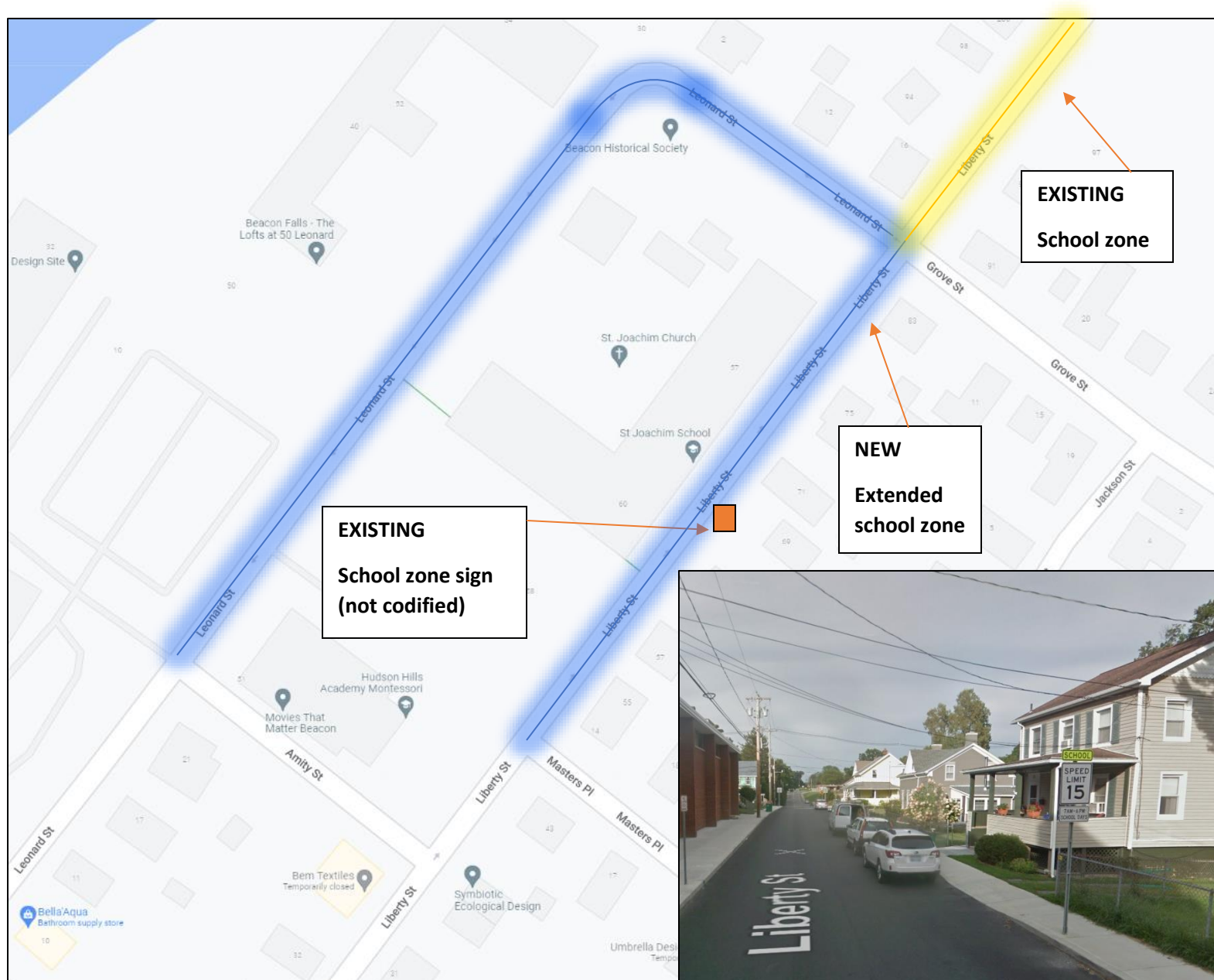
1. Codify existing stop signs at Kent Street and Maple Street at the intersections of each with Cannon Street.



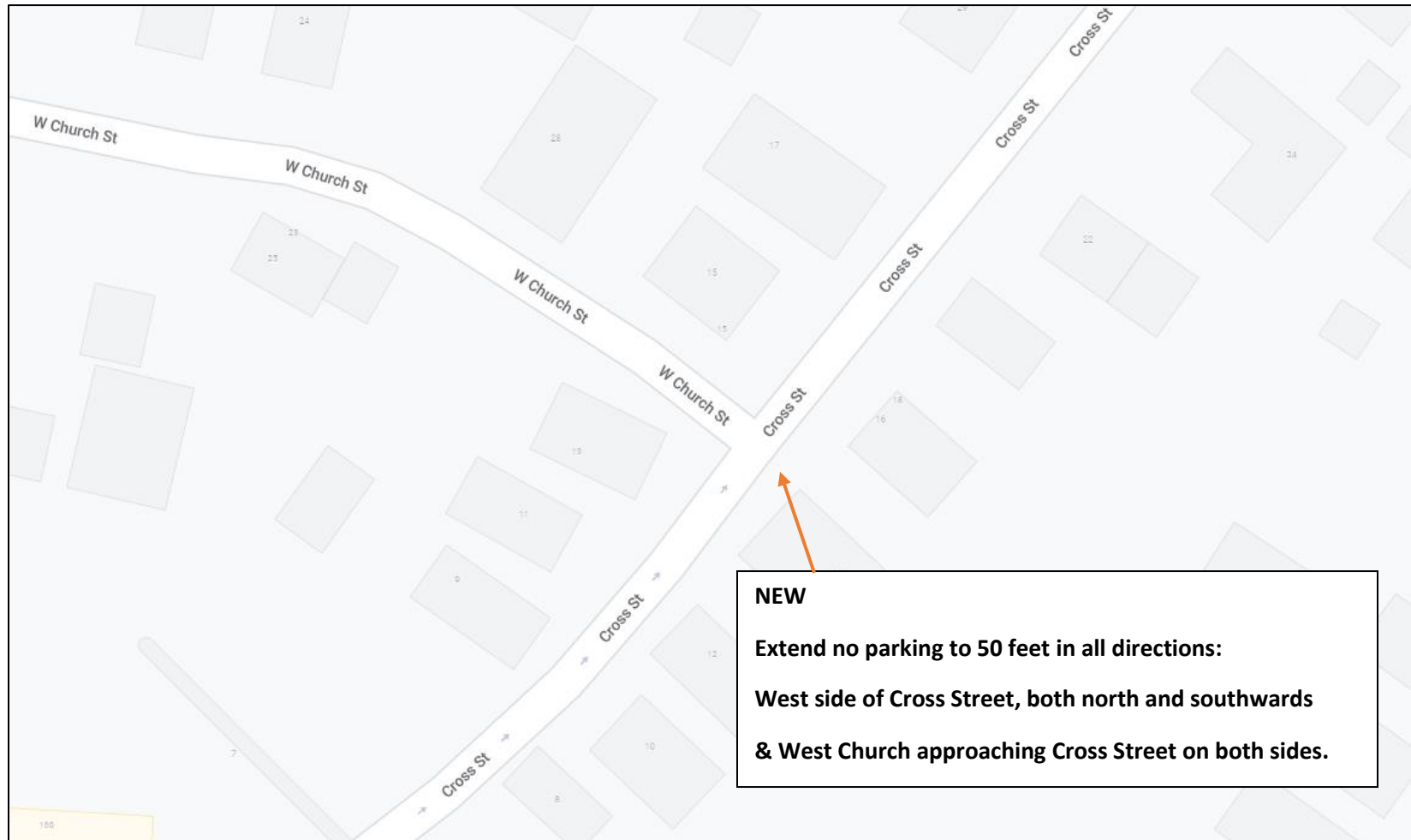
2. Install one stop signs along Bank Street at the intersection of Tompkins Avenue.



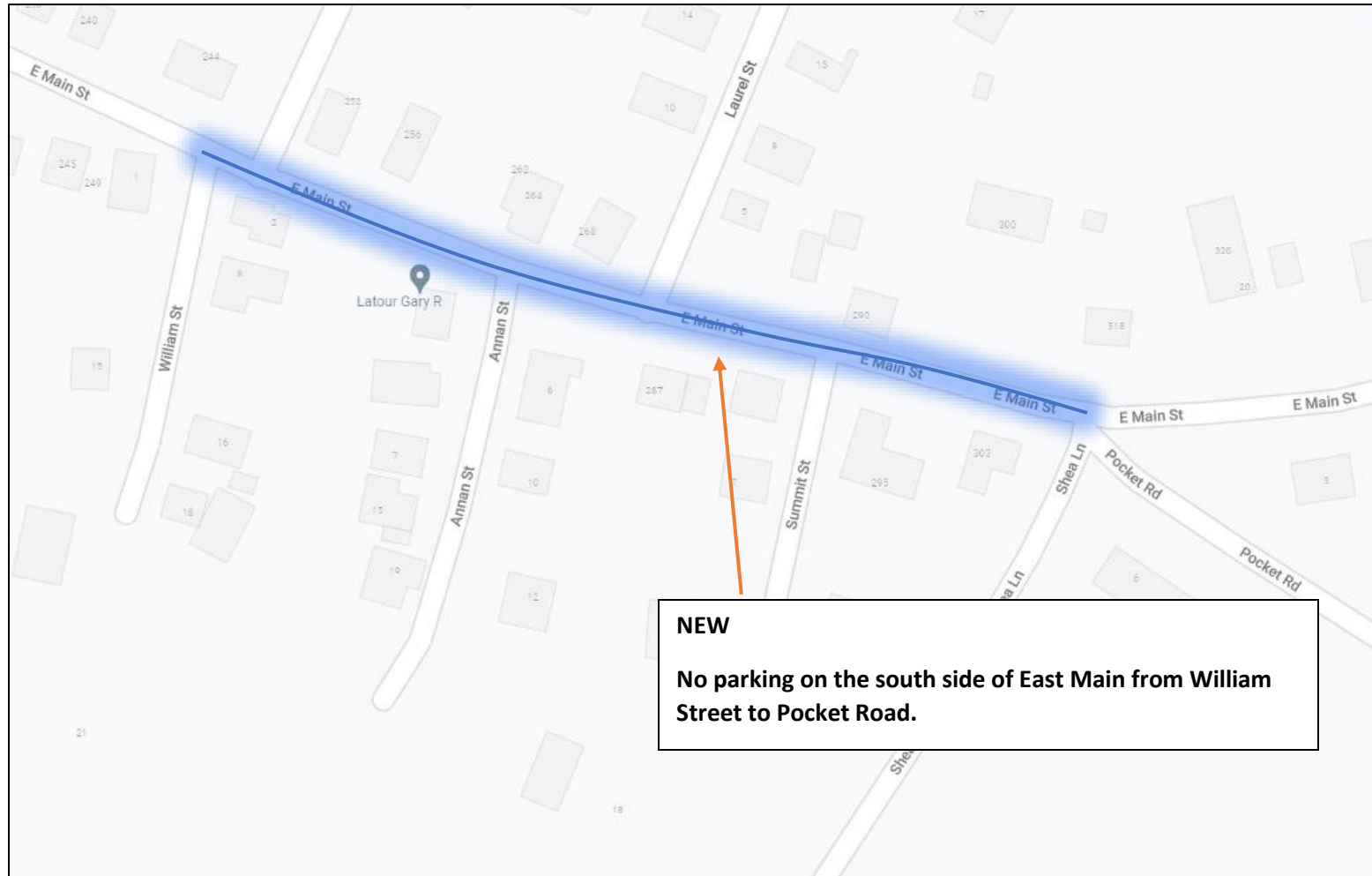
3. Extend existing school zone (7am – 6 pm school days 15 mph) from Amity to Grove and Masters to Grove.



4. Extend no parking from the intersection to fifty feet on the west side of West Chamber Street at the intersection of Cross Street heading both north and south and on West Church on both sides approaching Cross Street.



5. Extend no parking along the south side of East Main Street from the intersection of William Street to the intersection of Pocket Road.



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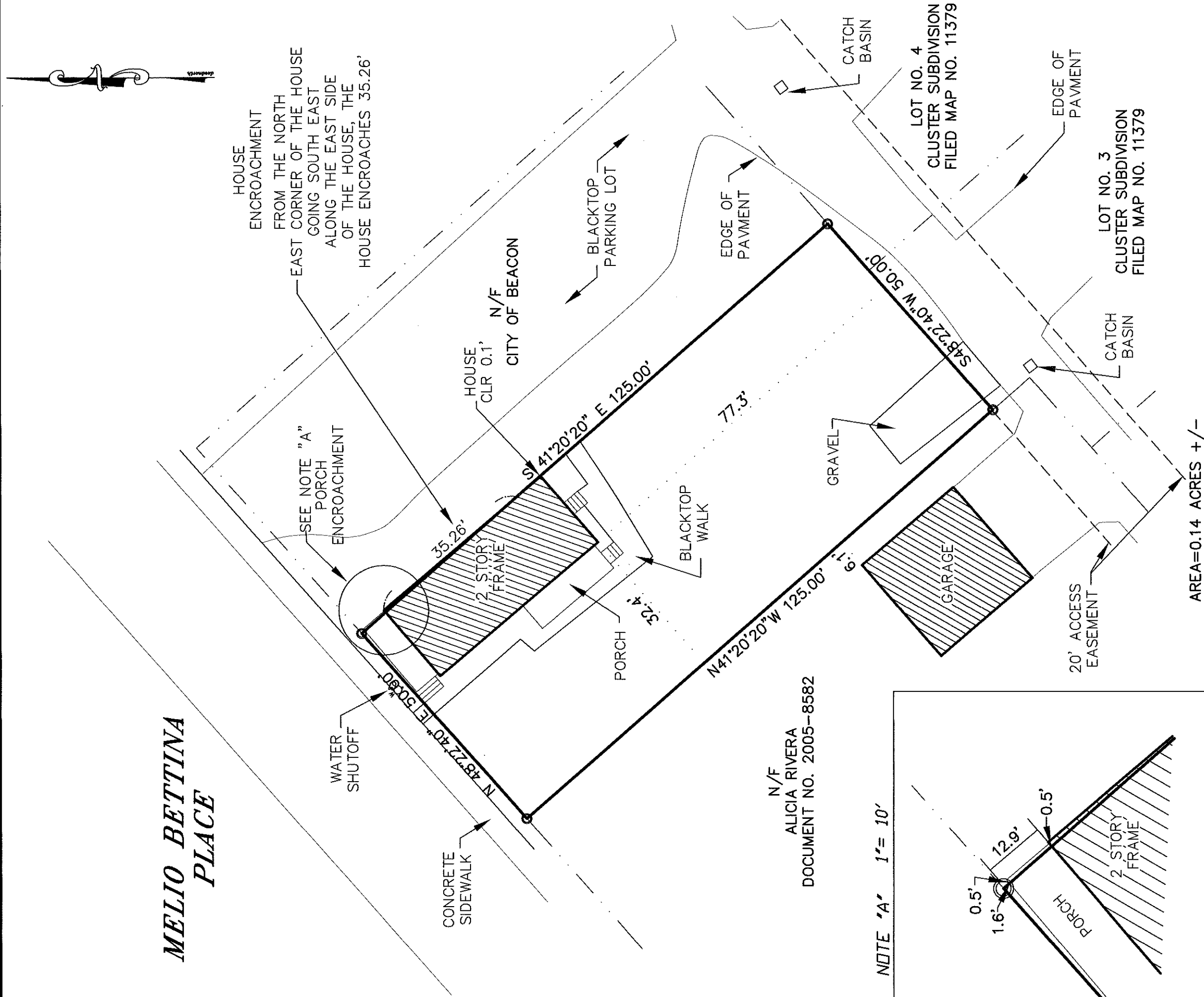
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34 Melio Bettina Place Easement Agreement

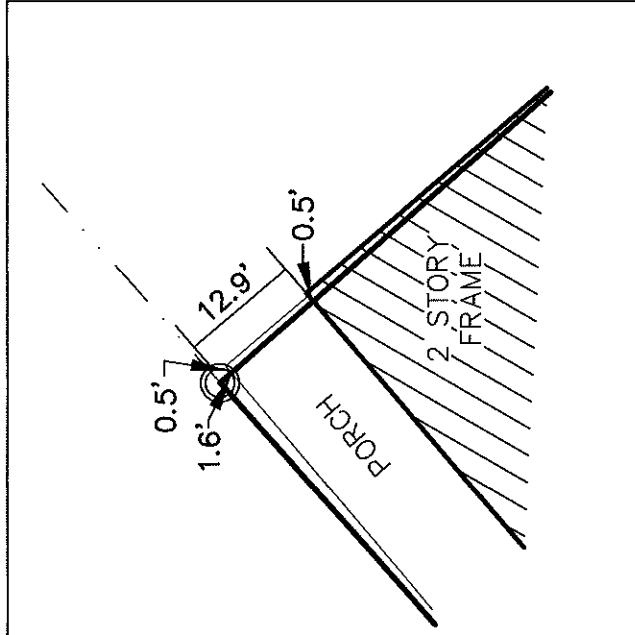
ATTACHMENTS

[Survey of 34 Melio Bettina Place](#)

MELIO BETTINA
PLACE



NOTE "A" 1"= 10'



CERTIFIED TO:
1. JUSTIN KUFNER
2. CITY OF BEACON
3.
4.

MAP OF SURVEY
FOR
THE LANDS OF
JUSTIN KUFNER

CITY OF BEACON
SCALE: 1" = 20'

DUTCHESS CO., N.Y.
MAY 16, 2022

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