

WEBSTER, NY
has been recognized as one of



AMERICA'S BEST COMMUNITIES

The Webster community was recently recognized by Frontier Communications as one of America's 50 Best Communities through the America's Best Communities Prize Competition! The ABC Prize Competition is a multi-year process during which Webster (Town and Village) was selected in the top 50 from over 400 communities in 27 states.

The recognition includes an award of \$35,000 from Frontier Communications to the Webster Community Coalition for Economic Development (WCCED) for use in the development of a Community Revitalization Plan. WCCED will facilitate the development of Webster's plan to compete against the remaining 49 communities for position as one of eight finalists taking home \$100,000 to help kick-start plan implementation. Frontier Communications will then award grand prizes of up to \$3 million to the communities that create and implement the most successful revitalization strategies. In addition to the \$35,000 from Frontier, the Xerox Foundation has volunteered to 'Adopt' Webster and provide mentorship during plan development while donating \$15,000 to our efforts.

This is a tremendous win for the Webster Community!

However, we have only just begun! To be eligible to compete for \$100,000 in additional funding, we must develop and submit our Community Revitalization Strategy no later than November 6, 2015. The plan must be developed through an inclusive community visioning process in less than 6 months. WCCED is seeking to make this a true collaborative effort amongst the Town, Village, School District and local business community. Therefore, we need your help!

Massive public involvement campaign!

In addition to the procurement of professional public participation and community engagement specialists, WCCED is seeking to swiftly develop a robust grassroots volunteer community to take advantage of the numerous summertime events taking place throughout Webster. WCCED is seeking to provide public engagement opportunities at numerous publicly and privately sponsored events, such as the Joe Obbie's Farmers' Market, the Webster Summer Celebration, Webster Village Days and others. In addition, WCCED will coordinate and facilitate small and large events dedicated to community engagement throughout the 6 month process.

Get involved! Your community needs you!

For more information on how to become involved in this unique community-building process, contact Matt Chatfield, Executive Director of the Webster Community Coalition for Economic Development at matt.chatfield@wcced.net.