

**VILLAGE OF WEBSTER SECURES FUNDING FOR \$1 MILLION PROJECT TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY GATEWAYS AND ENHANCE PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY.**

The Village of Webster, NY has received over \$811,000 in Federal Highway Administration funding towards the revitalization of the North Avenue corridor from Main Street north to Orchard Street. The \$1+ million North Avenue Connector project will include improved sidewalks, crosswalks, and bicycle lanes to improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety. The project will also invest in lighting, signage and gateway features to enhance corridor aesthetics and create a positive first impression for visitors to the community.

**“This grant is a significant achievement for the Village of Webster and will have a positive impact on the North Avenue Corridor by improving the travel experience for residents, workers and patrons to local businesses,”**

**~ John Cahill, Mayor Village of Webster**

The North Avenue Connector Project will follow planned investments by NYSDOT to conduct roadway resurfacing and striping changes in 2015. Upon completion in 2017, the project will culminate over \$2 million in public investment along the corridor, leverage over \$10 million in private sector investment, and create 5-8 construction jobs.

The project was made possible through a public-private partnership between the Village of Webster, private property owners, NYSDOT and the Webster Community Coalition for Economic Development (WCCED). As the community’s economic development organization, WCCED staff coordinated the development of the project and the formulation of the grant application in conjunction with Village leaders. The Village secured private sector funding in support of the local required match, further bolstering the public-private nature of the project.

**“The North Avenue Connector project is a significant economic development initiative that will support continued private sector investment in the Village of Webster.”**

**~ Matt Chatfield, Economic Development Specialist, WCCED**

The project obtained broad bi-partisan political support at the local, state and federal levels, including endorsements by State Senator Michael F. Nozzolio and US Senator Charles E. Schumer.

The project is anticipated to enter the design phase in Spring 2015, with completion of construction anticipated in 2017.

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