

Authority Mission Statement and Performance Measurements 2015

Name of Public Authority: Clayton Local Development Corporation

Public Authority's Mission Statement: The mission of the CLDC is to relieve and reduce unemployment; to promote and provide for additional and maximum employment; to better and maintain job opportunities; to carry on research for the purpose of aiding the communities of the Town and Village of Clayton by attracting business opportunities to said communities or encouraging the development of new, or retention of existing, business opportunities in the communities; lessening the burdens of government; and to act in the public interest, including promoting reuse of Brownfield sites within the Town and Village of Clayton.

Date Adopted: October 7, 2009

List of performance Goals :

1. **Complete the extension of the Clayton Riverwalk to the Veterans Monument by June 1, 2015 (Phase 2b)** The continuing work on the Clayton Yacht House, formerly the Golden Anchor property, throughout the summer and fall delayed completion of the Phase 2b of the Riverwalk. But with the completion of that construction project, which included construction of the Riverwalk over the width of that parcel, the Riverwalk was completed to the Veteran's Monument by year's end.

2. **Collaborate with the Village of Clayton, NY DOT and National Grid to work towards underground utilities along Riverside Drive.** The CLDC submitted a grant application through the Regional Economic Development Council and received \$1.7 million in funding. While this is not enough to fund the entire project to underground all overhead utility wires along Riverside Drive, the CLDC is seeking additional funding for this project. Because the project seems to be very popular among taxpayers, judging from the turnout and comments received at a public meeting, the village is exploring every option to make the project viable. Also, despite the fact that businesses along Riverside Drive may have to pay to connect the underground utilities to their buildings, they are supportive of the project, since they would be able to maintain the exterior of their buildings without violating the High Voltage Proximity Act..

The Village and the CLDC have been coordinating the project NYS DOT and National Grid. NYS DOT will be incorporating the underground utilities into their existing project of rehabilitating Riverside Drive in 2017/2018.

3. **Advance the next phase of the Clayton Riverwalk (Phase 3), which will include hiring consultants, procuring easements and preliminary designs by the end of 2015.** The Riverwalk Phase 3 is well underway. Design consultants have been hired, a preliminary design has been

completed and an engineering study has been done. A public meeting was held in December and it was well attended. All present seemed very well pleased and no negative comments were voiced. A real estate specialist has been hired and has begun negotiations to acquire the necessary easements. Negotiations are also underway with the property owner of the one parcel to be acquired in fee.

The final design is now being prepared and the required public hearing will take place in the spring of 2016. Construction is scheduled for 2017.

4. Administer the NY Main Street Downtown Anchor grant funding to assist the T.I. Inn, with project completion by September 2015. This goal has been met with many challenges, despite the best efforts on the part of the CLDC. The Project went out to bid twice, with both efforts attracting little interest on the part of local contractors. The few bids that were submitted, were close to double the pre-bid estimate prepared by the consultant engineer.