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Keeseville Hosts Third Local Planning Committee Meeting for NY Forward

Keeseville, N.Y. – The Hamlet of Keeseville, along with its state partners, is pleased to announce the third meeting of the Local Planning Committee (LPC) is scheduled for Thursday, August 14, 2025, at 10:00 AM in Ausable Town Hall, 111 Ausable Street, Keeseville, NY 12944. The meeting is open to the public and will include an opportunity for public comment at the conclusion of the meeting. For more information, please visit the Keeseville NY Forward website at www.keesevillenynyforward.com or scan the QR code with a smartphone camera.



NY Forward is a central component of the State's economic development efforts, working together with the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI), to accelerate and expand the revitalization of New York's downtowns. NY Forward serves smaller communities with historic character that distinguishes them from the larger, more urban central business districts typically funded through DRI. NY Forward communities are walkable, less dense areas that serve the immediate local community, and are more local in nature - focusing on the immediately surrounding residential or rural agricultural centric development. Governor Kathy Hochul has committed \$100 million for the third round of the NY Forward program. Each of the State's ten Regional Economic Development Councils (REDCs) recommended two communities for NY Forward awards. In the North Country Region, Keeseville and Gouverneur were each the recipients of \$4.5 million. More information about NY Forward can be found at <https://www.ny.gov/programs/ny-forward>.

NY Forward is led by the Department of State, in close partnership with Empire State Development, NYS Homes and Community Renewal and New York State Energy Research and Development Authority.

The Local Planning Committee (LPC) includes local and regional leaders, stakeholders, and community representatives. LPC members will attend a variety of meetings at which they will be asked to brainstorm ideas, provide direction to consultants, review planning products, prioritize actions and evaluate potential projects. Town of Chesterfield Supervisor Clayton Barber, Town of Ausable Supervisor Tim Bresett, and Co-Chair of the North Country Regional Economic Development Council James McKenna, are the Keeseville LPC Co-Chairs.

The NY Forward process is being facilitated by a consultant team led by M.J. Engineering, Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Land Surveying, P.C. (MJ Team) and supported by Andropogon, E.M. Pemrick & Company, and Captain Consulting.

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