

A Downtown Renewal Strategy for East Church Street in Pine Plains

Project description

The Town of Pine Plains seeks to revitalize a key community gateway that exists along New York State Route 199 in the heart of Pine Plains. The installation of nine new LED decorative street lights is proposed as a way to stimulate an economic revitalization of the historic downtown area. The new lights will be staggered on both sides of the road, in an effort to create an attractive and safe vehicle and pedestrian thoroughfare while focusing attention on downtown.



East Church Street in the Hamlet of Pine Plains

This proposal builds upon a successful downtown renewal project that was completed six years ago as part of a sidewalk replacement and street lighting project on Main Street (NYS Route 82). In order to implement goals stated in the 2004 Comprehensive Plan, Pine Plains is seeking to revitalize its two main commercial corridors, along Main Street and Church Street. The Town budgeted some funds for this project in the 2014 Budget and will finance the costs necessary to complete phase one of this project this year if a grant is awarded. The total estimated cost of phase one is \$109,000. This budget includes installation of conduit and pole foundations, new light fixtures and poles and landscape restoration. The Town operates on a very limited budget with a relatively small tax base, and a grant is needed to get this project off the ground. Pine Plains seeks to partner with Central Hudson in order to leverage additional public funding from revenue sources such as the New York Main Street program, the Dutchess County Community Development Block Grant program, Town funds, and private donations.