

Village of Angola – 2022 NY Forward Potential Projects for Consideration

Project Name	Description
<p>Create a Downtown Grant Fund</p>	<p>Provide a grant fund for property owners or businesses to use for capital improvements, accessibility, energy efficiency upgrades, repairs, and use conversions. Those interested in using downtown revitalization funds to invest in their property or business would apply and be required to meet a set of common standards to receive funds. A total of 16 businesses expressed interest through participation in the NYMS-TA project include: Lake Shore grooming Lounge, BTR Brews, Kim’s Shear Expressions, Frosted Fairytale Bakery, Doggo Mafia, and Angola Theater.</p>
<p>Main/Commercial Street Business District Streetscape/Public Realm Improvements</p>	<p>Enhance and expand upon the streetscape improvements that were implemented beginning in 2002 as part of the Village Center Revitalization (VCR) plan. Complete Streets and public realm improvements such as dedicated bike lanes, street trees, decorative light poles/fixtures, wayfinding and other signage, on-street parking, sidewalks, bike lanes, pedestrian amenities, etc.</p>
<p>Develop Passive Park/Outdoor Space</p>	<p>Repurpose two village-owned vacant lots located along Main Street (Main & Center / Main & Railroad Ave.) for use as parklets that can act as a gathering place and an extension of local businesses for additional seating. The proposed improvements include landscaping, hardscaping, public art, amenities (benches, receptacles). The parklet at the corner of Main & Center Streets will include outdoor seating area for local restaurants, as well as interactive activities to encourage residents/visitors to interact and spend additional time in the village. The parklet at Main & Railroad Ave., will cater to train enthusiasts (trainspotters) and include train themed art, interpretive and gateway signage.</p> 
<p>Village of Angola Sculpture and Public Art Trail</p>	<p>Establish and market a public art trail to showcase regional talent and attract visitors to explore the entire Village. A variety of art installations will be placed at public and private (sponsor business) sites throughout the Village downtown area, recreational areas and beyond. The project includes wayfinding improvements and the development of a digital map for guided tours. The trail will feature a variety of self-inspired art installations including nature local history, humorous, celebratory, and contemporary.</p>  
<p>Commercial Building Expantion</p>	
<p>Angola Village Loft – 77 N. Main Street</p> <p>BTR Brews - 15 N. Main Street</p>	<p>Funding will be utilized to help support the expansion of two of the Villages successful new business ventures. The establishments referenced below have been instrumental to creating an active downtown, attracting new businesses, and growing the local tax base.</p>

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77 North Main (expansion of 1st floor commercial space and develop 2nd floor residential)

This new business, established in 2022, has become a staple in the Angola/Evans community and is preparing to expand to meet the growing demand. Azalia's offers fresh-made, nutrient-dense, healthy 'Grab and Go' meals prepared onsite using fresh ingredients with much of the vegetables sourced locally. Azalia's also hosts a weekly Farmer's Market every Tuesday during the summer. *Voted Best of 716 Healthy Meal Prep for 2022.*



15 North Main Street (expansion of 1st floor commercial space)

Established in 2021, BTR Brews renovated previously vacant commercial space at 15 N. Main to establish a craft beer bar in the Village business district. BTR has a wide variety of craft beers that attracts customers across Buffalo, Hamburg, Fredonia, Springville, Orchard Park, and Chautauqua, NY. The brew pub, which offers live music on weekends, has increased activity in the Village Center, which has resulted in other businesses locating nearby.



Redevelopment of Commercial Street Block




Redevelopment of Persistently Vacant Commercial and Mixed-Use Buildings on Commercial Street in the Village Business District

The commercial buildings located on Commercial Street are some of the oldest structures in the Village and have suffered from vacancy and disinvestment. Commercial Street represents a snapshot of Angola's historic downtown and its deep connection to the development of the railroad. The Commercial Street Block Redevelopment project will include a mix of residential and hospitality uses and appropriately scaled retail/commercial space.

- **29 Commercial Street:** Vacant Circa 1880 mixed-use building (5,484 sq. ft) suffering from neglect and disinvestment. Building requires improvements to make the property marketable.
- **33 Commercial Street:** Former Bank of Angola building (1,932 sq. ft..) has been vacant for ___ years. The building has historic potential.
- **37 Commercial Street:** This 2,640 sq. ft. building, formerly a bar/restaurant, has been vacant for 20 years and requires significant investment for rehabilitation. The property is being redeveloped as a Restaurant with small banquet area.



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<p>Establish a Mobility Hub</p>	<p>Develop a mobility hub located in the municipal parking lot in the heart of the Business District to provide a dedicated location where a range of sustainable transportation modes can co-locate. The proposed mobility hub will include a bus stop/park & ride, bicycle/e-bikes/scooter rental/sharing, and EV charging station for residents and visitors.</p> 
<p>Village of Angola Community Action Organization – 251 N. Main Street</p>	<p>Building renovations to accommodate enhanced programming for Youth Services provides academic enrichment, positive character development and leadership training to K through 12th grade students across the southtowns including after-school and summer camp programs focused on hands-on exploratory learning.</p> 
<p>New Marque for the Angola Theater</p>	 <p>With the support and expertise from both the public and private sector, the Angola Theater is preparing its doors in early 2024 following efforts to restore and preserve the nearly 100-year-old vacant/underutilized theater to accommodate an updated business model for diverse offerings that enhance the profitability/viability of the site and provide job opportunities for residents.</p>
<p>Angola Business District Smart Street Initiative</p>	<p>Upgrade Village municipal lighting within the Business District to LED to control costs, increase efficiency, improve light control & reduce the carbon footprint.</p>
<p>Downtown Design Guidelines</p>	<p>Update the 1970 Zoning Plan to guide decisions affecting the physical development and redevelopment within the Village. The Plan will be a guiding document that reflects the community’s unique character and provides a clear process, together with specific objectives and policies, to build upon the Village’s strength and advance revitalization efforts. The project will include developing downtown design guidelines and streetscape standards for the Downtown Business District.</p>
<p>Angola Business District Branding Marketing Initiative</p>	<p>The proposed Plan will examine issues and opportunities from both a local community and tourism perspective and provide a detailed action plan for developing and retaining a sustainable branding and marketing program that can be enhanced in phases as future infrastructure and assets are developed in the Village Main Street Business District and surrounding region.</p>