



County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency



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Hon. Colleen Meeder, Mayor
Village of Sherman
111 Mill Street, P.O. Box 629
Sherman, NY 14781

Re: Village of Sherman 2024 NY Forward LOS

Dear Mayor Meeder,

This letter is to express our strong support for the Village of Sherman's \$4.5 million NY Forward Application to the NYS Department of State.

The NY Forward award will strengthen the Village of Sherman in its contribution to the goals of the Live CHQ and Choose CHQ campaigns aimed at attracting people to Chautauqua County for a healthy quality of life, gainful employment, outdoor recreational opportunities, and business investment.

The Village of Sherman's family-orientated 'bedroom' community with affordable homes in a walkable and bikeable community will provide the added labor force needed in Sherman, the surrounding towns, and the cities of Jamestown and Dunkirk, within an easy commute of 'shovel ready' industrial developments the CCIDA has established.

The Village's Pro-Housing and Complete Streets initiatives will be bolstered by the NY Forward award within the all-encompassing master project providing funding for building improvements, business development, placemaking strategies, gateways and green infrastructure for implementation and revitalization of downtown Sherman to attract businesses, residents, and visitors by increasing access to the trail systems, new retail spaces to diversify the downtown's current offerings, and establishing an anchor business.

Funding also will assist with local trail improvements to the Chautauqua Rails to Trails network and parks along French Creek. It is critical to the Village's economic development and quality of life strategies, contributing to growing ecotourism and agritourism in Chautauqua County.

Once again, I fully support this important grant application and the community's commitment to improving the lives of people who live and work in Chautauqua County.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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