Baldwin DRI
Community Meeting 1

November 20, 2019
Baldwin High School
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Gallery Walk Stations
The Baldwin community envisions its downtown as a thriving, vibrant, and pedestrian-friendly mixed-use corridor, centered around the Baldwin Long Island Railroad Station and along Grand Avenue and Merrick Road. Baldwin residents are diverse and engaged and have long recognized the potential for Downtown Baldwin to become a place where residents, commuters, and visitors want to live, work, shop, dine, and recreate.

Through investments in public infrastructure, strategic leveraging of private development opportunities, and building on a foundation of its existing assets, Downtown Baldwin will thrive as a center of activity and local economic driver that the community needs and has long been working toward.
Baldwin DRI Draft Goals

**GOAL 1**
Enhance and beautify the cultural, recreational, and community assets of the DRI Area to transform downtown Baldwin to an active and vibrant center that serves the needs of a diverse and engaged citizenry.

**GOAL 2**
Implement public realm improvements to provide a safe and welcoming environment for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders, and to support future growth in Baldwin.

**GOAL 3**
Leverage publicly-owned properties, new development, and private investment supported by the Baldwin Mixed-Use Overlay District to promote public enhancements and infrastructure improvements for the Baldwin community.

**GOAL 4**
Strengthen the physical and economic resiliency of the entire Baldwin community by promoting mixed-use growth, sustainable and resilient infrastructure, high quality retail offerings, and a variety of housing opportunities in the downtown.
GOAL 1
Enhance and beautify cultural, recreational and community assets

What are the existing cultural & recreational assets that need renovations in downtown Baldwin?
What physical enhancements are desired/needed to increase vibrancy?

CONCEPT: Building Renovations & Façade Improvements

Façade Improvements to Local Retail Businesses
- DRI funding could be used to supplement the Town’s existing Commercial Revitalization/Façade Improvement Program

Renovations to Existing Cultural Resources
- Potential project: Supplement county funds to repurpose Kellogg House as a Baldwin Community Center

EXAMPLE: Islip Commercial Property Improvement Fund
- Town of Islip Community Development Agency seeking to create a fund for the rehab and improvement of buildings along Carleton Avenue
- Funds would go towards reimbursable grants awarded to property owners and merchants
- Funds from DRI: $600,000
- Total Project Cost: $600,000

EXAMPLE: Westbury Upgrades to Community Center
- Village of Westbury seeking to upgrade and improve three community facilities
- Funds would go towards replacing interior walls, ceilings, carpeting, and lighting fixtures, installing AV capabilities, and reconfiguring the parking lot
- Funds from DRI: $430,824
- Total Project Cost: $430,824
GOAL 1

Enhance and beautify cultural, recreational and community assets

Post your ideas here!
GOAL 2
Implement public realm improvements to provide a safe and welcoming environment

What improvements to pedestrian, bicycle, and transit amenities would make you walk, bike and use more public transit in downtown Baldwin?

CONCEPT: Pedestrian Connectivity and Accessibility

POTENTIAL PROJECT: STREETSCAPE ENHANCEMENT

• Reduce crossing distances; curb extension
• Install new high visibility cross walks
• Bike lanes
• Pedestrian amenities (street furnishings, trash receptacles, street lighting)
• Public plazas and civic spaces (for example at the Baldwin Public Library)

CONCEPT: Public Transit Circulation

POTENTIAL PROJECT: MULTIMODAL CONNECTIVITY

• Enhanced bus shelters
• Protected seating and accurate schedules at bus stops

EXAMPLES: Previous DRI-Funded Projects

CENTRAL ISLIP
• Lighting, signage, street trees, and other pedestrian enhancement along the corridor.
• Estimated cost: $3,000,000

WESTBURY
• Create a pedestrian plaza through Post & Union Avenue intersection improvements
• Estimated cost: $785,000
GOAL 2
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GOAL 3

Leverage public & private properties to promote public enhancements and infrastructure

What community benefits would you like to see incorporated into redevelopment opportunities?
What are the most pressing public infrastructure needs in downtown Baldwin?

CONCEPT: Opportunities for Redevelopment

Possible Project Types:
- Residential Development Enhancements
- Station Town Square
- Pedestrian Connections
- Cultural/Community Venues
- Gateways to Downtown
- Library Plaza
- Other Public Spaces

Baldwin Mixed-Use Overlay District:
- MX-TOD: High Density, 75’
- MX-MRG: Med Density, 60’
- MX-CT: Low Density, 45’

EXAMPLE: Kingstonian Uptown Project

- Private developer seeking to develop 220,000 SF in 3 bldgs containing 132 units
- Funds would go towards pedestrian plaza, walking bridge, utility demolition & relocation
- Funds from DRI: $3,800,000
- Total Project Cost: $48,000,000

EXAMPLE: Hicksville Station Plaza

- 0.9 acre public plaza in front of the LIRR station.
- Funds would cover demolition, design, landscape, hardscape, and lighting.
- Funds from DRI: $1,500,000
- Total Project Cost: $3,452,000
GOAL 3

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**GOAL 4**

**Strengthen physical and economic resiliency**

*What is needed to support economic growth in downtown Baldwin? What are the priority areas for implementation of resilient infrastructure?*

**CONCEPT: Promote Resiliency and Retail Opportunities**

Previous Baldwin studies recommend implementation of green infrastructure along the Grand Avenue corridor.

Potential projects:

- Stormwater Tree Box
- Stormwater Planter
- Permeable Pavement and Street Tree Planting

**EXAMPLE: New Rochelle - Add Solar Panels to the Reconstructed Remington club**

- Provide solar panels to lower energy costs and contribute to sustainability.
- Funds would go towards the reconstruction of Remington Boys and Girls Club.
- Funds from DRI: $584,000
- Total Project Cost: $584,000

**EXAMPLE: Hicksville Small Business Development Fund**

- Town seeking to establish a loan and grant program to attract new businesses and allow existing businesses to make improvements
- Funds would go towards reimbursable grants
- Funds from DRI: $600,000
- Total Project Cost: $600,000

**Retail Diversity**

Based on Baldwin residents feedback:

- 24% would like to see new sit-down restaurants
- 17% more retail stores
- 11% more supermarkets
GOAL 4

Strengthen physical and economic resiliency

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