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Ms. Karen Utz
Regional Director
WNY REDC
95 Perry Street, Suite 500
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Re: **NYS Downtown Revitalization Initiative & New York Forward**
The Gateway Village Revitalization Initiative

Dear Ms. Utz:

The Hamburg IDA would like to support The Gateway Village Revitalization Initiative, which is being submitted for funding from the 2022 NYS DRI & NYF. The proposed project will incorporate the unique and innovative vision of the Town of Hamburg, Village of Blasdell, and Hamburg IDA with regards to economic development and revitalization. In addition, the implementation of The Gateway Village Revitalization Initiative will establish sustainable goals and leverage private investment for the much needed redevelopment of significant portions of Lake Avenue and South Park Avenue in the Village of Blasdell and the Town of Hamburg, which is one of the primary economic corridors into the cities of Lackawanna and Buffalo.

Additionally, the Town of Hamburg presented the Hamburg Lake Erie Waterfront DRI to the WNY REDC and ESD as part of the 2021 DRI-5 application process. Please note that The Gateway Village Revitalization Initiative is a strategic and targeted revision of component of the previous project, which is being funded through other sources. Moreover, The Gateway Village Revitalization Initiative is based on stakeholder collaboration, the revitalization of economic corridors, and development of public private partnerships.

Please contact me directly at (716) 648-4145 if you have any questions or if you require any additional information. Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Sean Doyle
Executive Director
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