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Town of Colonie Kicks Off Effort To Attract Green, High-Tech Industry To Lincoln Avenue Brownfield Site

LATHAM, NY - A new project being launched by the Town of Colonie Industrial Development Agency aims to attract high-tech industry and "green" infrastructure to a 370-acre area that is one of the few remaining industrial zones in the Town.

The Colonie Lincoln Avenue Revitalization Plan will focus on the potential for remediation of six industrial sites within the designated area under the state Brownfield Opportunity Area program.

A brownfield is real property, the redevelopment or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a contaminant. Under the Brownfield Opportunity Areas Program (BOA), the New York State Department of State provides financial and technical assistance to municipalities and community-based organizations.

A key component of the plan will be a public participation process, designed to build a community vision for the site and to attract business, institutional and residential partners from the surrounding area who will help determine its future uses.

"The Town is very pleased to be getting this process under way," said Town Supervisor Paula Mahan. "This brownfield revitalization planning will give us a terrific opportunity to build upon goals we've set out in the Colonie Comprehensive Plan as well as the Capital Region Economic Development Council Strategic Plan and other local and regional plans.

"In our comp plan, we identified the development of green infrastructure and the attraction of technology companies as two strategies that would help us attract and retain a workforce that will help us keep Colonie the safe, financial stable community we all want it to remain."

David MacLeod, revitalization specialist from the Department of State, noted that it will be important for the community to weigh in.



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"It will take community support to make this happen," he said. "The key is finding out what stakeholders want to see," he said.

To that end, a steering committee of community stakeholders is now being formed by Joseph LaCivita, Planning and Economic Development Director for the Town.

"The committee will bring together people representing homeowners, businesses, property owners, local institutions and relevant state agencies," said LaCivita. "We look forward to their guidance as we begin to explore what types of development would most benefit the area," he added.

The Town has retained the Albany Engineering & Planning firm of Barton & Loguidice, the PR firm of Courtney Strong Inc., and a Saratoga Springs-based economic development consulting firm, Camoin Associates, to complete a comprehensive land use assessment and analysis of existing conditions in the study area, including an economic and market trends analysis, to determine the range of realistic future uses and types of redevelopment projects that would be most successful in revitalizing the area.

Future benefits from the project are expected to include cleanup of contaminants that may enter tributaries leading to the Hudson River; new jobs; recreational space for Town residents; and mixed-use development along main thoroughfares in the area.

Information and meeting notices related to the project will be posted on the Town website, <http://www.colonie.org>.