



GOUVERNEUR NY FORWARD

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE | SEPT. 24, 2025

The Local Planning Committee (LPC) welcomes you to the Gouverneur NY Forward **Public Open House**. Share your ideas and help shape the future of downtown Gouverneur. Please provide input at one or more of the activity stations. If you have any questions about an activity, just ask a member of the project team.

PARTICIPANT GUIDE FOR ACTIVITY STATIONS

Station #1 – Project Overview: The what, why, who and how of NY Forward

Station #2 – Shaping Downtown’s Future: The vision, goals, and context for encouraging new investment downtown.

Station #3 – Identifying Priority Projects in Downtown Gouverneur: The process for collecting and evaluating project proposals.

Station #4 – Project Gallery: On each board, tell us which goals each project helps achieve and how the project will improve downtown*

Station #5 – Thinking About Public Spaces: On the maps, identify your ideas for public spaces in downtown. What improvements would you like to see and where. How are these spaces used already? What can be added?

Station #6 – Other Thoughts and Ideas: Have more to share? Write it down at this station!

Station #7 – Kids Table: This is a place for kids to be creative and share their ideas.

**Turn over for details on Gouverneur’s NY Forward goals*



NY Forward



Use the attached stickers to indicate which goal(s) each proposed project helps to achieve. The objective is to communicate to the LPC how the community feels each project can improve downtown and help meet the vision and goals put forth in the NY Forward process.

GOAL 1: STRENGTHEN & EXPAND THE LOCAL ECONOMY



Continue the momentum from the NY Forward grant awards and invest in downtown to bring all downtown storefronts into productive use by supporting building renovations, reducing barriers for small businesses, and enhancing/marketing the appeal and economic vitality of Gouverneur's historic downtown.



GOAL 2: ENHANCE QUALITY OF LIFE & COMMUNITY RESILIENCY

Improve public spaces, expand recreational opportunities, and strengthen downtown's role as a vibrant community hub.



GOAL 3: BECOME A REGIONAL DESTINATION

Attract visitors to downtown by promoting local businesses, cultural assets, and events.



GOAL 3: IMPROVE WALKABILITY AND CONNECTIONS DOWNTOWN

Create a safe, accessible, and connected network of sidewalks and walking paths that strengthen connections between key destinations.