

What does TRACY PLAZA

mean to

JAMESTOWN



The City of Jamestown Municipal Building (City Hall), located at 200 East Third Street, is the heart of the City perched on an open-spaced plaza where the community gathers for special and holiday events, memorial and religious recognitions. This facility was built in 1969-70 exemplifying the brutalist architectural style of that era. It has experienced 45 years of deterioration and is in dire need of repair and a transformation to the 21st century.



Over the past decade, the City has identified deficiencies, improved accessibility and visibility to the plaza features. One of the primary deficiencies is the plaza deck, which serves as the roof for the police and fire station below. The deck has been leaking in recent years causing damage and effecting the function of these operations. Due to the deteriorated state of the roofing components of the deck, preventative and corrective maintenance are expected to be on-going, potentially extensive, and costly.



Therefore, the next step is to revitalize and repair the plaza into a structurally efficient community destination highlighting the Veteran's Memorial, incorporating cutting edge green technology coupled with educational opportunities.



The objectives of the completed project are to correct deficiencies affecting the functionality of the facility, enhance accessibility, spur economic development, increase property values, improve City "walkability", reduce the urban "heat island" effect and improve stormwater management and water quality.



In order to achieve the strategic objectives proposed for this project, City officials have approved a \$1.2M from a recent bond issue, which will finance one-fourth of the repair cost. In November, Mayor Teresi presented an opportunity to elevate the project to Green Development status and possibly qualify for grant funding. The City has decided to seek state funding through the *New York State Environmental Facilities Corp. - Green Innovation Grant Program* as well as other qualifying funding sources. Pursuing grant opportunities will provide additional financial means to address repairs, while limiting the tax burden on our community. Accompanied by these inevitable repairs, funding will offer the opportunity to beautify the plaza into a green and environmentally sustainable community space. Furthering the goal to limit the tax burden on our community, the City is also reaching out to citizens and area business owners for community backing and financial support.

The City has recently completed the conceptual master plan design process for Tracy Plaza. *By clicking on the plans below you can view a narrative of the two concepts.*



Regardless of whether grant funding is secured, this project is necessary in order to repair the facility and avoid the potential of more expensive issues in the long term.

In order to strengthen our chances to receive State grant funding, it is crucial that we demonstrate in our application that the community supports this project - *not just financially but through vocalized and written support*. Part of the evaluation process will determine whether a project demonstrates community support by reviewing material submitted, which may include letters of support from the community, records of public meetings, and newspaper articles reinforcing the City's efforts to publicize and/or engage the community in project planning, etc.

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