

## Best Practices Report | transportation

### City of Glens Falls, NY/Community & Economic Development

Project Website: <http://www.agcny.org/>

Glens Falls NY

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Community Challenge

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#### NY Governor Cuomo Announces \$70 Million in Funding for 68 Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects; \$480,000 to Glens Falls School Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements

Best Practice  
implementation  
funding,  
implementation  
strategies,  
performance  
metrics,  
transportation  
choice

The City of Glens Falls has been allocated \$480,000 for the Fire Road, Crandall Park and Kensington Road Elementary School Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements.

Ed Bartholomew stated that today's announcement represents an important collaboration by the City of Glens Falls with Glens Falls School District, YMCA and the Adirondack Glens Falls Transportation Council which has resulted in a substantial and important safety project going forward..

This project recommended by the recently concluded "City's Community Challenge HUD Grant" will greatly enhance safety for bicyclists, pedestrians who walk, and ride in the Kensington School, Crandall Park YMCA / Fire Road area.

The improvements include new sidewalks, multi-use path and raised crosswalk along Kensington Road, Jerome Avenue and Fire Road in the City of Glens Falls, thus formally connecting several major and important pedestrian generators including an elementary school (K-4), YMCA and significant public park facilities with separate accommodations for pedestrians and bicyclist of all ages;

The estimated Project cost is \$575,000 to \$600,000 with 80% going from state funding and 20% from local matching funds.

5/1/2014

#### Glens Falls, NY, secures funds to implement its vision for downtown

Best Practice  
brownfields/land  
recycling,  
implementation  
funding, mixed-use  
development,  
transportation  
choice

The repurposing of a large portion of its hospital's surface parking lot with a new multi-use parking structure has already attracted a new mixed-use development adjoining the structure worth \$24 million. In addition to this grant outcome, Glens Falls has leveraged more than \$4 million in public funds to implement its other HUD Challenge grant recommendations, including: \$112,000 (two grants) to support Pruyne's Island multi-use trail development; \$150,000 to support Warren Street and South Street's Brownfield's redevelopment; \$3 million to support the Downtown multi-purpose parking structure; and \$675,000 to support a key downtown anchor- Glens Falls Civic Center.

7/3/2013

#### Glens Falls, NY receives Smart Growth and Sustainable Planning Award

Best Practice  
arts and culture,  
award, economic  
development,  
finance  
mechanisms,  
implementation  
funding,  
neighborhood/down  
town plan, plan  
adoption, policy  
change,  
transportation  
choice, zoning

The City of Glens Falls approved its [Downtown Vision and Development Strategy](#) in late June developed with support from HUD's Community Challenge Grant program. The [plan](#) identified arts and entertainment as a strong niche for Glens Falls to attract residents and tourists downtown. Well on its way to implementation, the City also approved bicycle and pedestrian recommendations, and is working on inclusionary zoning for workforce housing. Earlier this year, the City received \$500,000 in state economic development funds, which will be used for a mixed-use building with market rate apartments, office space, and parking in an infill location that's currently a parking lot.

<http://www.glensfallsdc.com/>

<http://www.piscompany.com/projects/view/?project=glens-falls-downtown-vision-development-strategy>



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