



Watertown City Council
Monday, June 12, 2023
7:00 p.m.

WORK SESSION AGENDA

The City Council meeting will be held in City Council Chambers, 245 Washington Street, Watertown, NY and is open to the public.

Discussion Items:

1. American Rescue Plan Act Appropriations

Presenters:

Kenneth A. Mix, City Manager

James E. Mills, City Comptroller

2. Potential Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) Projects

Presenter:

Michael A. Lumbis, Planning & Community Development Director

June 8, 2023

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Kenneth A. Mix, City Manager
Subject: American Rescue Plan Act Appropriations

This is an update of my May 19, 2023, memo on the same subject. Attached is a spreadsheet of projects that the City Council has approved for use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. There is also a simplified list of the projects with totals. The project amounts have been fluid and change as actual costs come in.

There are 57 projects approved by the City Council for ARPA funding. The total for all these projects over-subscribes the ARPA program by \$3,463,625.68. This includes \$735,000 worth of projects added to the FY 2023-24 Budget in anticipation that some of the previously approved projects will not be done. While the Proposed Budget was being prepared and later, the cost of projects that were underway increased in cost. For example, there have been significant increases for the Streetscape Project and Grant/Henry/Seward Streets. The increases in cost total \$2.7 million, which is also included in the above total.

During the Work Session we plan to discuss the projects to determine whether some or all of them should be funded from a different source, delayed, or eliminated. Fund Balance, Capital Reserve or borrowing are funding alternatives.

We are recommending that the Council consider using ARPA funds for the Disinfection By-Product (DBP) Project. This is the only money we can use for that project outside of the Water Fund and grants. The Council can then decide on funding alternatives, if any, for the other displaced projects. \$5 million is available for DBP use, if the Ohio Street Water, Winslow Street Water and Burlington Street Water and Storm Sewer Projects continue as ARPA projects.

\$3.5 million has to be taken out of ARPA to start with. Then up to \$5 million needs to come out if the Council agrees to use it for DBP.

ARPA Projects (6/8/23)

ARPA Allocation \$ **22,265,728.00**

Black - Budgeted

Red - Committed (Contracted or Complete)

Projects with Appropriations

Arsenal Street Parking Lot	\$	175,000.00
Burlington	\$	430,000.00
Bus Relocation Design	\$	20,000.00
City Hall Second Floor Reconfiguration	\$	220,000.00
City Hall Preliminary Design	\$	84,411.60
DPW Facility Design	\$	200,000.00
Grant/Henry/Seward	\$	2,762,954.00
Fire Driveway Apron	\$	120,000.00
Fire Storage	\$	45,000.00
Franklin/Court Streetscape	\$	2,091,193.97
Hydro Concrete Repair	\$	164,389.67
Library Cornice	\$	55,000.00
Library Roof	\$	165,000.00
Parks - Arena Event Lights	\$	7,500.00
Parks - Arena Sound System	\$	55,000.00
Parks - Baseball Clubhouse Renovations	\$	50,000.00
Parks - Baseball Scoreboard	\$	92,047.62
Parks - Black River Factory Square Park Trail	\$	100,000.00
Parks - Black River Vegetation Management	\$	100,000.00
Parks - Flynn Pool	\$	305,625.26
Parks - Flynn Pool	\$	444,374.74
Parks - Football Scoreboard	\$	26,597.61
Parks - Football Sound System	\$	20,000.00
Parks - Grandstand Masonry	\$	55,000.00
Parks - Grandstand Steel Repair	\$	119,605.27
Parks - Kostyk Field Fence	\$	9,998.00
Parks - Recreation Needs Assessment		
Parks - Thompson Park Buckthorn	\$	36,744.00
Parks - Thompson Park Renovation (\$4,250,000)	\$	3,636,000.00
Master Plan	\$	135,000.00
Pinnacle Masonry	\$	34,000.00
Disc Golf	\$	45,000.00
Golf Cart Storage	\$	350,000.00
Trail Groomer	\$	50,000.00
Parks - Zoo- Phase 1 Design	\$	75,000.00
Parks - Zoo Phase 1	\$	1,000,000.00
Salt Storage Facility	\$	300,000.00
Sewer - Harrison Street	\$	433,429.07

Shooting Range	\$	55,000.00
Sidewalk Program		2,134,060.00
Stormwater - CCIP	\$	193,826.12
Storm Sewer Master Plan	\$	201,600.00
Stormwater Metering	\$	125,500.00
Town Clock	\$	165,000.00
Tree Planting	\$	49,817.82
Tree Pruning and Management	\$	66,950.00
Vanduzzee Street Bridge	\$	711,065.52
Water - Pipes & Fittings	\$	971,789.03
Water - Barben/Holcomb/Bugbee/East	\$	1,757,408.13
Water - Coagulation Basin Generator	\$	460,848.39
Water - East Reservoir Relining	\$	500,000.00
Water - Ohio Street	\$	69,555.50
Water - Ohio Street	\$	830,444.50
Water - Pratt Street & Sherman	\$	1,022,304.08
Water - Thompson Street & Division East	\$	1,008,058.80
Water - Tilden Street	\$	318,741.82
Water - Winslow Street	\$	70,970.00
Water - Winslow Street	\$	929,030.00
WTP - Admin Masonry	\$	73,513.16
TOTAL	\$	25,729,353.68
Balance	\$	(3,463,625.68)

ARPA Allocation

\$ 22,265,728.00

	Original Budget	Adjusted Budget	Paid-to-Date	Balance of Commitments	Project Total	City Council Approval	Contracts Awarded
COMPLETED PROJECTS							
Thompson Park Buckthorn Removal	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 36,744.00	\$ 36,744.00	\$ -	\$ 36,744.00	Re-adopted FY 21/22 General Fund Budget - 3/21/22, resolution #17	B&R Tree Experts LLC, 6/6/22 resolution #14, \$36,744
Harrison Street - Storm and Sanitary Sewer Mains	\$ 475,000.00	\$ 433,429.07	\$ 433,429.07	\$ -	\$ 433,429.07	Re-adopted FY 20/21 Sewer Fund Budget - 5/3/21, resolution #5	JL Excavation LLC, 5/3/21 resolution #4, \$451,461.18 JL Excavation LLC, 2/22/22 resolution # 4, change order #1 credit, (\$18,089.67)
Tree Planting	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 49,817.82	\$ 49,817.82	\$ -	\$ 49,817.82	Re-adopted FY 21/22 General Fund Budget - 9/7/21, resolution #5	
Tilden Street Water Main	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 318,741.82	\$ 318,741.82	\$ -	\$ 318,741.82	Re-adopted FY 21/22 Capital Budget - 9/7/21, resolution #4	Edge Civil Corp, 4/19/21 resolution #5, \$363,582 Edge Civil Corp, change order #1, 2/7/22, (credit of \$44,994.38)
Water Treatment Plant - Administration Building Masonry	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 73,513.16	\$ 73,513.16	\$ -	\$ 73,513.16	Adopted FY 21/22 Capital Budget page 319	Charles T. Driscoll Masonry Restoration Co. Inc., 3/7/22 resolution #2, \$72,700
COMPLETED PROJECTS TOTALS	\$ 1,055,000.00	\$ 912,245.87	\$ 912,245.87	\$ -	\$ 912,245.87		

ACTIVE PROJECTS							
Franklin St./Court St. Streetscape	\$ 1,775,000.00	\$ 2,091,193.97	\$ 748,858.96	\$ 1,342,335.01	\$ 2,091,193.97	Re-adopted FY 21/22 Capital Budget - 3/7/22, resolution #7	CCI Companies Inc., 6/6/22 resolution #11, \$3,647,704.75 of which ARPA was to fund \$1,775,000 Barton & Loguidice, 6/20/22, resolution #6, \$106,100 D.E.W. Builders, 3/6/23 resolution #2, \$140,062 National Grid, 5/1/23 resolution #7, \$28,348.31 National Grid vault electric work \$21,071.24 CCI Companies change order #1, 6/5/23 resolution #14, \$20,612.42
Flynn Pool	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 276,885.26	\$ 473,114.74	\$ 750,000.00	Re-adopted FY 21/22 Capital Budget - 1/18/22, resolution #5	C&S Companies, 2/22/22 resolution #10, \$13,850 CCI Companies, 8/1/22 resolution #5, \$4,300 CCI Companies, 11/7/22 resolution #11 \$287,400
Zoo- Phase 1 Design	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 31,500.00	\$ 43,500.00	\$ 75,000.00	Re-adopted FY 21/22 General Fund Budget - 3/21/22, resolution #18	Public Benefit Services Agreement with Thompson Park Conservancy for zoo master plan phase I, 5/16/22 resolutio #3, \$75,000
Burlington Street	Storm Sewer	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	Re-adopted FY 21/22 Capital Budget - 9/20/21, resolution #7	Aubertine and Currier, 5/1/23 resolution #1, \$170,500
	Water Main	\$ 280,000.00	\$ 280,000.00	\$ -	\$ 170,500.00		
Stormwater Metering	\$ 125,500.00	\$ 125,500.00	\$ 87,257.00	\$ 38,243.00	\$ 125,500.00	Re-adopted FY 21/22 General Fund Budget - 4/18/21, resolution #7	GHD, 4/18/22 resolution #6, \$125,500
Barben Ave. / Holcomb St. / Bugbee Dr. Water Mains	\$ 1,400,000.00	\$ 1,527,408.13	\$ 87,089.13	\$ 1,440,319.00	\$ 1,527,408.13	Re-adopted FY 21/22 Capital Budget - 9/7/21, resolution #4	GYMO, 4/18/22 resolution #5, \$130,000 Edge Civil Corp., 4/17/23 resolution #14, \$1,597,319 (includes East St)
Water - Coagulation Basin Generator	\$ 530,000.00	\$ 460,848.39	\$ 33,917.53	\$ 426,930.86	\$ 460,848.39	Adopted FY 21/22 Capital Budget page 320	Jade Stone Engineering contract not presented to City Council, \$36,950 John R. Dudley Construction, 8/15/22, resolution #13, \$389,000 John R. Dudley change order #1, 12/19/22, resolution #3, (credit of \$116,305) and add National Grid (\$151,135.86)
Division St. East Water Main	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 504,029.40	\$ 242,046.53	\$ 261,982.87	\$ 504,029.40	Re-adopted FY 21/22 Capital Budget - 9/7/21, resolution #4	Barton and Loguidice, 5/16/22 resolution #7, \$49,500 Edge Civil Corp., 10/3/22 resolution #5, \$914,790 (includes Thompson St.) Edge Civil Corp, 4/17/23 resolution # 16 change order credit (\$5,885)
East Street Water Main	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 230,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 210,000.00	\$ 230,000.00	Re-adopted FY 21/22 Capital Budget - 9/7/21, resolution #4	GYMO, 4/4/22 resolution #9, \$30,000 Edge Civil Corp., 4/17/23 resolution #14, \$1,597,319 (includes Barben Ave/Bugbee Dr/Holcomb St)
Seward St. / Henry St. / Grant St.	Henry St./Grant St. Water Mains	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 628,307.00	\$ -	\$ 628,307.00	Re-adopted FY 21/22 Capital Budget - 9/7/21, resolution #4	
	Grant Street - Storm Sewer Main	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 464,852.00	\$ -	\$ 464,852.00	FY 22/23 Capital Budget page 325	BCA Architects and Engineers, 12/20/21 resolution #18, \$218,000
	Grant Street - Street	\$ 345,258.00	\$ 1,217,271.00	\$ -	\$ 1,217,271.00	FY 22/23 Capital Budget page 325	Luck Bros., 4/17/23 resolution # 11, \$2,881,204.50 + Alternate #1, \$521,999
	Grant St - Sidewalk	\$ -	\$ 52,604.00	\$ -	\$ 52,604.00	FY 22/23 Capital Budget page 325	
	Seward Street - Water Main	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 193,108.30	\$ 6,891.70	Re-adopted FY 21/22 Capital Budget - 9/20/21, resolution #7	BCA Architects and Engineers (construction inspection) resolution #11, \$295,000
	Seward Street - Street	\$ -	\$ 199,920.00	\$ -	\$ 199,920.00	Re-adopted FY 22/23 Capital Budget - 4/17/23, resolution #12	
Ohio Street Water Main	\$ 900,000.00	\$ 900,000.00	\$ 61,125.00	\$ 8,430.50	\$ 69,555.50	Re-adopted FY 21/22 Capital Budget - 9/7/21, resolution #4	Aubertine and Currier, 3/21/22 resolution #3, \$69,555
Pratt St. and Sherman St. Water Mains	\$ 1,040,000.00	\$ 1,022,304.08	\$ 49,766.58	\$ 972,537.50	\$ 1,022,304.08	Re-adopted FY 21/22 Capital Budget - 9/7/21, resolution #4	GHD, 4/4/22 resolution #8, \$82,700 Edge Civil Corp., 4/3/23 resolution #9, \$939,520.00

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Thompson Street Water Main	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 504,029.40	\$ 471,812.45	\$ 32,216.95	\$ 504,029.40	Re-adopted FY 21/22 Capital Budget - 9/7/21, resolution #4	Barton and Loguidice, 5/16/22 resolution #7, \$49,500 Edge Civil Corp., 10/3/22 resolution #5, \$914,790 (includes Divisidion St. E) Edge Civil Corp, 4/17/23 resolution # 16 change order credit, (\$5,885)
Winslow Street Water Main	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 62,540.00	\$ 8,430.00	\$ 70,970.00	Re-adopted FY 21/22 Capital Budget - 9/7/21, resolution #4	Aubertine and Currier, 3/21/22 resolution #4, \$69,555
Water - Ductile Iron Pipe	\$ -	\$ 441,787.20	\$ 370,669.82	\$ 71,117.38	\$ 441,787.20	Part of water main replacement projects	Ferguson Waterworks Inc., 1/18/22 resolution #7, \$393,957.20 Ferguson Waterworks, Inc., change order #1, 4/18/22 resolution #15, \$31,000 Ferguson Waterworks Inc., 4/3/23 resolution #10, \$16,830.00 of \$183,117.84
Water - Ductile Iron Pipe Fittings	\$ -	\$ 530,001.83	\$ 362,256.90	\$ 167,744.93	\$ 530,001.83	Part of water main replacement projects	Ferguson Waterworks Inc., 3/7/22 resolution #1, \$108,407.70 Ferguson Waterworks Inc., 4/3/23 resolution #10, \$166,287.84 of \$183,117.84 Blair Supply, 7/5/22, resolution #4 , \$222,536.41 Interport Maintenance Co. (storage container) 7/20/22, \$5,585.00 Blair Supply, 8/18/22, PO #202201838, \$6,561.58 Core & Main LP, 10/19/22, PO #20220244, \$20,056.50 Blair Supply, 2/13/23, PO #202300280, \$566.80
Stormwater - City Center Industrial Park	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 193,826.12	\$ 162,664.63	\$ 31,161.49	\$ 193,826.12	Re-adopted FY 21/22 Capital Budget - 6/6/22, resolution #13	Aubertine & Currier, 9/6/22; resolution #3, \$13,090 Cunningham Excavation, 11/7/22 resolution #16, \$168,777 Aubertine & Currier, 11/17/22 resolution #17, \$11,870
City Hall 2nd Floor Reconfiguration	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 220,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	FY 22/23 Capital Budget page 300	
City Hall Preliminary Design	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 84,411.60	\$ -	\$ 84,411.60	\$ 84,411.60	FY 22/23 General Fund Budget page 57 - A.1440.0430	GYMO, 4/16/23 resolution #1, \$84,411.60
Hydro-electric Facility Concrete Repair	\$ 320,000.00	\$ 164,389.67	\$ -	\$ 164,389.67	\$ 164,389.67	FY 22/23 Capital Budget page 299	On Point Excavation,& Consulting, LLC, 5/15/23 resolution #12, \$165,389.67
Fairgrounds Grandstand Steel Repair	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 119,605.27	\$ 119,605.26	\$ 0.01	\$ 119,605.27	FY 22/23 Capital Budget page 305	Mattessich Iron LLC, 10/3/22 resolution #4, \$100,985
Fairgrounds Football Scoreboard	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 26,597.61	\$ 24,097.61	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 26,597.61	FY 22/23 Capital Budget page 303	Mattessich Iron LLC, change order #1, 1/17/23 resolution #1, \$18,545
Fairgrounds Baseball Scoreboard	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 92,047.62	\$ 89,547.62	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 92,047.62	FY 22/23 Capital Budget page 302	Toth's Sports, 11/21/22 resolution #5, \$26,550
Kostyk Field Fence	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 9,998.00	\$ -	\$ 9,998.00	\$ 9,998.00	FY 22/23 General Fund Budget page 157 - A.7140.0250	Toth's Sports, 11/21/22 resolution #5, \$92,000
Vanduzee Street Bridge	\$ 550,000.00	\$ 711,065.52	\$ 83.02	\$ 710,982.50	\$ 711,065.52	FY 22/23 Capital Budget page 322	Nicolas Washburn
Storm Sewer Master Plan	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 201,600.00	\$ 98,001.00	\$ 103,599.00	\$ 201,600.00	FY 22/23 Capital Budget page 327	Vector Construction Corp, 4/17/23 resolution #2, \$720,982.50 C&S Engineers, 4/17/23 resolution #3, \$90,000 General Fund contributing \$100,000 from FY 2021-22 budget
Thompson Park Renovation - Pavillion Cost Over-run	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 34,000.00	\$ -	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 34,000.00	FY 22/23 Capital Budget page 309	Heritage Masonry Restoration, 9/19/22 resolution #1, \$16,500 of \$191,500
Thompson Park Renovation - Master Plan	\$ 135,000.00	\$ 135,000.00	\$ 122,924.98	\$ 12,075.02	\$ 135,000.00	FY 22/23 Capital Budget page 309	Heritage Masonry change order #1, 6/5/23 resolution #10, \$17,500
ACTIVE PROJECTS TOTALS	\$ 12,605,758.00	\$ 15,347,597.81	\$ 3,715,757.58	\$ 9,392,865.73	\$ 13,108,623.31		Starr Whitehouse, 7/18/22 resolution #3, \$135,000

PROJECTS NOT STARTED							
Tree Pruning and Management	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 66,950.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Re-adopted FY 21/22 General Fund Budget - 9/20/21, resolution #6	
Water - East Reservoir Relining	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Adopted FY 21/22 Capital Budget page 320	
Bus Relocation Design	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	FY 22/23 Capital Budget page 293	
Arena Event Lights	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	FY 22/23 General Fund Budget page 177 - A.7265.0465	
Fairgrounds Clubhouse Renovations	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	FY 22/23 Capital Budget page 304	
Recreation Needs Assessment	\$ 80,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	FY 22/23 General Fund Budget page 147 - A.7020.0430	
Salt Storage Facility	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	FY 22/23 Capital Budget page 295	
DPW Facility Design	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	FY 22/23 Capital Budget page 294	
Arsenal Street Parking Lot	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 175,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	FY 22/23 Capital Budget page 306	
Thompson Park Renovation	\$ 3,636,000.00	\$ 3,636,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	FY 22/23 Capital Budget page 309	
Zoo Phase 1	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	FY 22/23 Capital Budget page 310	
Black River Parks & Trails - Factory Square Park to Factory St	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	FY 22/23 Capital Budget page 308	

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Black River Parks & Trails - Vegetation Management	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	FY 22/23 General Fund Budget page 152- A.7110.0430 (re-appropriated in PROPOSED FY 23/24 General Fund Budget A.7110.0430)	
Sidewalk Program	\$ 2,134,060.00	\$ 2,134,060.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	FY 22/23 Capital Budget page 324	
Police Shooting Range Safety Upgrades and Propane Generator	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	PROPOSED FY 23/24 General Fund Budget A.3120.0250	
Thompson Park Trail Groomer	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	PROPOSED FY 23/24 General Fund Budget A.7110.0250	
Athletic Facilities - Football Field Sound System	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	PROPOSED FY 23/24 General Fund Budget A.7140.0250	
Arena Sound System Upgrade	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	PROPOSED FY 23/24 Capital Budget	
Town Clock Restoration and Repair	\$ 165,000.00	\$ 165,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	PROPOSED FY 23/24 Capital Budget	
Fire - Emma Flower Fire Station Storage Building Conceptual Plan	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	PROPOSED FY 23/24 Capital Budget	
Fire - Emma Flower Fire Station Front Apron Replacement	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 120,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	PROPOSED FY 23/24 Capital Budget	
Fairgrounds Grandstand Split Face Concrete Masonry Unit Repair/Restoration	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	PROPOSED FY 23/24 Capital Budget	
Thompson Park Golf Cart Pre-Engineered Metal Storage Building	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 350,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	PROPOSED FY 23/24 Capital Budget	
Thompson Park Disc Golf Course	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	PROPOSED FY 23/24 Capital Budget	
Library Roof	\$ 165,000.00	\$ 165,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	PROPOSED FY 23/24 Capital Budget	
Library Cornice Repointing	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	PROPOSED FY 23/24 Capital Budget	
PROJECTS NOT STARTED TOTALS	\$ 9,532,560.00	\$ 9,469,510.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
TOTAL	\$ 23,193,318.00	\$ 25,729,353.68	\$ 4,628,003.45	\$ 9,392,865.73	\$ 14,020,869.18		
Balance - (over allocated) / funds remaining	\$ (927,590.00)	\$ (3,463,625.68)			\$ 8,244,858.82	Balance to commit/spend	

June 9, 2023

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Michael A. Lumbis, Planning and Community Development Director

Subject: Potential Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) Projects

Attached for City Council review is a listing of projects that could be potential grant applications during the upcoming Consolidated Funding Application process through New York State. All the projects are identified in recently completed or in process planning documents including the Downtown-Riverfront Parks Connection Feasibility Study, the draft Local Waterfront Revitalization Program and the Thompson Park Master Plan.

LaBella Associates, the City's grant writer, is reviewing the proposed projects and will be providing a report for the City that will rank the various projects based on the likelihood of them being funded.

Potential Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) Projects

Downtown - Riverfront Connection through the J.B. Wise Parking Lot

This project involves the design and construction of an enhanced connection between downtown and the riverfront. The project will improve pedestrian access through the J.B. Wise Parking Lot and across Black River Parkway by strengthening physical linkages with a cohesive design and materials, improved lighting, wayfinding signage, landscaping, and artistic elements. This is a priority project in the City's Downtown-Riverfront Parks Connection Feasibility Study.

Howk Street Gateway Enhancement

This project involves the creation of a gateway entrance to the Newell Street waterfront district by improving pedestrian areas with new sidewalks, brick pavers, street trees and lighting to create an attractive environment. Additionally, the street will potentially be converted to a one-way street with parallel parking provided along the western side and a protected bike lane added on the eastern side. This is a priority project in the City's Downtown-Riverfront Parks Connection Feasibility Study.

Route 3 Fishing Dock Replacement, Accessible Boat Launch Installation and Trail Development Project

This project would involve the repair and/or replacement of the Watertown Rotary Club's accessible fishing dock and the installation of a new fully accessible canoe and kayak boat launch along the Black River near Huntington Island. The project would also enhance the parking area and include trail development and viewing areas along the Black River.

Thompson Park - Black River Trail Connection Phase 1

This project includes the construction of approximately 2,850 linear feet of 10' wide asphalt trail along Olmsted Drive in Thompson Park. The project would connect the existing trail system within Thompson Park along the North Entrance Drive to Parkstead Apartments located at the intersection of Shippee Drive and Olmsted Drive. The trail would provide access to the 429-acre park from the adjacent neighborhood and a 31 building, 120-unit housing development and would be the first phase of improvements that would connect Thompson Park to the regional Black River Trail system.

East Bluff Trailhead and Parking Enhancement Project

This project would involve the development of trailhead facilities and a 70-space parking lot in the East Bluff Area of Thompson Park. The East Bluff area of Thompson Park is historically an underutilized area of the park and the trailhead, parking lot and trail enhancements would improve access for park users to over 60 acres of land. It would also complement planned improvements by Zoo New York to create an Adventure Course in the same area.

Thompson Park West Entrance Drive Trail and Pedestrian Enhancement

This project would involve the construction of an approximately 3,200' trail along the West Entrance Drive of Thompson Park from Gotham Street to the existing paved trail system near Tower Square. It could include a small parking area along West Entrance Drive that would serve as a trailhead for some of the recently improved trails in the area and would provide pedestrian access to an underutilized area of the park.

Thompson Park Historic Structure Restoration

This project would involve the renovation of several historic stone structures in Thompson Park including the men's and women's restrooms. The restroom renovations would include new plumbing and fixtures and upgrades to make the facilities fully accessible. The floor of the main pavilion would also be resurfaced and would include repairs to the drainage system. Finally, the old pool bath house would be renovated and repurposed into a visitor's center/museum for Thompson Park.

Thompson Park Amphitheater

This project would create a permanent outdoor theater with approximately 250 seats along with a comfort station and parking, using the natural topography of the park near the west outlook. This would allow for the expansion of cultural and educational opportunities within the park.