

Kirkland Ventures

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is happening in the Kirkland community?

Something very exciting. For the first time in our 200 year-plus history, all parts of the Kirkland community have come together to plan our shared future. The town supervisor, the village mayor, the superintendent of schools, and the college president met and agreed to proceed with this united effort, with faith and understanding that the strength and efficiency of cooperation will benefit all.

What is the goal of this effort?

The goal of this project is to improve the quality of life while expanding the tax base. In short, a community that is able to more effectively compete with other parts of our nation and the world – a community that is better able attract people to live, work, and visit and better able to offer opportunity, especially to younger people.

Who leads this effort?

On September 3 the citizens' group called Kirkland Ventures turned over its work to a steering committee of seven: the town supervisor, the village mayor, the superintendent of schools, the college president, the executive vice-president of the chamber, an official with Mohawk Valley EDGE, and a representative from the original citizens' group.

What does Kirkland Ventures do?

The purpose of Kirkland Ventures is to facilitate the creation, implementation and updating of a Community Development Plan (the Plan) for the Kirkland Community, which includes the Town of Kirkland, the Village of Clinton, the Clinton Central School District, Hamilton College, and the hamlets of Clark Mills, Franklin Springs and Kirkland.

How will Kirkland Ventures accomplish the creation of the Plan?

Kirkland Ventures, with monetary and in-kind support of the village, the town, the schools, the chamber, and Hamilton College, as well as individuals and businesses, has contracted out the work of preparing the Plan by December 31, 2008. Frederick H. Hager, a local resident and planning consultant, is facilitating and managing the project that will lead to the Plan.

What form will the Plan take?

The Plan will be a prioritized list of potential projects, estimated costs and/or savings for each, and potential funding sources.

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Who belongs to Kirkland Ventures?

Although the steering committee consists of seven individuals, Kirkland Ventures actually is made up of all who hold a stake in the future of our community.

How can a stakeholder get involved in Kirkland Ventures?

There are many ways you, the stakeholder, can be involved. Offer to share your talents by helping with one or more of the Focus Areas (Economic Development, Quality of Life, Good Government, Financial Management, Stakeholder Communication, Education, External Marketing, Branding and PR, and Grant Writing and New Sources of Revenue.) Serve on one of the Community Action Teams (CATs) that are being formed to study and address specific parts of each Focus Area. Attend the public forums and engage your neighbors in discussions about our community and its future. Let your ideas, hopes, and dreams for our community be known.

How can a citizen find out more about the work of Kirkland Ventures?

Log onto www.kirklandcommunity.com to get updates on the work and find out what your neighbors are saying at committee meetings and community forums.

What does Kirkland Ventures say to the stakeholders of the community?

Be part of the Plan. Be part of our shared future.