

**2009-10 Community and Transportation Linkage Planning Program
Funded Studies**

**Albany County/Town of Colonie/Town of Guilderland:
Railroad Avenue Corridor Study**

CDTC will assist Albany County and the two towns with a consultant effort to develop an access and improvement plan for the Railroad Avenue corridor. With its proximity to I-90, Albany NanoTech, and the University at Albany, the study partners are confident that support industries will look towards Railroad Avenue as a prime location in the region to service the emerging technology sector. To encourage revitalization, the study partners will be developing and implementing a plan that will modernize the existing developed areas and change the industrial image of the area to promote redevelopment. The plan will identify roadway, bicycle and pedestrian improvements along Railroad Avenue and multi-modal connections to the University at Albany/Albany NanoTech area and the transit routes along Central Avenue. The plan will be coordinated with the Fuller Road Reconstruction project. The plan will also identify redevelopment opportunities in the Empire Zone related to the Railroad Avenue corridor.

Consultant Total: \$50,000 (\$37,500 federal, \$12,500 local cash match [\$5,000 from Albany County, \$5,000 from Town of Colonie, \$2,500 from Town of Guilderland])

**City of Albany:
Albany Education District Enhancement Study**

CDTC will assist the City of Albany with a consultant study to create a redevelopment plan for the area known as the Albany Education District. This effort evolved out of the 2005 Midtown Colleges and University District Plan. The Study area is roughly bounded by South Main Avenue, Sherman Street, Englewood Place and Park Avenue, an area that includes Albany High School, The College of St. Rose, and the UAlbany Downtown Campus. The purpose of the plan is to identify transportation/land use projects and design standards to develop a safe and welcoming network of connections between transportation modes, commercial destinations, residences, places of work and schools. The ultimate goal is to stabilize, enhance and revitalize this important section of the City.

Consultant Total: \$95,000 (\$71,250 federal, \$23,750 local cash match)

**Town of Colonie/City of Watervliet/Village of Menands
Route 32 Redevelopment Plan**

CDTC will assist the two Towns and the City with a consultant study to create a redevelopment plan for the Route 32 Corridor, also known as Broadway and 3rd Avenue, from Route 378 to the

South Gate of the Watervliet Arsenal. This effort will 1) evaluate the bicycle and pedestrian environment to ensure safe crossings and facilities that support transit; 2) develop transportation concepts that would provide for more efficient movement of automobile traffic through the narrow cross section of Route 32 in Watervliet; 3) develop access management strategies for adjacent land uses; 4) develop strategies to increase commuter patronage to businesses in the corridor; 5) support Main Street style redevelopment of the corridor for mixed workforce housing and businesses and; 6) assess the Department of the Army's proposed reconfiguration of the South Gate to the Arsenal to ensure commuter and local traffic access through the Route 32/Broadway intersection is maintained.

Consultant Total: \$50,000 (\$37,500 federal, \$12,500 local cash match [\$7,000 from Town of Colonie, \$2,750 from Village of Menands, \$2,750 from City of Watervliet])

**Town of Sand Lake:
Hamlet Linkage Study**

CDTC will assist the Town of Sand Lake with a consultant study in the Hamlets of West Sand Lake, Averill Park and Sand Lake to help support the mix of residents and businesses by planning for future growth scenarios. The Comprehensive Plan for the Town calls for mixed use districts in each Hamlet with higher density housing in particular. This will be investigated as part of this study along with access management for the Route 43 and 66 corridors, bicycle and pedestrian connections, parking arrangements and development scenarios for currently undeveloped land in each Hamlet.

Consultant Total: \$55,000 (\$41,250 federal, \$13,750 local cash match)