

Past Troy DRI Community Engagement & Planning (2018-2021)

It is important to note that the 2022 Troy DRI Community Engagement Plan builds on significant work the City of Troy has undertaken over multiple years and several DRI proposals to establish the City’s DRI planning goals and identify potential projects that are ready and eligible for inclusion in the DRI program. The City has engaged a wide variety of local leaders and stakeholders, including residents, business owners, arts and cultural groups, the City Council and other elected officials, public agencies, and neighborhood associations in the decision-making process. Public meetings and community surveys ensured extensive public input. The City conducted over 40 meetings and focus groups, attended a dozen neighborhood and citywide meetings and met individually with potential project sponsors. Key stakeholder outreach involved the following organizations:

- Troy City Council
- Rensselaer County
- Troy LDC and IDA
- Troy Housing Authority
- RPI and Russell Sage College
- Troy Waterfront Farmers Market
- Troy Savings Bank Music Hall
- Community Service Providers: TRIP, Units House, CEO, etc.
- The Art Center of the Capital Region
- Troy 100 Forum
- Downtown BID
- Troy Cultural Alliance
- The Innovation Garage
- The Tech Valley Center of Gravity
- TAP, Inc.

SUMMARY OF DRI ENGAGEMENT	
DATE	EVENT
September 8, 2021	Presentation - Monument Square, Riverfront Park and the Riverwalk to almost 200 members of the community and the full City Council, with “Thunderous Applause”
August 30, 2021	Zoom presentation with Troy Neighborhood Action Coalition – 30 participants
March 9, 2021	Congress Bridge Study - 2 public meetings were held over Zoom with unanimous support of the Bridge Trail and conversion of Front Street to an improved Riverwalk Esplanade.
January 13, 2021	Over 400 respondents answered survey questions.
October 29, 2020	Public Meeting held at Oakwood Community Center and City Hall to discuss Hoosick redesign and Riverfront Trail and complete surveys.
October 23, 2020	Four meetings have been held with Housing Authority Tenants to discuss the Pennrose, LLC, Affordable Housing redevelopment of Taylor Apartments.
August 20, 2020	Resident Update on project.
July 25, 2020	Resident Meeting to discuss project.
February 27, 2020	Project Presentation to the Taylor Community.
November 7, 2019	Resident Engagement Meeting on project.
May 1-15, 2019	Meetings with potential development partners held.
May 14, 2019	2019 DRI Community Dialogue evaluated projects with 40 participants.
May 13, 2019	Troy 100 Forum reinforces need for public amenities in recruiting talent.
May 1, 2019	DRI Community Survey opened. 2019 DRI website and email posted.
May 1, 2019	City meets with NYSEDA to discuss sustainable energy for Monument Square.
April 30, 2019	The City leadership met to discuss approach to 2019 DRI application.
November 7, 2018	Community meeting for Troy Farmers Market Strategic Plan Meeting with 60 participants.
November 5, 2018	Monument Square final design presentation with over 100 participants.
June 18 – 21, 2018	Three workshops held to design monument square with over 200 participants.
June 20, 2018	City met with Troy Waterfront Farmers Market and CMOST.
May 29, 2018	Meeting with Velan Ventures to strategize incentives the DRI could support.
May 25, 2018	Three focus groups with residents to discuss ways to make Troy a great place to live, work and play. Over thirty residents participated in the sessions.
May 23, 2018	City Staff meetings with: Franklin Alley Project, TAP Inc.
May 22, 2018	Community meeting-60 participants reviewed concept & brainstormed projects.
May 21, 2018	Presentation about Innovation District and DRI proposal at Troy 2020 meeting.
April 4, 2018	City of Troy Public Art Plan Review.
April 3, 2018	Meeting with NYS HCR to discuss residential projects downtown.