

Section VIII Conclusion

The Town and Village of Pittsford are in a good position to greet the new millennium. The past century has evidenced tremendous change in this historic canal community. The community is preparing for the future by recognizing and strengthening its ties to the past.

This plan frames the tremendous opportunity that awaits Pittsford along the Erie Canal--an opportunity that has been developing for about two hundred years. This opportunity, however, will not be fully realized without a cooperative approach. An approach to “community building” which reinforces the fact that collaboration literally means working together. With this collaboration, a greater good can be achieved.

The plan clarifies opportunities for guiding the private sector while investing in the future of the community. Town and village governments too can use the plan to define capital and other programs that strengthen community assets in a way that enhances the quality of life for residents, while continuing to support a setting for appropriate business investments in Pittsford. Residents and civic organizations can each find an appropriate element of this plan, and help advance it to become a reality. Given this collaboration and cooperation, the future for the Erie Canal and the Town and Village of Pittsford will become as creative and as vital as its past.