



ONEIDA DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE

Supplemental Status Update

August 11, 2026

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Supplement to the March 17 report
and May-June monthly updates



What has changed since the March 17 report

Only material changes and current decision points are included.



Veterans Park

A cost-aligned 30% working scenario is ready for Council consideration.



Inactive awards

Devereaux and Lerman are no longer advancing as originally awarded; DOS is reviewing the replacement path.



Funding coordination coordination

Streetscape and AYSO remain tied to outside funding, scope alignment, and implementation planning.



Active delivery

Hotel Oneida, the Business Assistance Fund, and the planning/code update continue to advance.

This deck is designed to be modular.

The main slides provide a brief portfolio update. Detailed Veterans Park slides are placed after the Questions slide and can be used only if needed.

Sources: March 17, 2026 DRI Status Report; May and June 2026 Planning & Development monthly reports; current City project record.

DRI portfolio at a glance

Eight original State-selected projects — each now at a different implementation stage.



Downtown Streetscape

FUNDING + DESIGN

Outside funding outcomes remain major scope drivers.



Veterans Memorial Park Park

COUNCIL DECISION

30% working scope is cost-aligned to the DRI award.



AYSO Soccer Fields

SCOPE ALIGNMENT

Supplemental funding and site feasibility work continue.



Business Assistance Fund

IMPLEMENTATION

Projects span completion, construction, refinement, and closeout.



Hotel Oneida

ADVANCING

Demolition, financing, and construction sequencing remain active.



Devereaux Building

NOT PROCEEDING

No longer advancing as originally awarded; State review underway.



Lerman Building

NOT PROCEEDING

No longer advancing as originally awarded; State review underway.



Comp Plan + Form-Based Code

ACTIVE PLANNING

Committee and consultant-led public process are underway.

Status reflects City records and administrative updates available as of August 6, 2026. Replacement and reallocation actions remain subject to DOS review.

Public infrastructure projects

Design decisions remain closely tied to outside funding and implementation constraints.



DOWNTOWN STREETScape & ACCESSIBILITY

- DRI design work is being coordinated with broader roadway and accessibility improvements.
- House and Senate FY27 funding requests advanced through the appropriations process.
- The pending TAP outcome remains a major scope and phasing driver.
- Design is being paced to avoid duplicative work or major redesign.



AYSO SOCCER FIELDS

- 30% design and site planning remain active.
- The \$900,000 MPR request was not awarded.
- A \$200,000 NY Kicks supplemental request was submitted.
- FEMA/floodplain feasibility and restroom options remain under review.

Sources: March 17 report; May–June monthly reports; AYSO and Streetscape project coordination records.

Private investment and business assistance

Implementation continues through active construction, financing, scope refinement, and closeout.



HOTEL ONEIDA REDEVELOPMENT

- Interior demolition is substantially advanced.
- New windows, railings, and construction materials have been staged in the building.
- Financing and construction sequencing remain active coordination items.
- The City continues close monitoring because of the project’s size and downtown importance.



DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSISTANCE FUND



Completed projects

Several private reinvestment projects have reached completion.



Active construction

Other awards remain under construction and contractor coordination.



Scope refinement

Scopes are being revised where pricing or building conditions require adjustment.



Closeout and administration

MRB and City staff continue State compliance, reimbursement, and closeout work.

Sources: May and June 2026 Planning & Development monthly reports. Hotel image is an original DRI concept rendering.

Comprehensive Plan and Form-Based Code

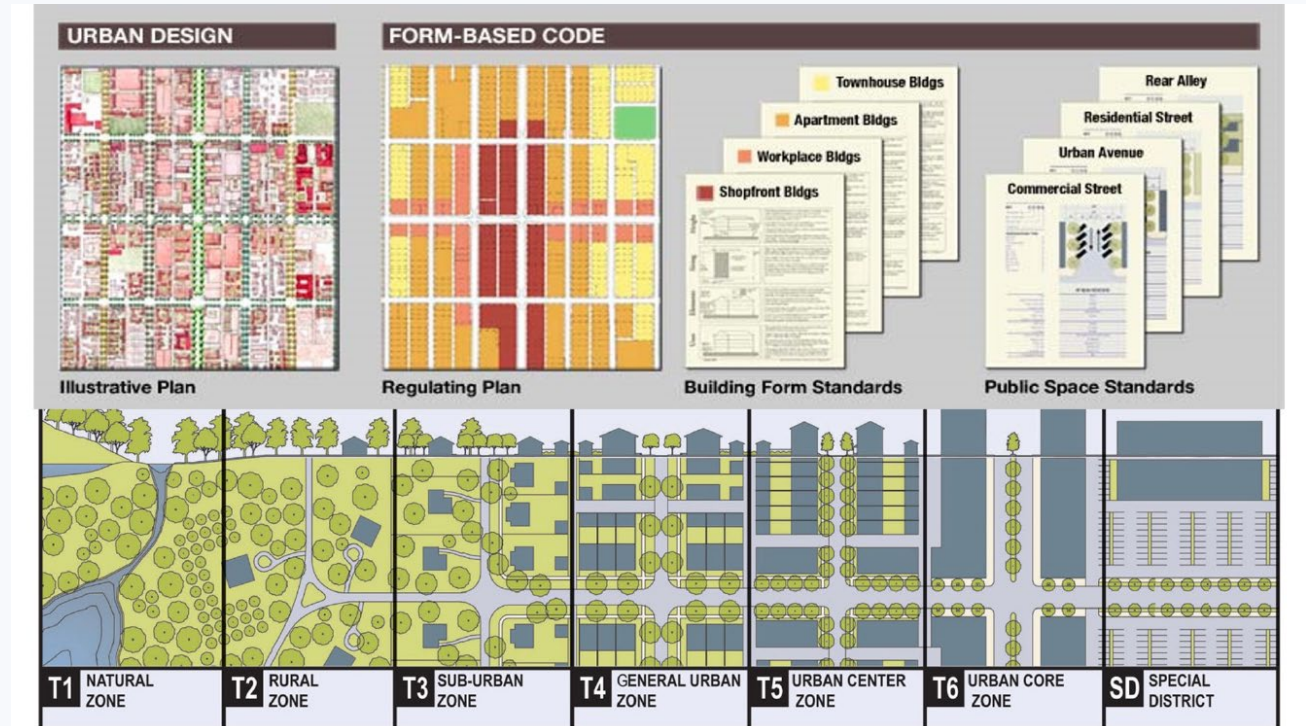
The long-term planning component is active and supports future DRI implementation.

ACTIVE CONSULTANT-LED PROCESS

What is underway

- Comprehensive Plan Committee launched and meeting monthly.
- Public engagement and community analysis are underway.
- The plan will update the City's long-term direction for housing, development, infrastructure, and quality of life.
- The Form-Based Code will translate that vision into modern land-use and development standards.

This work is both a DRI project and a platform for future investment.



Sources: March 17 report; June 2026 monthly report; B&L consultant work plan.

Two original private projects are no longer advancing as awarded

DOS is evaluating the proper reallocation process and eligible replacement priorities.



DEVEREAUX BUILDING

NOT PROCEEDING AS AWARDED

The original privately sponsored redevelopment is no longer moving forward under the awarded DRI structure.



LERMAN BUILDING

NOT PROCEEDING AS AWARDED

The original project is no longer advancing under the awarded structure and requires State-directed disposition.



SIP replacement priorities under review



Higinbotham Park

Pavilion / visitor kiosk priority from the original SIP.



Historic Kallet Theater

Repair and upgrade priority from the original SIP.

No final replacement scope or allocation has been approved.
DOS is evaluating how the City should proceed.

Sources: Current City administrative status; Oneida Strategic Investment Plan, Projects 1 and 9.

Veterans Memorial Park — current working status

30% design is cost-aligned to the State award and ready for a Council direction decision.



ORIGINAL DRI CONCEPT IMAGE

Status at preparation

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION SCHEDULED AUG. 11

Final design, State approval, bidding, and construction authorization would still follow.



Splash pad

\$657,913



Courts

\$77,168



Pool bathhouse

\$168,692



Core memorial

\$154,923

TOTAL \$1,058,696 — \$304 below the \$1,059,000 DRI award

Aircraft-specific acquisition, transport, mounting, foundation, crane, and installation remain privately funded.

Source: May 1, 2026 cost-aligned 30% working scenario and Veterans Memorial Park master evidence timeline.

What a 30% design vote does — and does not do

The decision provides collective project direction without skipping final design, State review, bidding, or contract award.



A YES vote would:

- Confirm the working scope and design direction.
- Provide a single, collective Council direction to administration and C&S.
- Allow the project to advance toward final design and DOS review.
- Preserve the current cost-aligned balance among the project components.



It would NOT:

- Award a construction contract.
- Approve the January \$1.76 million preliminary estimate.
- Commit DRI or taxpayer funds to the F-16 aircraft package.
- Lock final bid pricing before sealed plans and public procurement.

Source: State contract work plan; C&S 30% design scope; Veterans Memorial Park project record.

Program decisions and next steps

The portfolio will continue moving on several parallel tracks.



Council

- Consider Veterans Park 30% design direction.
- Provide formal collective direction where major scope changes are desired.



Department of State

- Review inactive awards and the eligible replacement process.
- Confirm final scope, contract, and approval requirements.



City + Consultants Consultants

- Advance final design after direction and funding clarity.
- Continue engineering, grant coordination, and implementation planning.



Planning

- Maintain monthly reporting and source records.
- Continue supplemental funding and project-partner coordination.

The City’s goal remains the same: move projects forward with clear scope, documented decisions, and compliance with State requirements.

Current City administrative status as of August 6, 2026.



Questions?



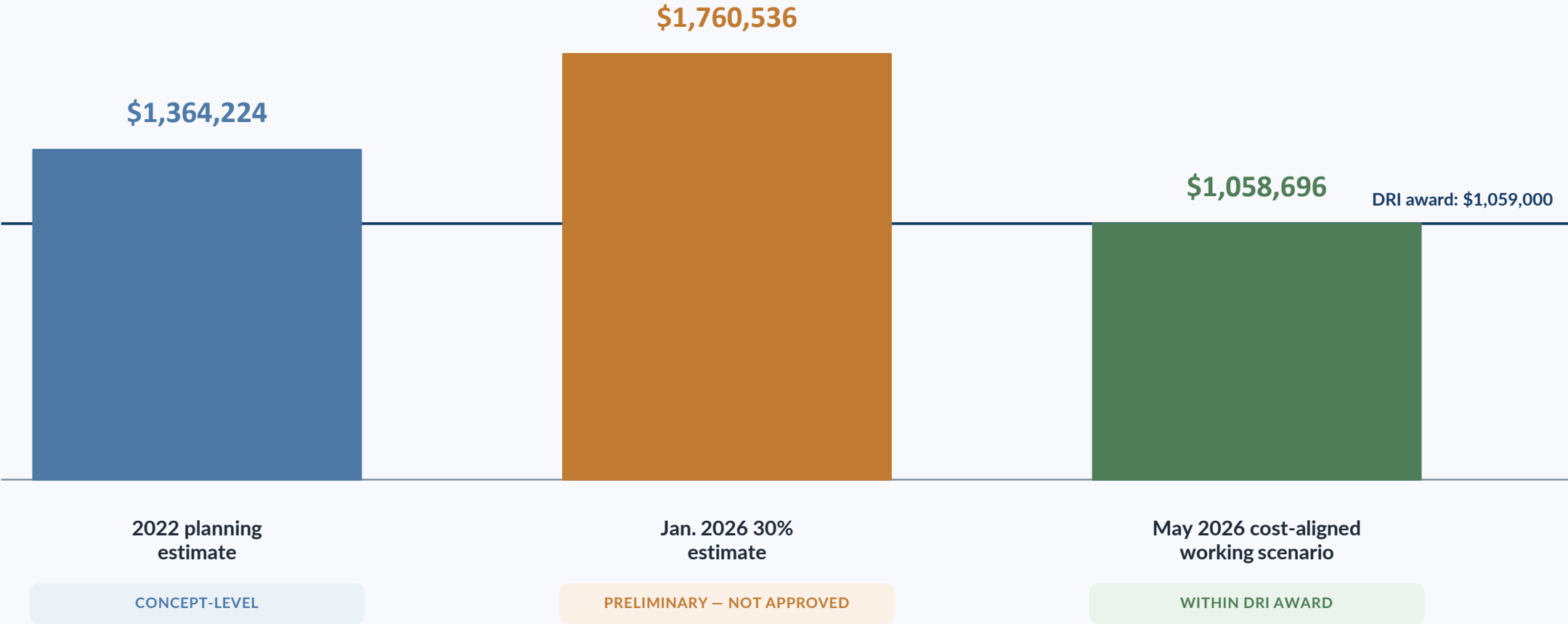
Supporting materials already available to Council and the public:

- March 17 comprehensive DRI status report
- May and June monthly departmental updates
- Veterans Memorial Park master evidence timeline
- Contracts, estimates, minutes, inspection records, and consultant responses

Veterans Park budget evolution

Three different project stages — not three approved construction contracts.

The January estimate did its job: it identified the affordability gap before final design, bidding, or construction authorization.



Sources: Cameron July 2022 estimate; C&S January 6, 2026 30% estimate; May 1, 2026 cost-aligned scenario.

Current Veterans Park scope

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The working scenario totals \$1,058,696 — approximately \$304 below the DRI award.



Splash pad

Flow-through; independent of pool filtration

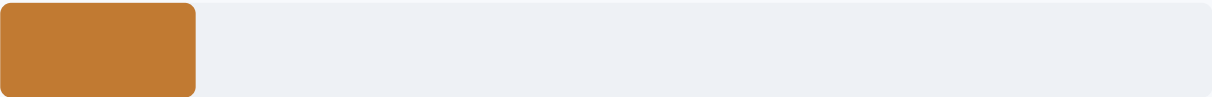


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Pool bathhouse

Reduced scope focused on pool complex

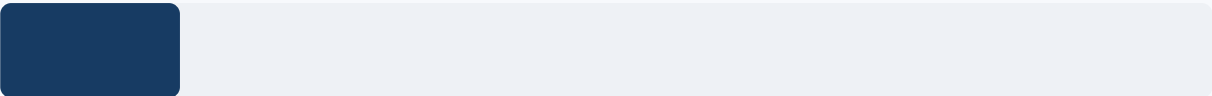


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Core memorial

Aircraft-independent DRI memorial

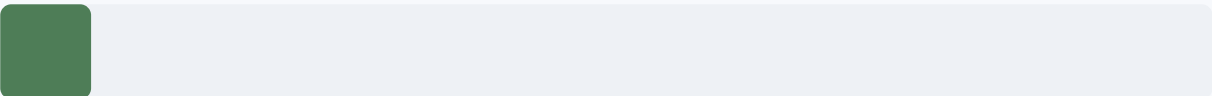


\$154,923



Courts

Tennis-to-pickleball + limited court work



\$77,168

Working total: \$1,058,696 | DRI award: \$1,059,000 | Remaining: approximately \$304

Source: May 1, 2026 cost-aligned 30% working scenario.

Memorial funding: public core + private aircraft package

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Two coordinated but financially separate packages.



DRI-FUNDED CORE MEMORIAL

\$154,923

- Complete and dignified without the aircraft
- Monuments and flag elements
- Accessible circulation and retained site work
- Subject to final design, State review, bidding, and Council authorization



PRIVATELY FUNDED AIRCRAFT PACKAGE PACKAGE

At least \$159,000 identified
Full amount still TBD

- Aircraft/vendor allowance: \$130,000
- Pedestal and aircraft-specific foundation: \$29,000
- Private package must also cover transport, preparation, crane, installation, engineering, and escalation

No DRI or taxpayer funding is intended to acquire, transport, mount, or install the F-16.

Sources: January 6 memorial estimate; March 23 City Manager direction; May 1 working scenario.

Why pool filtration replacement was removed

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The existing system was retained based on operations, project design, and independent inspection results.



Parks assessment

The existing sand-filtration system remained robust and functional, although labor intensive.



Splash pad design

The proposed splash pad is a separate flow-through system and does not rely on the pool filter.



Priority decision

Replacing functioning equipment was not prioritized while the project required value engineering.

June 17, 2026

MADISON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

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Swimming Pool Inspection Summary Report

Operation: HOWARD T CHATTAHOOCHEE MUNICIPAL POOL (ID: 281208)
Facility Name: HOWARD T CHATTAHOOCHEE MUNICIPAL POOL
Facility Code: 254715 Facility Email: jhawk@madisoncounty.com
Facility Address: North Main Street, Oneida, NY 13621

To the Attention of:
Justin Adler
CITY OF ONEIDA
217 Cedar Street
Oneida, NY 13621
Email: jadler@oneida.ny.gov

Pre-Op Inspection
Date: June 17, 2026 02:38 PM
Inspector: Christopher Paul [paul@madisoncounty.ny.gov]
Responsible Person: Luke Giff

Summary
Number of Public Health Hazards Found: 0
Number of Public Health Hazards NOT Corrected: 0
Number of Other Violations Found: 0
Reinspection is not required.

Each item found in violation is reported below along with the code requirement.

NO PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS REPORTED
NO NON-PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS REPORTED

Additional Information Collected During Inspection
Supervision Level at Time of Inspection: Not Observed at Time of Inspection
Temporary Residence / Campground: No

Water Chemistry

Disinfectant: Chlorine	Combined Cl ₂ (mg/L)	1
Free Cl ₂ (mg/L)	7.4	80
pH	7.4	80
Pool Water Temp (°F)	67	80
Flow Meter Reading (gpm)	650	180

Calcium Hardness (mg/L) 180

Comments: Satisfactory pre-operational inspection.

Submission #243202 HOWARD T CHATTAHOOCHEE MUNICIPAL POOL (ID: 281208) Report #243202 Page 1 of 1

0 health hazards | 0 other violations
No reinspection required | Satisfactory inspection

Sources: May 27 Council correspondence; Madison County Public Health inspection report dated June 17, 2026.

Why the current splash-pad location remains recommended

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C&S disclosed what had and had not been evaluated, then provided a professional recommendation.



What C&S confirmed

- The location followed the original DRI concept and September site direction.
- Inside-the-fence and other-field options had not been separately designed.
- Changing location at this stage would affect design, schedule, and budget.

Why the selected location remains preferred



Shorter utility runs

Close to the bathhouse and available services.



Restroom access

Reasonable access to the bathhouse facilities.



Less pool disruption

Construction and operation can remain more separate from the pool deck.



Independent operation

Allows earlier opening or later closing than the pool season.

Source: June 23–25, 2026 C&S splash-pad location review and Council-wide update.

What has — and has not — been approved

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Preliminary design is one step in a staged State and municipal process.



The January \$1.76 million estimate was never an approved expenditure, bid award, or construction contract.

Sources: State grant contract work plan; C&S scope; City project record.

Documented project sequence

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The project followed the normal path from an ideal concept to a fundable working scope.



Ideal concept → engineering → cost discovery → feedback → funding separation → value engineering → fundable scope

Source: Veterans Memorial Park DRI Master Evidence Timeline, final source document.