

# STATION 5: COMMUNITY IDENTITY

Strengthen Canton's proud identity as the hub of St. Lawrence County by enhancing our waterfront resources while supporting downtown reinvestment. Canton's accessible downtown promotes a vibrant, active community for residents and visitors of all ages and income levels. Building opportunities for recreation, agriculture, heritage-based tourism, the arts, and Canton's innovative educational institutions is key to our continued success.

## HISTORIC RESOURCES

Increase cultural and heritage preservation activities and continue efforts to protect historic properties throughout the Canton Community, including the hamlets.	
Create destinations that highlight local historic figures like John Henry Rushton and Frederic Remington.	
Promote cultural and historic resources offered through local colleges and universities and non-profit organizations.	
Coordinate with non-profit and educational institutions to develop historic walking tours of Canton's villages and hamlets.	
Improve accessibility to Canton's historic and cultural resources.	
Consider becoming a Certified Local Government to assist with historic preservation and for eligibility of grant opportunities.	
Establish design guidelines to maintain historic character of Village of Canton core.	
Support restoration of the Morley Harrison Grist Mill and promote as a historical and cultural destination to draw visitors to the hamlet.	

## EDUCATION

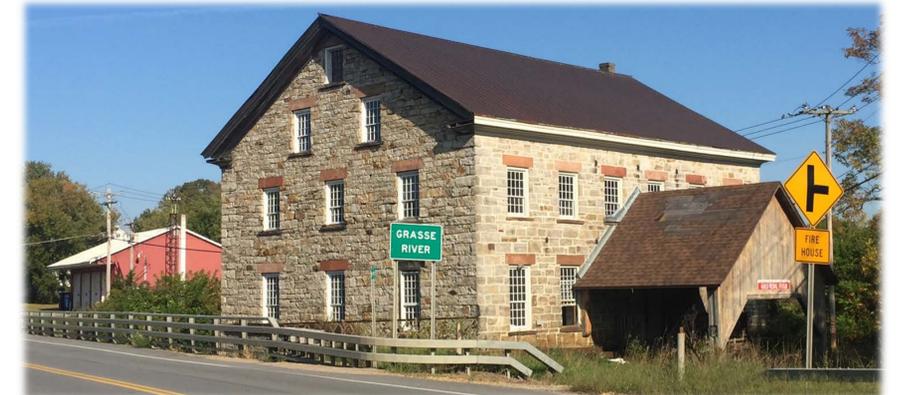
Encourage coordination between the Town/Village of Canton, SUNY Canton, St. Lawrence University.	
Support programs and outreach efforts of the public library.	
Encourage participation of local public and private schools in cultural and educational opportunities.	
Provide opportunities for student involvement in the community.	
Consider the diversity of students with regards to goods and services provided.	
Create vibrant experiences to attract students downtown.	
Coordinate with Canton Central School District to address teacher shortage needs.	

## Activity:

Place a dot next to the recommendations that you feel should be included in the Comprehensive Plan. If you have any comments or additional recommendations to add please place them on the accompanying comments board.

## ARTS AND CULTURE

Promote cultural institutions as tourism destinations and community gathering spaces.	
Support arts and cultural festivals as well as the various organizations that work to organize those events such as TAUNY, the Chambers, and the universities.	
Develop a bike tour program.	
Work with arts and cultural institutions to develop programming for middle and high school aged kids.	
Create more community gathering spaces for older children and teens.	
Improve wayfinding to parking areas and local attractions.	
Create opportunities for outdoor music events.	
Construct a waterfront bandshell at one of Canton's waterfront parks.	
Encourage opportunities for live music and entertainment downtown.	



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Provide feedback on recommendations for **historic resources, education and arts and culture.**

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