

C-4 | Improve Downtown Trash and Recycling Collection

DRI Funding Request/Total Project Cost

\$50,000/\$50,000

Project Description

Currently, residents place their trash and recycling on the curb of Main Street sidewalks on the appropriate scheduled pick-up day, though businesses and restaurants are urged to use the dumpster corral located in the Groton Avenue parking lot. This project will eliminate residents, businesses and restaurants placing their trash and recycling on the sidewalks of Main Street, creating a more sanitary and aesthetically pleasing environment. To do this, a compacting dumpster unit will be installed at the Groton Avenue lot for all residents, businesses and restaurants to use. Installation of this unit will include building a cement pad with a 3-phase electric source and an enclosure. This project will also provide additional recycling containers along Main Street and a large recycling dumpster in the Groton Avenue lot for recycling from businesses.

The project could potentially serve all residents and businesses located on Main Street, and will also benefit patrons who visit Main Street by ensuring more navigable and accessible sidewalks.

Project Location/Address

The city will install the compacting dumpster unit at the location of the current garbage corral (Groton Ave parking lot).

Sponsor

City of Cortland

Strategies

- Create an identity that will appeal to current and future generations;
- Increase collaboration between downtown and local institutions; and
- Encourage projects that reduce the City's environmental footprint.

Public Support

This project has the support of Mayor Brian Tobin, the City's Department of Public Works, the Cortland Downtown Partnership (which has a vested interest in removing trash and recycling from downtown sidewalks), and Bert Adams Disposal (the City's current waste hauler).



Recycling bins currently deployed by the City of Cortland

This project aligns with the ideals of the Central New York REDC, as a more streamlined approach to disposing of trash and recycling will promote a cleaner and more efficient streetscape.

Project Ownership

City of Cortland

Project Partners

Bert Adams Disposal, Cortland Downtown Partnership

Capacity

The City of Cortland Department of Public Works is always striving to make the City a cleaner and more efficient place to live. Recent examples include: placing six (6) recycling receptacles on Main Street and the total renovation to the Franklin Street Composting Site.

Project Budget

\$50,000

- \$25,000 - Compactor Unit;
- \$25,000 - Concrete pad, enclosure, and electrical needs.

Funding Sources

The project will be fully funded through the DRI.

Feasibility and Cost Justification

The cost benefit associated with the project is unknown at this time. No analysis has been completed and the management and monitoring of the unit has been discussed but not yet decided on at this time.

Regulatory Requirements

Requirements include financial review and approval by City of Cortland Common Council and legal review by Corporation Counsel.

Timeframe for Implementation and Project Readiness

- Design pads, fencing and electric feeds – 1 month;
- Construction – 1 month.

Project Reporting

City of Cortland DPW could provide data related to how much waste is typically generated in the downtown area and the costs associated with the tonnage being disposed of at the landfill by the current garbage and recycling collector.