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## **North Union Street Streetscape Project to Begin**

**April 5, 2022—Olean**—William J. Aiello, Mayor of the City of Olean, is pleased to announce the kick-off of the North Union Street Streetscape Project. The \$900 thousand project, funded primarily by the \$10 million Downtown Revitalization Initiative, received by the City from New York State in 2017, will include significant improvements to North Union Street.

Project upgrades include the addition of two plaza areas with fire pits fueled by natural gas, one near the intersection of Hamilton Street and the other near the West Sullivan Street intersection; the renovation of the Plaza in front of the Olean Municipal Building including seating, a stage and fountains; new concrete sidewalks; decorative lighting along the street; wayfinding and interpretive signs; and new plantings along the corridor.

“This project is going to create an inviting and festive atmosphere to North Union Street,” said Mayor Aiello. “It promises to improve the lighting, fix the sidewalks and add enhancements that will help draw people to the businesses on the street. In addition, the wayfinding and interpretive boards will help direct visitors, as well as residents, to our cultural centers, parks and other recreational facilities.”

The project will continue through the summer and early autumn, pedestrians may experience detours.

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