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When guests visit the Village of Scottsville for the first time, their remarks are usually replete with adjectives such as “charming,” “quaint,” “picturesque,” and “friendly.” Often, visitors will comment on the beautiful architecture, residential landscaping, or efforts undertaken to maintain the Village’s historic identity.

The Village of Scottsville and its residents are deservedly proud of their community and heritage. It was this ardent pride, coupled with a visionary attitude that motivated Village officials to apply for participation in the *Preparing Village “Main Streets” for Planning* study. Sponsored and prepared by the Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council with funding from the Genesee Transportation Council, and designed to assist municipalities as they begin to plan for reconstruction or rehabilitation of “main streets” or business districts, the study represented a critical piece in the Village’s future landscape. Of the 192 municipalities eligible for the study, Scottsville was one of two chosen to participate.

Why the focus on Main Street?

American main streets, dating back to the 1800s, have served a variety of functions over the years, most notably as commercial districts and civic centers. And while economic and societal trends have necessitated some changes to the operation of main streets, the Village of Scottsville continues to recognize and support the belief that our Main Street remains a cornerstone in the community. Unyielding in this belief, the Main Street Steering Committee approached this intensive study with a clear desire to fortify Main Street as a sustainable, vital, and integral asset in our community.

As you examine this study, its findings, and recommendations, we hope you will feel enlightened by discovery and energized with possibility. We trust that you will grow excited at the opportunities before us. We look forward to many of you joining us as we begin incorporating the study’s recommendations into the strategic planning process, thus striding towards the gratifying phases of implementation.

Why now?

Preparing Village “Main Streets” for Planning materialized at a perfect time for Scottsville. Many of the structural, physical, regulatory, programmatic and organizational recommendations proposed in the study are profoundly relevant to other current revitalization efforts and ideas pertaining to Main Street. “This project will help facilitate more productive revitalization efforts by establishing a framework for action and providing communities with a greater awareness and understanding of the issues and options...” (page 1). Equipped with enhanced knowledge and the study’s guidance, the Village of Scottsville stands poised and prepared to address the next steps of revitalization.

~ SUBMITTED BY THE SCOTTSVILLE MAIN STREET STEERING COMMITTEE