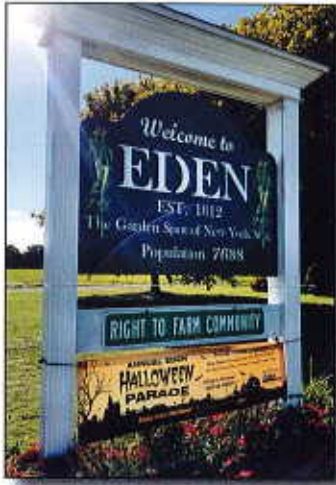


# Commitment to the Community

A report from The Board of Directors  
The Eden Community Foundation, Inc.  
Fall 2019



“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”  
Winston Churchill



Dear Friend of Eden,

We're proud that 2019 marks the 20th year that the Eden Community Foundation has been working to strengthen and improve our quality of life in Eden. Many of the founding members have continued to serve on our Board since 1999, and remain committed to the Foundation's mission - - "private giving for the public good." We thank you for being a part of that.

The Foundation in 20 years has given over \$200,000 to a broad range of worthy projects. Your Board hasn't rested on its successful longevity, however. For the past 18 months we have critically examined our past grants and asked ourselves . . . What more can we do? How can the Foundation make a bigger impact? We spoke to many of you and your organizations, we met numerous times, and we have decided on what we call Grant Focus.

Starting this year our approach will be to encourage and fund grant requests that address one of three initiatives that we believe will have the greatest impact on Eden, likely in greater dollar amounts. These key initiatives are:

- **Improving the hamlet of Eden Center** (the area on or near Main St., Church St., Green St. and Depot St.). Improving visual appearance, adding services for residents and visitors, revitalizing properties and preserving historic sites are all examples.
- **Developing or improving spaces - - indoor or outdoor - - for community activities.**
- **Offering new programs or activities that will enrich the lives of Eden residents.**

The Foundation will of course also continue to accept grant applications that don't fulfill these primary initiatives but will still benefit Eden residents in other ways.

As we move forward we ask for your continued support, and we always appreciate any suggestions you may offer to bring our new goals to fruition. Is there a project that you would like to see happen? Is there a group of friends or neighbors you might include? Consider putting your ideas into action through a Foundation grant. You may always discuss ideas with any Board member, and information about applying for a grant can be found at our website, [edencommunityfoundation.org](http://edencommunityfoundation.org).

Whether you are a first time donor or a valued annual giver, we ask for your financial support this year. Please use the enclosed envelope, or visit our website to contribute via PayPal. When you give to the Eden Community Foundation your dollars stay in Eden. And as your dollars are invested and grow, they will continue to improve our beloved community for many years.

Again, thank you for being a vital part of our efforts. We hope you'll make a donation to permit the Foundation to have an even greater impact on Eden, next year and beyond!

Sincerely,

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*President, Eden Community Foundation*

Can you picture a project to improve Eden (revitalization, changed spaces, or new activities) that would be a candidate for a Foundation grant? We'd love to hear about it!



*Main Street*



*Green Street*



*Depot Street*



***Future Gifts*** are always welcome, too. You can continue your support of our efforts long after you have passed away, by making a planned gift, sometimes called a legacy gift. It can be done as simply as naming the Foundation as a beneficiary in your will, or as a beneficiary of one of your investment assets, such as an IRA or 401(k) account. Your legal or financial advisor can guide you in this process. It can be the perfect way to keep giving to Eden well into the future.



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