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**Derby Mayor Appoints Consultant Selection Committee for  
Downtown Revitalization Project**

DERBY – The City of Derby recently issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking a multi-disciplinary consultant team to develop and steward a credible, detailed development plan for the revitalization of Derby's downtown area.

The planning exercise is being funded by a grant from the State of Connecticut

The RFP received a tremendous amount of interest, with 11 consulting firms, from as far away as Florida and Texas, submitting proposals. Most submissions were comprised of a team of experts from various fields including transportation services, housing, environmental studies, urban planning and design, and economic/market analysis.

"This is intended to be the most comprehensive planning exercise ever undertaken on the south side of Main Street," said Mayor Anita Dugatto. "The area has been void of significant economic activity for far too long. It's time to unknit all the issues and position the City for success."

To aid in the consultant selection process, Mayor Dugatto has appointed a bi-partisan committee, comprised of various community members, to review the proposals and host interviews to recommend the most qualified candidate for the project. The group's recommendation will then be submitted to Derby's Board of Aldermen for final approval.

"I'm thrilled by the quality of submissions we've received," said Dugatto. We have an opportunity to select from the best of the best."

The first working meeting of the selection committee is scheduled for Monday, March 14, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. at Derby City Hall.

Members of the committee include: Board of Aldermen President Carmen DiCenso, Alderman Thomas Donofrio, Derby Native and Shelton Businessman Daniel Onofrio, Planning and Zoning Commission Chair Ted Estwan, Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments Assistant Executive Director and Director of Planning Mark Nielsen, and Mayor's Representative Lynn DiGiovanni.

For additional information on the Downtown Derby Revitalization Planning project, please visit the city's website at [www.derbyct.gov](http://www.derbyct.gov).