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To the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council:

The Town of Southeast fully supports the Village of Brewster's Opportunity Area application. The Opportunity Area designation being applied for by the Village of Brewster will be a key component of the Village's renaissance and will serve them well as they move forward to plan and implement positive change.

The Town of Southeast has a vested interest in the revitalization of this historic village. The Village of Brewster is home to the Town's library, museum, many treasured historic buildings, one of which currently houses Town Offices and a privately funded not-for-profit cultural arts center. The Village is also home to three parks and recreation areas of the Town. The parks offer areas of green space for leisure time and physical activity for the residents of the Town and Village.

Known as the hub of the Harlem Valley, the rail station is still the vibrant lifeline that made Brewster the center of commerce in our region. Our town's farms, mines and timber-stands once provided the raw materials that traveled through Brewster's rail station to build the towering skyscrapers of New York City. The local dairy farms that provided the milk for Borden's Condensed Milk Factory, located on the Village's East Branch of the Croton River, supplied troops during the Civil War. The Town's history is replete with success. The Town of Southeast looks forward to working with the Village to align our goals and prepare an integrated comprehensive plan to the benefit of both municipalities.

The Town of Southeast stands at the ready to assist the Village with their positive transformation.

Thank you for this opportunity to express the Town's support for the Village of Brewster's Opportunity Area application.

Sincerely,

Tony Hay
Southeast Supervisor