PROJECTS FUNDED TO DATE:

• Buffer in a Bag
• Arbor Day Event
• Spiegel Community Center Upgrades
• Sidewalk connection from Thornell Road to Mendon Road
• Summer Concert Series Promotion

Total Grant Funding to Date: $747,849
We received grant from the NYS DEC for creek bank stabilization. Creek/stream buffers, also known as riparian buffers, are vegetated areas on either side of a creek, stream or river. When they are working properly, buffers help to protect waterbodies from the impacts of human activity. A healthy buffer improves stream health and water quality by slowing runoff, filtering pollution, preventing soil erosion, shading the stream to keep waters cool, and more. Buffers also absorb and slow flood waters, which protects property and human safety.

This past Spring, our Parks Department planted bare rooted seedlings of Red Oak & Pussy Willow trees, as well as Ninebark, Wetland Rose & Winterberry shrubs along the banks of the Irondequoit Creek.
The Town received a DEC grant to help support its annual Arbor Day Celebration. This year we honored the day by planting 7 trees at Great Embankment Park. We planted sugar maples, oaks and sycamore trees.

Our commitment to planting trees is one of the steps we're taking to be certified a Tree City USA. It's also an important component of the Town's latest major sustainability initiative – to be designated a Climate Smart Community. Obtaining these designations not only is important to preserving and protecting our environment; doing so provides the Town additional grant opportunities that can advance sustainability initiatives while also saving taxpayer dollars.
The Town was awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to purchase a video conferencing system in our Senior Center, full reimbursement for the purchase of our Senior Center van, and the construction of an outdoor pavilion.

We will utilize the pavilion for: Senior outdoor lunches, musical performances, guest speakers, dance, youth and wellness activities. The green space would provide a seating area, and a connection to our playground, facilitating intergenerational opportunities for youth and older adult participants.

The senior bus is used for our senior nutrition/lunch club program to pick up meals and transport seniors to and from the center. We also use it for our weekly Thursday senior trips.

To accommodate our seniors unable to attend programs in person due to COVID-19 concerns, disabilities, and/or transportation limitations, we are installing a video conferencing system in our Senior Center so they can participate remotely.
The Town received a TAP Grant from the NYS Department of Transportation to construct a concrete sidewalk that fills the gap between where the sidewalk ends on Mendon Road to where it starts again on Thornell Road. The sidewalk will be approximately 3,500 feet long. Extensive clearing, grading and drainage will be required so that the project will be able to meet ADA requirements. Filling the gap will allow safer access for pedestrians from adjoining neighborhoods to access Pittsford Mendon High School, Thornell Road Elementary School, and our own Thornell Farm Park, the Town’s most active park. It will also provide for a contiguous sidewalk all the way to the Village.

The project also supports upgrades to the New York State signal at the intersection of Mendon and Thornell Roads so that push button pedestrian signals and crosswalks can be installed on all four legs of the intersection. This phase of the project will make the trail system accessible on the southwest corner of the intersection. It will also allow for future sidewalk projects to continue further south in Town, which is currently underserved by pedestrian mobility.

This project is consistent with the Town of Pittsford’s Comprehensive and Active Transportation Plans.
The Town received a Grant from the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor to purchase promotional materials in support of the Canalside Concert Series and the Town’s new nature preserve and park. The Town purchased 500 reusable water bottles labeled with The Erie Canal’s bicentennial period, 2017-2025. The water bottles were filled with promotional fliers for the Concert Series and the Town's new Erie Canal Nature Preserve.