

Identifier (i.e., Patient A, Employee B, Respondent 1) or Name (only if requested by stakeholder)	Organization (if applicable)	Date(s) of outreach	What required stakeholder group did they represent?	If other, please describe	Is this person/organization a resident of the project's service area?	Method of engagement (i.e., phone calls, community forums, focus groups, surveys, etc.)	Did this person/organization participate in the meaningful engagement?	Is this person/organization supportive of this project?	Did this person/organization provide a statement?	If permission is granted to share a statement or quote (250 word max), please include below:	If permission is not granted to share a verbatim statement, please include a summary of the statement(s) below:
IDI Participant #1		8/8/24, 8/14/24	residents of the project's service area		yes	email, IDI	yes	yes	no		This participant is in full support of River Hospital's CON initiative. She feels River Hospital is a great resource for her community as it has shorter wait times for its emergency department, has a great and clean facility, and has numerous accessible outpatient services, such as its lab. She is not concerned about the decrease in bed numbers because she feels this project will make the hospital more attractive to local residents and will actually potentially fill the beds that they are not reaching in their daily census numbers right now. This participant was happy to hear that River Hospital is upgrading their inpatient floor as "it shows they are committed and here to stay, they are growing, and the end result is going to be good for the community as it will provide more efficient patient care." She does not feel any medically underserved groups will be negatively impacted by this reduction in licensed beds, stating that the decrease in bed size will allow the hospital to provide higher quality medical care to the disadvantaged groups in the community who might not have the means or accessibility to travel to other medical systems. This participant pointed out that the greater Alexandria Bay community is impacted by poverty (more in-land and away from the higher income levels on the waterfront); these lower-income individuals will be positively impacted by River Hospital's CON project initiatives as they will continue to have high-quality medical care closer to home.
IDI Participant #2	River Hospital	8/8/24, 8/14/24	organizations representing employees of the Applicant		yes	email, IDI	yes	yes	yes	I am writing in support of River Hospital's initiative to reduce its licensed bed count to undergo a capital construction project to modernize inpatient rooms. As a 67-year summer resident of the Thousand Islands, I have watched the hospital evolve. Until its re-birth in 2003, great emphasis was placed on adding services. Over the years, the combined weight of these expansions resulted in an unsustainable business entity. By 2000, the possibility that the hospital might be forced to close became starkly evident. Cessation of local hospital services would be untenable for year-round residents and summer residents alike. In its unique location, water access to the hospital is imperative, particularly for emergency services. The efforts of interested citizens, before and after the hospital's 2003 renaissance, have proven highly successful. In addition to providing basic services, the hospital offers a one-of-a-kind treatment program for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, and partners with local schools to make mental health services readily accessible to students and their families. By arrangement with Crouse Hospital in Syracuse, River Hospital avails patients of the expanded services at a larger, regional hospital. These developments have been made possible through thoughtful stewardship of the hospital's leaders. My understanding is that inpatient rooms are rarely 100% occupied. If a reduction in the number of inpatient rooms could result in modernization of a slightly smaller number, I trust that the trade-off has been thoroughly and thoughtfully considered. If reduction of inpatient rooms can enhance the overall inpatient experience, I fully support that decision.	
IDI Participant #3		8/8/24, 8/14/24	community leaders		yes	email, phone calls, IDI	yes	yes	no		This participant is in full support of River Hospital's CON initiative. She states River Hospital is a great asset to her rural community and encourages residents from the greater Alexandria Bay area to utilize River Hospital as a resource for emergency medicine. She trusts River Hospital as a high-quality medical facility; she states River Hospital truly cares about its patients and does not treat patients as a number but as a person who deserves high-quality medical care. She feels that River Hospital currently does not underserve any medically underserved groups given the rural nature and less diverse makeup of her community. In regard to the planned decrease in occupancy from 22 licensed inpatient beds to 17, this participant is "fine with that" because she has experienced the inpatient floor firsthand this past year after a family member was hospitalized here, and she states the need to upgrade and modernize this floor is imperative. The quality of medical care and treatment her family member received was excellent, but she states the rooms need upgrading and modernizing. She views this proposed CON initiative as a positive for her community and states it will positively impact health equity by creating a more modern and upgraded medical facility that will keep her community members closer to home; she noted there is a larger older-aged population in her community who do not like to travel further for medical care, so this project will enhance the quality of medical resources available in her community.
IDI Participant #4	River Hospital	8/9/24, 8/12/24, 8/14/24	organizations representing employees of the Applicant		yes	email, IDI	yes	yes	yes	As a 17-year employee and community member, I can proudly state that River Hospital provides high quality, essential healthcare to our rural communities. The recent grant and proposal to renovate our inpatient unit will allow us to make much needed changes to our floor plan and provide improved patient care. Currently, our patients share a shower room which requires us to stagger shower times and thoroughly clean between patients. Having showers in each patient's bathroom will allow patients to shower more often and without needing to travel outside their room. This is especially beneficial for patients with airborne precautions. Our patient bathrooms are narrow and challenging to navigate for our bariatric patients or patient with mobility issues. An improved bathroom design will allow more patients to use the bathroom instead of a bedside commode. Additionally, the rooms are small and unable to accommodate additional equipment such as a bariatric wheelchair or recliner in addition to the bed. Alcoves in the renovated space will allow for improved storage of linens and equipment. Currently, the hallways have equipment on one side which can make it challenging for two patients to pass, especially if one is using bariatric or wide equipment. Improved storage in the rooms will decrease the furniture needed currently for storage and improve accessibility and decrease clutter. I look forward to the changes that will allow us to continue to provide high quality patient care with improved accessibility for our patients.	
IDI Participant #5	River Hospital	8/8/24, 8/16/24	organizations representing employees of the Applicant		yes	email, IDI	yes	yes	no		This participant is in full support of River Hospital's CON initiative. In his role as an admitting provider for the hospital's emergency department, he feels this project will not impact any medically underserved groups (positive or negative) and will only enhance the great care the hospital already provides. He states his community is a very rural population with few minorities. He also states it is a very close-knit community and many employees of River Hospital live within the community. He states River Hospital has built a culture of compassion and commitment to its patients, and this project is going to support that culture. He feels the proposed decrease in occupancy level can help River Hospital create a more comfortable space for its patients. This participant feels this CON initiative will have a positive impact on health equity by improving the quality of care provided locally. He states, "I don't think it's going to change how we take care of patients or who we take care of, but it is going to be more comfortable for them when we have more modernized spaces," such as the negative pressure capabilities for infectious isolation, and updating the layout of each inpatient room with more accessible bathroom layouts. His only concern about the project is the construction phase once the CON is approved, but he is supportive of the project because he knows it will help River Hospital to continue to provide great care to his community.
IDI Participant #6		8/8/24, 8/16/24	community leaders		yes	email, IDI	yes	yes	no		This participant is in full support of River Hospital's CON initiative. She states River Hospital has qualified healthcare providers and state-of-the-art equipment; she trusts them to treat her appropriately or refer her elsewhere if they cannot treat the case. She states River Hospital has a great reputation for high-level compassionate care. She is not concerned about the decrease in bed size and feels that this CON initiative will make better use of the inpatient floor space given the daily patient census numbers currently do not reach 22. Her only concern about this project is how the hospital plans to communicate this plan with the community; she feels the correct way to "sell this project to the community" is to focus on the improvements to River Hospital's excellent care, and not to focus on the decrease in bed size as they are undergoing this change to cater to the community better and provide higher quality patient care. She views this proposed project as a positive for her community and states it will neither positively or negatively impact health equity as she thinks "all groups are all already cared for equitably." This participant feels River Hospital does not medically underserve any groups in her rural North Country community because it is so small, so the only diversity in the community is through Fort Drum military base. She states, "River Hospital does a good job letting the community know that it is there for everyone no matter their socioeconomic status or diversity/background."

IDI Participant #7	Jefferson County	8/8/24, 8/12/24, 8/20/24	community leaders	yes	email, phone calls, IDI	yes	yes	no	This participant is in full support of River Hospital's CDN initiative. As a local legislator in River Hospital's district, he feels the hospital does a great job providing quality medical care for his rural constituents. He is confident in River Hospital's capabilities to treat and care for its inpatients and appreciates their partnerships with larger trauma centers for more complex medical cases. He is not concerned about the decrease in the number of licensed beds stating that this project will help River Hospital continue its commitment to providing high-quality rural medicine. He feels River Hospital is equitable in every manner currently and does not think this project will change that. He feels this project will have an overall positive impact on his community but will have a neutral impact on health equity (because River Hospital already equitably treats its patients, and this project will not affect that). He is excited that this project will help improve the staff's workflow and make the medical care and treatment they provide a more efficient process. He states the staff at River Hospital are great and this project will help them work more efficiently, in turn, further helping River Hospital to make life-changing impacts on his community. Also being in the construction industry himself, he hopes the physical construction project is completed in a timely manner and at or under budget. Overall, this participant has no concerns about the CDN project and is grateful for River Hospital's commitment to providing high-quality patient care.
IDI Participant #8		8/8/24, 8/12/24, 8/14/24, 8/15/24, 8/21/24	residents of the project's service area	yes	email, phone calls, IDI	yes	yes	no	This participant is in full support of River Hospital's CDN initiative. She is not concerned about the decrease in the number of beds because with the hospital's daily average of only 9, going from 22 to 17 beds is not a concern. Upgrading and modernizing seems more important, and she feels this project is very needed and well thought out. This participant feels this project will have an overall positive impact on her community and on health equity as well, stating, "I think people who live in our little north country community don't want to travel to Watertown, so upgrading our facility here would help improve access to those who would not want to travel." In fact, she feels this project will improve health equity and access for lower-income members of her community once the facility is upgraded and modernized noting that these members of her community might not have the means or funds available to access medical facilities further away, so upgrading and modernizing the facility that is in their backyard is important. Her only concern about the project is that not many community members currently know about the project; she suggested River Hospital do a direct mailer campaign to residents in the greater Alexandria Bay area discussing the proposed plan to decrease the number of licensed beds but in doing so, modernizing and upgrading the antiquated facilities at River Hospital to help improve the quality of medical care and treatment provided locally.
IDI Participant #9		1/8/25, 1/9/25	residents of the project's service area	yes	email, IDI	yes	yes	no	This participant is in full support of River Hospital's CDN initiative. She is not concerned about the decrease in the number of beds, stating "it will be cost effective, it makes sense because they're not even filling those beds right now anyways." As an engineer at a local firm, she is excited for the improvements that will be made to the antiquated infrastructure at her community hospital, noting the outdated HVAC system and poor airflow that is currently in place at the hospital and the negative effects this has on patient recovery and infection control. She feels this project will have an overall positive impact on her community and is excited to see these improvements being made to her local healthcare system, stating, "River Hospital is the epicenter and the community hub of Alexandria Bay. It keeps this community afloat in the offseason." This participant feels this project will improve health equity and reduce health disparities for medically underserved members of her community, stating "Any upgrades to any public building is a positive for the community. Upgrading to be better and more modern will help the entire community." She has no concerns about this construction project nor the decrease in beds that will come along with the modernization and upgrades being made to the facility. She is excited about this grant-funded opportunity for her local community hospital, to which she and her family have chosen to go to for medical care and health services for over ten years.
IDI Participant #10		1/8/25, 1/9/25, 1/15/25	residents of the project's service area	yes	email, IDI	yes	yes	no	This participant is in full support of River Hospital's CDN initiative. She is not concerned about the decrease in the number of beds because with the hospital's daily average of only 9, going from 22 to 17 beds is not a concern, and this will still leave 8 beds available. Upgrading and modernizing seems more important, and she feels this project is very needed. This participant feels this project will have an overall positive impact on her community and is excited to see these improvements being made to her local healthcare system, stating, "I think it's great that they are thinking of these improvements. I have had 2 family members who have been here in the inpatient floor, so I have seen firsthand the upgrades that need to happen." In fact, she feels this project will improve health equity and access for everyone, especially medically underserved members of her community once the facility is upgraded and modernized noting that these members of her community might not have the means or funds available to access medical facilities further away, so upgrading and modernizing the facility that is in their local community is important. Her only concern about the project is that not many community members currently know about the project; she suggested River Hospital make these plans to modernize and upgrade the antiquated facilities more well-known to the greater Alexandria Bay area because it will positively impact her community, in which she has lived and worked for more than twenty years.

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Geography	ZCTA Name	Percent of FAMILIES AND PEOPLE WHOSE INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS IS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL	Percent Margin of Error	Estimate of INCOME AND BENEFITS (IN 2021 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS)	Margin of Error	Percent of INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS	Percent Margin of Error	Percent of EMPLOYMENT STATUS	Percent Margin of Error	Percent of EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT	Percent Margin of Error	Percent of VEHICLES AVAILABLE	Percent Margin of Error
		of all families		Total household income (dollars)		with Food Stamp/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months		Population 16 years and over		High school graduate or higher		Occupied housing units	
								Unemployed				No vehicles available	
Alex Bay, New York	13607	1.9%	±2.1	60,667	±16,804	18.1%	±6.7	5.6%	±3.1	96.4%	±2.1	9.4%	±4.8
Antwerp, New York	13608	10.6%	±5.6	71,932	±8,583	16.1%	±6.0	5.4%	±2.6	89.8%	±4.1	7.1%	±3.9
Brier Hill, New York	13614	30.8%	±20.7	67,500	±49,496	17.9%	±13.1	3.3%	±4.8	96.4%	±5.0	0.0%	±30.4
Cape Vincent, New York	13618	4.9%	±3.7	57,439	±10,385	5.0%	±2.7	3.1%	±2.6	96.5%	±1.6	2.2%	±1.5
Chaumont, New York	13622	10.2%	±6.6	71,875	±10,524	8.0%	±3.3	3.7%	±2.4	92.9%	±3.4	3.0%	±2.3
Clayton, New York	13624	4.3%	±2.6	79,313	±8,183	10.8%	±4.9	2.1%	±1.3	86.2%	±3.1	5.6%	±2.6
Dexter, New York	13634	6.3%	±5.1	85,000	±24,176	12.9%	±6.9	4.6%	±3.0	92.7%	±3.5	4.9%	±3.5
Wellesley Island, New York & Fineview, New York	13640	0.0%	±36.7	76,250	±36,552	8.3%	±13.8	10.7%	±9.6	97.5%	±4.0	1.3%	±3.9
Fisher's Landing, New York	13641	0.0%	±62.2	74,038	±1,408	0.0%	±62.2	0.0%	±44.8	100.0%	±44.8	0.0%	±62.2
Hammond, New York	13646	12.6%	±5.8	57,250	±12,001	14.7%	±3.7	2.9%	±1.7	90.1%	±3.6	6.2%	±3.7
LaFargeville, New York	13656	13.3%	±8.4	52,885	±11,043	21.3%	±6.5	5.4%	±2.9	78.6%	±7.5	14.9%	±5.1
Morristown, New York	13664	3.4%	±5.8	75,156	±12,590	19.9%	±12.5	8.9%	±5.4	76.0%	±9.6	1.4%	±1.9
Philadelphia, New York	13673	13.3%	±6.1	65,500	±14,929	22.2%	±7.2	3.7%	±2.2	92.4%	±3.1	7.7%	±4.0
Passaic, New York	13675	0.0%	±95.0		±	0.0%	±71.8	0.0%	±57.3	100.0%	±57.3	0.0%	±71.8
Redwood, New York	13679	3.8%	±3.8	93,250	±32,602	11.1%	±5.6	1.2%	±1.2	95.0%	±3.7	0.5%	±1.5
Theresa, New York	13691	9.5%	±4.8	75,972	±14,568	15.3%	±4.8	4.5%	±2.3	94.0%	±2.5	3.4%	±2.6