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Dear potential supporter,

On October 12, 2012, at the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Sitka Health Summit planning day, a diverse group of 52 local residents chose, revitalizing Sitka's downtown as a top goal.

Out of the hundreds of ideas that were initially brainstormed this initiative rose to the top and received an afternoon of professional facilitation. As a top tier goal the Revitalize Sitka: creating a vibrant downtown also receives Sitka Health Summit support in the form of: \$750 in-start up funds, access to facilitation support, help with media exposure, advocacy and on-going technical assistance; much of which is based on past Health Summit initiative successes stories.

In 2007 the top initiative resulted in Sitka becoming the first community in Alaska to earn a bicycle friendly community designation from the D.C. based League of American Bicyclists, in 2008 creating a Farmers Market was top goal that was realized just 91 days after it was selected at the planning. Last year's successful Summit goals included, planting 45 fruit trees, getting local fish into local schools and creating a \$50,000 Choose Respect mural which was hung and dedicated (on Blatchley Middle School) exactly one year to the day it was selected as an official Sitka Health Summit goal.

The Sitka Health Summit ([www.sitkahealthsummit.com](http://www.sitkahealthsummit.com)) is led by the Sitka Community Hospital, SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium and the State of Alaska, Sitka public health nursing in partnership with dozen of local non –profit agencies, businesses and individual supporters. The Summits vision: *"to serve our great state as a model for community wellness by creating a healthy community where all Sitkans strive for and enjoy a high quality of life."*

With your support we can move towards achieving this vision of the Revitalize Sitka workgroup which is to create a downtown that is healthy, attractive, accessible, sustainable and above all vibrant. Creating an historic district in downtown Sitka fits with this vision and is something worth supporting.

Gunalcheesh and thank you for your consideration,

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