Town of Huntington Economic Development Corporation
Mission Statement and Performance Measurements (Goals)

Per Chapter 506 of the Laws of 2009 ("The 2009 Public Authorities Reform Act"), Section 2824-a in Public Authorities Law requires state and local public authorities to develop and adopt a mission statement. Section 2800 of the law further requires public authorities to develop performance measures (goals) to assist the authority determine how well it is carrying out its mission.

Mission Statement:

To foster economic development, business opportunities and community revitalization within the Town of Huntington by facilitating and/or creating and executing public purpose projects that leverages the support and resources of government, the private business sector and the community.

Date Originally Adopted: April 6, 2010 Meeting of the TOH EDC Board of Directors

List of Performance Goals:

EDC Board Statement with regard to short and long term goals noted below:
While our mission statement indicates that our focus is Town-wide, the EDC’s current emphasis is on the hamlet of Huntington Station due to the Town Board’s active revitalization efforts in this area. We believe that by revitalizing this major transportation hub area and its surrounding communities, we will thereby improve the quality of life for the entire Town.

Short Term Goals established by the EDC Board in 2010. Those achieved to date show an asterisk:

- *Engage State delegation to urge DOT to expedite redevelopment of 1000 New York Avenue and construction Huntington Station Pedestrian Plaza. The EDC recognizes that both projects are under the jurisdiction of the New York State Department of Transportation.

- *Streetscaping Phase I, from Church Street to Academy Place.
*Streetscaping Phase II: Both sides of New York Avenue from Olive Street south to Pulaski Road have been completed. The program brought new sidewalks, curbing, street lighting and street trees to improve the appearance of the Huntington Station downtown business district and is also intended to encourage private sector improvements of commercial buildings adjoining the improved streetscape areas.

*Develop Gateway Park for community recreational uses. Through a partnership between the Town of Huntington and Long Island Community Agriculture Network a community garden has been established at Gateway Park as an interim use. It is the intent of this project to grow organic vegetables by members of the community for both themselves and for members of the community in need. In April 2012, the Town completed the replacement of a new retaining wall and drainage project at Gateway Park.

1000 New York Avenue: the Town, EDC and CDA received $1,170,000 in funding from New York State Empire Development Corporation to fund the demolition of the blighted structure at 1000 New York Avenue, Huntington Station that had been abandoned for over ten years, and construct a new building at the site. The blighted structure has since been demolished and the Town and EDC are currently seeking a developer to construct a new building per the terms of the grant.

Pedestrian Plaza: This beautification enhancement project sits directly adjacent to 1000 New York Avenue on blighted New York State property. The start of construction is anticipated in late spring/summer 2012.

Complete Master Developer Agreement with Renaissance Downtowns, LLC, the Town and the EDC.
➢ Ensure close cooperation between the Town, EDC, CDA and Renaissance Downtowns, LLC throughout the BOA Step 2 community outreach and planning process.

**Longer Term Goals:**

➢ **Mixed-Use Project, NY Ave, Church to Railroad Street.** The Town’s Brownfield Opportunity Areas Grant totaling $340,000 is helping to fund a planning and feasibility study for a proposed mixed-use center in the existing commuter lot in Huntington Station. This lot was once the heart of Huntington Station’s downtown. The Town’s selected Master Developer, Renaissance Downtowns, LLC will include this site as an opportunity to be explored in its ongoing community input process for the redevelopment of Huntington Station’s commercial corridor.

➢ **Parking Garage** – to absorb the commuter parking lost to downtown development from Church to Railroad in the mixed use project discussed above, the EDC is calling for the construction of a new parking garage with community/commuter convenient retail. This idea will be studied by Renaissance Downtowns, LLC, the Town’s selected Master Developer.

➢ **Complete planning and outreach efforts in connection with the Step 2 BOA Grant.** Community kick off meeting for Step 2 was held on March 27, 2012; Master Developer formally introduced.

➢ **Facilitate Renaissance Downtowns, LLC planning process per the terms of the agreement between the Master Developer, the Town and the EDC.**
Implementation of a community-driven comprehensive redevelopment as per the goals of the community, Town, EDC, CDA and Renaissance Downtowns, LLC.

Questions to TOH EDC by New York State Authorities Budget Office:

*Have the board members acknowledged that they have read and understood the mission of the public authority?* Yes.

*Who has the power to appoint the management of the public authority?* The Board of Directors with input from the Huntington Town Board.

*If the Board appoints management, do you have a policy you follow when appointing the management of the public authority?* Yes.

*Briefly describe the role of the Board and the role of management in the implementation of the mission.* The Chair and Board of Directors set the agenda/mission of the EDC with input from the Town of Huntington. Management executes the day-to-day plans and steps necessary to advance the agenda and mission.

*Has the board acknowledged that they have read and understood the responses to each of these questions?* Yes.