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Binghamton Local Development Corporation

Launching a new City business? BLDC can provide low interest financing. At least 10% owner equity is required. Jobs must be created. Typically, our loans subordinate bank financing. We work with almost any lender to offer:

- **Revolving Loans:** fixed rate (75% prime rate ≥ 3%) interest loans up to $250,000.00, 40% project participation
- **Façade Loans:** fixed rate (75% prime rate ≥ 3%) loans up to $100,000.00, 75% project participation
- **Micro Enterprise Loans:** fixed rate (75% prime rate ≥ 3%), up to $20,000.00 for start-up capital

**Everything to do here.**

There’s Broadway and dinner theater, a symphony and local opera that trains singers for some of the world’s best stages. AA New York (Binghamton) Mets baseball and AHL Senators hockey. Dick’s Sporting Goods Golf Tournament and USTA Tennis Challenger to the Chris Thater Memorial and General Clinton Canoe Regatta. First Fridays/Gallery Nights, Binghamton Summer Music Festival, Greek to Ukrainian ethnic festivals, a Spiedie Fest and First Night. Fairs, circuses, hiking, horseback riding, hot air ballooning, fly-fishing, gliding, cross country or downhill skiing to short track speed skating. 4-H to historic walking tours, Kopernik Observatory and Roberson Museum, Binghamton Zoo, Tioga Scenic Railroad and Discovery Center. Back home, there’s neighborhood block parties or unwind in 32 City or 9 County parks.

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Scenic small city in the country. Quietly beautiful in four seasons. Binghamton is a place of rural and urban contradictions: small enough to enjoy neighbors, sunny afternoons on a West Side porch with relatives, neighbors and friends; yet a cosmopolitan population and busy metropolitan downtown.

Clean Rivers, Drinking Water, Beautiful River Trail.
The Susquehanna and Chenango are designated Class “A” and “B” rivers. Through local and state efforts, river quality has been raised. Our River Trail Commission has worked with local municipalities to improve and expand access to the rivers and existing trails. Ultimately, there will be over 30 miles of trail along rivers that will carefully tie into commercial centers, existing parks or regional points of natural and historic interest with fishing/boating access and bicycle/pedestrian pathways. And thanks to multi-million, multi-year investment in our municipal water plant, Binghamton’s drinking water exceeds State standards at a cost well below many other municipalities, nationwide.

**City/Regional Facts:**

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**Sources:** US Census, Sperling's Best Places, Binghamton School District

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