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## Out-of-towners willing to help develop riverfront

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**BINGHAMTON** -- A national nonprofit consulting group has stepped up to help Binghamton turn around its riverfront.

The Mayor's Institute on City Design is working with Mayor Matthew T. Ryan to hammer out a path for developing the riverfront from Rock Bottom west to Confluence Park and north to Cheri Lindsay Park.

And while plans for redeveloping the area along the river have long filled shelves in city hall, Ryan said the Mayor's Institute will help turn them into action.

Ryan said he would like to group the area between Confluence Park and Binghamton University along with the area behind the Binghamton Plaza into the first phase.

The Mayor's Institute on City Design -- a partnership program of the National Endowment for the Arts, the American Architectural Foundation, and the United States Conference of Mayors -- will put together design ideas, artists renderings and a plan for encouraging private investment, Ryan said.

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