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<b>Idea</b>	<p>I am the owner of 48 Main Street in uptown Kingston. I think the Comprehensive Plan should focus on revitalizing midtown Kingston. I support the initiative to transform Midtown to a center for business, education, arts, and technology and the Broadway corridor development plan.</p> <p>I would like to see the former site of the Kings Inn be developed into an art park with sculptures, areas for outdoor seating, an outdoor performance space, and play area for children. This would serve as a park for local residents, improve the aesthetic appeal of the Broadway corridor, and compliment/promote the planned commercial node in Midtown central around arts, entertainment and ethnic diversity.</p> <p>I attended the March 19th public hearing as a member of Midtown Rising. The public commentary was dominated by good citizens concerned with preserving and restoring Kingston's historical legacy. While I agree that Kingston's historical legacy is extraordinary and needs to be preserved, such preservation should not be the overriding priority of the Comprehensive Plan. Rather, as proposed in the current plan, revitalizing Midtown and encouraging vibrant, diverse neighborhoods throughout Kingston should be the focus. Historic preservation can and should be a part of a synergistic approach to neighborhood improvement.</p>

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