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CITY OF BARBERTON NAMED FINALIST FOR THE 2021 ALL-AMERICA CITY AWARD

Mayor William B. Judge is excited to announce that the City of Barberton was named a finalist for the 2021 All-America City Award (AAC)! The award, given to ten communities each year since 1949, celebrates and recognizes villages, towns, cities, counties, tribes and regions that engage residents in innovative, inclusive and effective efforts to tackle critical challenges.

The 2021 spotlight for the All-America City Award focused on building equitable and resilient communities. In the award application, the City had to discuss the strength of its civic capital and provide three community-driven projects that have adapted and transformed the community.

"We are incredibly proud of the work being done in Barberton. I seldom refer to Barberton as a city; I most often call it a community", stated Mayor William Judge. "The civic pride and engagement in our community by our residents is very strong. As we continue to tackle complex issues by collaborating with our various partners, our shared vision for improving the quality of life for all remains steadfast. This includes providing services that promote equity, development, and sustainability."

The City of Barberton, along with the other nineteen finalist communities will compete this June to be recognized as one of ten All-America Cities for 2021. Each community will gather a team of residents, nonprofit leaders, business representatives, government officials and young people to participate in a virtual presentation and attend workshops and roundtables.

Finalist communities' presentations will bring their written application to life and demonstrate the positive effects of using equitable engagement strategies to address issues such as promoting racial healing and equity, expanding the role of residents in disaster preparedness and recovery, and engaging the community in environmental sustainability.

For more information, please go to www.nationalcivicleague.org/2021-finalists.

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