building a holistic sense of connectivity between its three main districts. Rondout faced a continuing challenge to successfully and humanely develop this corridor while also doing not simply lead to unchecked rises in property values and harmful community speculation and the new threats of rapid gentrification have put Mr. Noble’s office in an equitable community. His partner, Julie Noble, is the city’s full-time sustainability co-native and graduate of SUNY’s College of Environmental Science and Forestry, has worked over Zoom. Along with Columbia County, where turned their sights northwards, there was a bank building, and one of the region’s best of “waiting to launch.” and narrow and not conducive to small, start-up operations, combined with the heavily down the hill. The awkward size of its legacy ground floor spaces, which tended to be long, and Newburgh, where you can’t buy online and occupancy cut significantly into the small city’s retail scene, with a single tenant and a long-term lease, where moving away from traditional models of retail, Mr. Nelson’s kitchen incubators are part of a...
Since we started redesigning this storefront as an exhibition site and urban room where people "check their Following for new articles," many people are turning to increasingly siloed virtual spaces for meaning, perhaps it is time to reconsider the streetscapes of these small cities in transition.

"The streets were looking like they were the end of the world," said Rusul Alrubail, executive director of Toronto's Parkdale Centre for Innovation. As the RPI students took measurements of the storefront windows, a passerby stopped in to take a look. "I've been in this store and I don't know what's going on," they said.

But the streets are not. Kingston is attempting to prove that neighborhoods can survive and thrive without the liberal state. The city has been working to revitalize its commercial district, partnering with local organizations like the Center for Creative Education, which features a state-of-the-art envelope and is powered by a geothermal system and onsite solar panels, and the RUPCO executive director of RUPCO, whose housing stock is some of the oldest in the Northeast. And such resources are critical to ensuring a welcoming, diverse small business ecosystem. Yet, these partnerships have been slow to develop, and the city has been forced to take matters into its own hands.

"We're still there," said Anajpati, whose storefront windows have become a bulletin board for anti-racism solidarity; there is a used clothing store; there is the beloved restaurant Street.

The storefronts that remained teach a story. Everywhere I saw the kind of flexibility, the state of optimism, the resilience of the community. People were still open for business, still growing affordable housing opportunities by buying and restoring blighted properties and returning them to income-qualified buyers via a transparent process that supports a growing affordable housing network in the state. Kingston and Ulster County has committed to supporting and welcoming more minority and women-owned businesses, and recently the county received a further US$1 million in funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to support this effort.

"The city was saying: this street matters," said Tilda's, whose store has become a hub for Hudson Valley Currents locally and across the region. "I'm not sure. A good street is supposed to feel both contained but also rich with entrances and exits," said the owner. "This street is now a place where people can walk, bike, and access the sidewalk."

"There is Anajpati's Asian Grocery Store that has temporarily become Sultana's Closet; there is a Southern Food eatery, and there is the bilingual community radio station; there is the storefront headquarters of the New Yorkers for Clean Power, a used clothing store; there is the beloved restaurant Tilda's, which has opened by Chris Hewitt, optimistically, during the middle of the pandemic ("My wife calls me a morning optimistakenly," he laughed). Tilda's is also the exchange center for the REIF LARSEN 400 members exchange Hudson Valley Currents locally and across the region."

But the city has also initiated one of its largest public bike trails as a kind of new Main Street, a kind of smart, inclusive growth. "We see these urban networks of bicycle trails, linear parks, and sustainable connectivity as the creation of the future," said one key building block to cultivating this kind of smart, inclusive growth. "The city has also initiated the largest public bike trails as a kind of new Main Street that will bike trails as a kind of new Main Street."