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Mayor Madden: City to Seek Public Input on Monument Square Design

Public encouraged to participate in design charrette to shape future redevelopment of One Monument Square site

City has issued an RFP seeking qualified consultants to lead three-day interactive community planning & design program

TROY, NY – Today, Mayor Patrick Madden announced the City of Troy will solicit public input on the future development of the One Monument Square site in downtown Troy. The city will hold a three-day public design charrette where participants will collaborate during a multi-day brainstorming and design program to develop a mutually agreed upon concept for the site.

Mayor Patrick Madden said, “The design charrette process offers a fresh start for the redevelopment of Monument Square. With assistance and input from our community, we can create a collective vision for the site that respects Troy’s unique and historic character while enhancing our city’s valuable assets and expanding access to our unique waterfront location.”

A charrette is an intensive planning and design session where residents, business owners, designers and other stakeholders collaborate on a vision for development. A design charrette provides a forum for ideas which offers a unique opportunity to give designers immediate feedback while creating mutual authorship among participants in the plan. The City is not advancing any predetermined concepts with the exception of a

50-foot deep esplanade along the Hudson River and connection from the esplanade to River Street.

Steven Strichman, Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development said, “The charrette process is intended to specifically design the public space, and identify the exact building site as determined by feedback provided by the community. We encourage our residents, business owners and community stakeholders to participate in this unique and exciting process.”

The City of Troy released an RFP seeking qualified applicants to lead the community planning initiative for the downtown riverfront location. The selected team will lead a three-day charrette open to all members of the community to create a public consensus for the site’s use and anticipated redevelopment – including construction details for the southward expansion of Riverfront Park and its connection to the business district on River Street. Developers interested in the redevelopment of the site are encouraged to attend.

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The One Monument Square site is located in the heart of Troy’s Central Business District & Business Improvement District (BID). Since the controversial demolition of City Hall in 2011, numerous attempts at redevelopment have been initiated but have not come to fruition.

To obtain a copy of the One Monument Square design charrette RFP please contact the Bureau of Contracts and Procurement at (518) 279-7172 or nancy.piskutz@troyny.gov

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