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PRESS RELEASE

City of Schenectady to Host ‘Building A Resilient Stockade’ Community Design Workshop Series

Three-day interactive series of community design workshops to guide Stockade Flood Mitigation Project

SCHENECTADY – Mayor Gary McCarthy announced the City of Schenectady will host a three-day interactive series of community design workshops to guide the Stockade Flood Mitigation Project. The workshops will be held April 1st, 3rd, and 4th, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the First Reformed Church, 8 North Street, Schenectady, NY 12305.

Schenectady was awarded funding by the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) through the New York Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) to work with the community to determine a preferred approach to mitigate flooding in the Stockade neighborhood and assist property owners to preserve their homes.

“After facing devastating floods, Schenectady has an opportunity to develop a master plan to protect our Stockade Neighborhood – New York State’s first Historic District,” **Mayor McCarthy** said. “We are working with our state and federal partners to identify effective and smart projects to increase resilience. We will work with FEMA to support implementation of one or more of the selected mitigation measures with the available funds.”

The three-day ‘Building a Resilient Stockade’ workshop will focus on:

- Sharing a project overview and preliminary findings from data collection with the public
- Gathering input on community values that should be reflected in mitigation designs
- Reviewing preliminary design concepts in a public Open House session
- Reviewing design alternatives that have been refined based on public feedback

“This is the first major community engagement push that will set the stage in the process of feasibility analysis, evaluation of environmental and cultural resources, consultation, and design,” said **Kristin Diotte, Director of Development**. “Your involvement is critical, and I encourage everyone to participate in the events scheduled for April 1st, 3rd and 4th.”

The workshops will capture community input on desired flood mitigation alternatives. “The design workshop process is a high intensity and highly collaborative approach that gives real power to citizen,” said **Ian Law, the Principal of Place Alliance**. Over three days we will work hand in hand with the community as designers respond to community preferences in ‘real time’.”

The City is requesting that property owners assist in the preparation by completing a survey that will ensure all flood impacts are understood. Surveys will be mailed to property owners in the target area and will be made available soon on the project website at www.stockaderesilience.com.

For more information, please visit the project website at www.stockaderesilience.com or contact Kristin Diotte, Director of Development for the City of Schenectady at kdiotte@schenectadyny.gov or 518-382-5149.

Notice of Public Meetings

CITY OF SCHENECTADY
STOCKADE FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT
BUILDING A RESILIENT STOCKADE

Monday, April 1, Wednesday, April 3,
& Thursday, April 4

7:00-9:00 PM

The First Reformed Church
8 North Church Street

YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

The City of Schenectady will hold a series of
Three Community Design Events
to help guide selection of the best approaches
to reduce flooding in the Stockade Historic District.

- **April 1st**: Project presentation & workshop on community values that will shape mitigation designs
- **April 3rd**: Open house to discuss preliminary design concepts
- **April 4th**: Community design review meeting to gather feedback on refined design concepts

Community input is encouraged!

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