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PRESS RELEASE
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***City of Schenectady partners with Community Land Trust
of Schenectady and Schenectady County Public Health
Services to help low-income seniors
Fix emergency home repairs
And
Help families with young children to test homes and
apartments for lead based paint.***

Schenectady, NY June 20, 2011 – Acting Mayor Gary R. McCarthy announces City of Schenectady, Community Land Trust of Schenectady and Schenectady County Public Health Services partner to provide assistance with emergency housing repairs for seniors and lead paint testing for families with young children.

Acting Mayor McCarthy is concerned about health and safety hazards in housing for the City's low income seniors and families with children. "Many senior home owners are living on fixed incomes and can't afford to pay for an unexpected emergency repair. Families with young children aren't aware they are living with lead paint, which can potentially lead to developmental delays and other risks for young children. These two programs will provide City of Schenectady residents a safer place to live." *He urges residents to attend an informational meeting to be hosted by Community Land Trust of Schenectady to discuss eligibility for emergency home repair and lead paint testing grants:*

DATE: JUNE 21, 2011

WHERE: COMMUNITY LAND TRUST OF SCHENECTADY
1677 VANVRANKEN AVENUE
SCHENECTADY, NY 12308

WHEN: 10:30 AM TO 11:30 AM OR 4:30 PM TO 5:30 PM

CONTACT: COMMUNITY LAND TRUST OF SCHENECTADY - (518) 372-7616

GRANTS TO HELP SENIORS FIX EMERGENCY HOME REPAIRS

RESTORE Program (Residential Emergency Service to Offer Repairs to the Elderly): COMMUNITY LAND TRUST OF SCHENECTADY has received funding from the City of Schenectady and the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation to provide up to a \$7,500 grant for emergency housing repairs, eligible to City of Schenectady home owners, aged 60 and older.

Grant funds must be used to address emergency repairs in housing that pose a threat to the healthy and safety of the home owner or others living within the household. Grants are available on a first come, first serve basis. Eligibility is also based on level of emergency. SAMPLE REPAIRS: CODE VIOLATIONS, BROKEN WATER/SEWER MAIN, LEAKING ROOF, HAZARDOUS ELECTRICAL ISSUES. This program does not pay for substantial, cosmetic or home improvement repairs. Contact COMMUNITY LAND TRUST OF SCHENECTADY at (518) 372-7616.

GRANT TO HELP PREVENT LEAD POISONING

The City of Schenectady, Community Land Trust of Schenectady and Schenectady County Public Health Services has provided COMMUNITY LAND TRUST OF SCHENECTADY the opportunity to provide grants to test homes and apartments for lead based paint issues. Grants would provide free lead testing and inspections to qualified applicants, whether renter or owners of residence. To be eligible, the homes/apartments must have a child under the age of 6 and/or someone that is pregnant living in the household. Grants are available to homes and apartments in the following zip codes: 12303, 12304, 12307 and 12308. Contact COMMUNITY LAND TRUST OF SCHENECTADY at (518) 372-7616.

OTHER HOUSING RELATED PROGRAMS WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED AT THE INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON JUNE 21, 2011:

- THE COMMUNITY LOAN FUND OF THE CAPITAL REGION, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SEFCU, is offering residential mortgage loans up to \$120,000 for income-qualified owner-occupants. The Community Loan Fund is a nonprofit financial institution with a community development mission, serving Schenectady and the Capital Region since 1985. For more information on the residential lending programs, contact Joe Landy, Community Development Lending Officer, at (518) 436-8586 or Joe@mycommunityloanfund.org.
- HOMEOWNERSHIP OPTIONS, HOMES FOR SALE AND RENT
- HOME OWNER REPAIR CLASSES
- LANDLORD TRAINING