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Schenectady Wins State Grant for Woodlawn Preserve

Schenectady, N.Y. – Mayor Brian U. Stratton today joined with County officials to announce that Schenectady has been awarded a state grant of \$29,500 for the preservation and beautification of the Woodlawn Preserve.

Mayor Brian U. Stratton said, “Working with Schenectady County, we have won this grant and together we will use it to plan for the future of the Woodlawn Preserve. The Woodlawn Preserve is one of Schenectady’s natural treasures. We hope to develop a plan that will link this key parcel to the existing Pine Bush Area creating a 300 plus acre nature area that will be an asset to the entire Capital Region.”

County Legislator Gary Hughes said, “The County is very pleased that this joint application with the City received an award from New York State’s Quality Communities Grant Program, administered through the Department of State. This was a competitive application and we are pleased that our application was selected for funding. The goal here is to make the Woodlawn Preserve a quality green space and nature area that everyone in Schenectady County can be proud of.”

The Woodlawn Preserve was recently added to the State’s Open Space Conservation Plan. The Quality Communities grant may help identify other State funding opportunities to enhance the project.

The Woodlawn Preserve grant application was co-sponsored by the Towns of Niskayuna, Rotterdam and Colonie.

The City Department of Development will play the lead role in the Woodlawn Preserve Project and will coordinate the study with project co-sponsors including the County’s Department of Economic Development and Planning.

The Quality Communities award continues the City and County’s successful efforts to aggressively pursue State and federal grants.

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