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Press Release

Mayor Gary McCarthy Announces Bid to Demolish Nine More Blighted Properties

Schenectady Has Achieved Over 100 Demolitions of Blighted Structures in Recent Years

Schenectady, N.Y., -- Mayor Gary McCarthy today announced that the City of Schenectady will demolish nine more blighted properties. The City has issued bids to demolish: 532 Schenectady Street; 518 Schenectady Street; 421 Schenectady Street; 923 Delamont Avenue; 830 Strong Street; 1492 Broadway; 1496 Broadway; 844 Emmett Street, and 1688 Carrie Street.

Mayor McCarthy said, "This bid will bring us over the 100 demolition mark as we remove blighted properties and continue to improve Schenectady neighborhoods. We are especially pleased to see three units from Schenectady Street on this list as we make a focused effort to attack blight in this area."

The City is using HUD funding and the Capital Region Land Bank is using grant dollars provided by Attorney General Eric Schneiderman to together target blighted properties that are beyond repair.

Capital Region Land Bank Chairman and County Legislator Richard Ruzzo said, "It is great to see the City initiating nine more demolitions in these important neighborhoods. We look forward to continuing our fight against blighted, abandoned, zombie properties and celebrate the fact that we have completed more than 100 demolitions in our collective effort to benefit and improve Schenectady's neighborhoods."

Bids must be delivered to the office of the City Clerk, Room #107, City Hall, 105 Jay Street, Schenectady, New York by 10:30 AM on Monday, October 24, 2016. Specifications may be picked up in the Purchasing Department, Room #102, City Hall, between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. weekdays or downloaded from the Empire State Purchasing Group website at www.EmpireStateBidSystem.com.

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There will be a mandatory site visit of the listed properties beginning at 9:00 AM on Monday, October 17, 2016. The gathering point will be the property at 532 Schenectady Street in the City of Schenectady. The site visit is designed to allow bidders the opportunity to examine, on a firsthand basis, the conditions existing in each property. Woman and minority owned businesses are encouraged to submit proposals. Schenectady is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

The demolition work is expected to be completed later this year and in early 2017. The City expects to issue another bid for another eight to ten demolitions in the next few weeks. In addition to the 100 –plus demolitions, the City and the Land Bank continue to work on numerous projects to renovate City homes.

The Mayor's Home Ownership Made Easy in Schenectady (H.O.M.E.S.) Program also includes efforts to market homes to new residents and to sell City-owned property to residents who commit to invest in Schenectady. To see a list of City-owned and Land Bank-owned properties that are for sale visit www.capitalregionlandbank.com and click on E-Properties.