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DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING, CAPITALIZE ALBANY CORPORATION HOST CORNING PRESERVE WATERFRONT PARK OPEN HOUSE

*Corning Preserve Waterfront Park a Major Component of the Impact Downtown
Albany initiative*

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Albany, NY – On Tuesday, January 28th, the City of Albany Department of Development and Planning, Capitalize Albany Corporation, the Mayor's Office of Energy and Sustainability and the New York State Department of State hosted an open house event for the Corning Preserve Waterfront Park. The event was a response to the Corning Preserve Waterfront Park public workshop held in October of 2013. Presented for public comment at the open house were the concept and phasing plans for the Corning Preserve Waterfront Park completed by consulting teams Goody Clancy and Stantec.

The Corning Preserve Waterfront Park is a major component of the Impact Downtown Albany initiative as well as the Albany 2030 Comprehensive Plan. Impact Downtown Albany is a market-driven strategy with a bold, action-oriented set of projects and programs that position Downtown, its adjacent warehouse district, and its waterfront as the ideal urban center: a strong economic hub, a vibrant neighborhood and a modern, dynamic destination. Development of Impact Downtown Albany is currently underway.

"Revitalizing our waterfront and maximizing the potential of the Corning Preserve is an essential part of making Albany a more attractive and sustainable City for visitors and residents alike," said Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan, "As I touched upon in my State of the City address last week, we hold the opportunity to once again become a vibrant metropolis on the Hudson. I would like to thank the New York State Department of State, the Department of Development and Planning, Capitalize Albany Corporation and all of the Impact Downtown Albany contributors for providing us with the funds and resources to help realize this dream, and I look forward to the guidance the completed Corning Preserve Master Plan will provide us with."

Key components presented at Tuesday's meeting included plans for: environmentally appealing North and South ponds through improved water quality, aesthetic appeal and water depth; enhanced access to and from Downtown through enhancements to the current pedestrian bridge and additional vehicular and pedestrian access via Quay Street; improved kayak/canoe and boating access through the creation of a launch to the North of Corning Preserve, canoeing and kayaking access in the North and South ponds and more boat docking at the Performance Place; and an improved and enhanced performance place through the creation of a permanent stage and more seating.

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“The Corning Preserve Waterfront Park is a major asset to the City of Albany and Downtown, so I am excited to finally present these transformational plans to the community,” said Commissioner of Development and Planning and Capitalize Albany Corporation President Michael Yevoli, “By creating a transparent process we have crafted a future vision for the Waterfront that I personally believe reflects the wants and needs of our community, and I encourage the public to continue to stay connected with us through all future phases of the Impact Downtown Albany strategy.”

The goal of the Corning Preserve Waterfront Park Plan is to develop specific plans for the revitalization of the Corning Preserve project and is being funded by the New York State Department of State with funds provided under title 11 of the environmental protection fund.

The City of Albany and Capitalize Albany Corporation worked in partnership with a world-class consultant team led by Goody Clancy to develop the waterfront portion of the initiative, and will continue to work with them as they complete the development of the Impact Downtown Albany strategy. The Waterfront Master Plan builds from the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Plan Update.

For more information on the Corning Preserve Waterfront Park please visit: <http://www.albany2030.org/preserve-master-plan> in addition to www.facebook.com/albany2030 and www.twitter.com/albany2030 for the latest updates.

For more information on the downtown Albany tactical revitalization plan, please visit: www.capitalizealbany.com/impact-downtown/ in addition to www.facebook.com/capitalizealbany and www.twitter.com/capalbanycorp for the latest updates.

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