

Utica Harbor Point Development Corporation

Operations & Accomplishments

April 1, 2013 – March 31, 2014

- Consultant team led by Elan Planning met with various City officials on April 11th to discuss desired goals and objectives to be considered as part of the Harbor Point master plan
- Consultant team led by Elan Planning met with various stakeholder groups on April 30th and May 2nd, including NYS DEC, NYS DOT, Canal Corporation and Mohawk Valley EDGE
- Representatives of consultant team, National Grid, City and UHPDC participated in 2-hour interview on May 14th on local FM radio station (Green Local 175 LIVE) to present the history of the site, the remediation process and the planning process
- Representatives of the UHPDC participated in follow-up 1 hour interview on May 21st on same radio station to publicly discuss the creation, mission and function of the LDC
- The Board met on June 8, 2013 and approved a resolution adding a non-voting, ex-officio position on the Board to be filled by John Fiume, a representative of National Grid
- Transfer of a small section of Wurz Avenue from the Canal Corporation to the City of Utica to provide access to the Harbor was finalized in June.
- Mayor and UHPDC representatives meet with County Executive to discuss progress made to date on Harbor Point redevelopment and future plans, priorities
- Consultant team, City officials and UHPDC representatives meet with representatives of the New York State Historic Preservation Office on July 19th to discuss plan and future regulatory requirements
- Consultant team, City officials and representatives of the UHPDC meet with Canal Corporation Director Brian Stratton and his team on August 19th to discuss preliminary planning process
- Consultant team representatives make presentation on planning effort to Mighty Waters Working Group on August 27th
- Mayor Palmieri pens guest editorial on the project, published by the Observer Dispatch on December 11th
- On December 11th, Governor Cuomo announces that Mohawk Valley regional economic development council is 'top performer' in latest Consolidated Funding Application round – thereby awarding \$5.5 million in grant funds to the City for improvements at Harbor Point
- National Grid provides a grant of \$114,000 to the City of Utica for further planning and continued improvements at Harbor Point
- In December 2013, the City took title to 105-109 North Genesee Street, now slated for demolition in order to eventually widen Wurz Avenue and potentially provide greater access from North Genesee Street to parcels immediately to the north
- On January 17th, 2014, City officials and UHPDC representatives met with Canal Corporation Director Brian Stratton and members of his team to discuss eventual transfer of property and various mechanisms for such a transfer
- In March, 2014, the Canal Corporation began preparing a \$12M+ TIGER grant application to the United States Department of Transportation that, if approved, would ultimately result in the relocation of the Canal Corporation north to the existing NYS DOT facility on the Canal