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City of Rochester Vacuum Oil Brownfield Opportunity Area Step 3 Implementation Strategy

**Project Advisory Committee Meeting #3
March 22, 2015 @ 6:00 PM**

1. Welcome and Introductions

Mark Gregor, City of Rochester, welcomed committee members and requested those in attendance introduce themselves (please see attached sign-in sheet for list of meeting attendees).

2. How Did We Get Here?

Kimberly Baptiste, Bergmann Associates, provided a brief overview of the project to date, noting:

- Key project milestones
- Recapping the past Public Meetings' ideas and outcomes
- Significant recent projects occurring within the BOA boundary
- BOA Plan/GEIS Activities

Please refer to attached PPT presentation for additional detail.

3. Public Meeting Recap

Kimberly recapped the major ideas and outcomes that came from the public meeting that took place on October 29th, 2015. The meeting was organized as an open house with 6 stations. Each station provided information on a specific topic relating to the Vacuum Oil BOA. The community provided a range of feedback from property maintenance assistance to improving street functions of the area.

4. Project Updates and Implementation Activities

Kimberly Baptiste and Joseph Biondolillo shared information on key implementation activities occurring in the study area, exclusive of the BOA funded activities:

- The City, within the Brownfield Cleanup Program, completed investigative work. Further investigative work is underway and expected to be completed in May 2016.
- DHD Ventures (owners of 5 and 15 Flint Street) have submitted their Remedial Investigative Report (RIR) to DEC. The cleanup process is expected to commence in the summer of 2016.
- The Foodlink building has an interested party who has started moving forward with independent studies.

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- 920 Exchange Street has moved forward with the property's Phase I ESA and Land Appraisal through the BOA program. The property owners anticipate moving forward with a Phase II ESA and Geotechnical analysis using other funding sources.
- Andy Raus (Bergmann Associates) discussed one of the City's projects that was submitted for grant funding through the Consolidated Funding Application process – the West River Wall. Andy noted the project assessed the existing wall from Ford Street to the former rail bridge and included the identification of wall design alternatives to improve access to the river, as well as flood protection. The project in Vacuum Oil BOA is a continuation of a recently completed planning process to the north in Corn Hill.

5. The BOA Action Plan/GEIS Activities

Kimberly reviewed the various elements of the BOA Implementation Strategy and GEIS Activities. Kimberly noted the different completed components including the Vision Plan, Traffic Analysis, Transportation Assessment, Floodplain Analysis and the Housing Reinvestment Strategy.

- Kimberly discussed briefly the components of the vision plan; including the newly developed housing units in the northern area of the study area.
- Kimberly presented the traffic analysis and presented recommendations that would mitigate the few repercussions associated with full build out conditions.
- Kimberly discussed the possibilities of constructing a new road network south and north of Flint Street.
- Andy presented the different steps that took place to assess the FEMA floodplain. She then discussed the key findings and suggested some key recommendations to revise the FEMA 100-year elevation.
- Kimberly identified the areas that were found to be holding water within the boundary.
- Kimberly presented the geotechnical efforts that have been taking place within the study area. She described the intent of the efforts as being a means of informing future decisions regarding development. Historical data and soil boring logs have been compiled to show which areas of the study area have yet to be analyzed as well as, which areas are appropriate for future growth.
- Kimberly discussed the components of the waterfront and public realm mater plan, including creating and enhancing a neighborhood park.
- Eric Halvorsen (RKG Associates) discussed the work that was completed in association with the Housing Reinvestment Strategy, including a review of existing studies and data, identification of housing needs and opportunities, strategies to address neighborhood preservation and quality-of-life, and financing, tools and approaches to achieve housing objectives. Please refer to attached PPT presentation for additional detail.

6. Next Steps

The meeting concluded with a summary of next steps:

- Advance all BOA and GEIS tasks
- Complete Draft BOA/GEIS document by June 2016
- Informational public meeting – Spring/Summer 2016