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With funding from the NYS Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) and U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the City of Schenectady has hired a team of professional architects and engineers to engage the community, evaluate alternatives, and recommend a preferred solution to mitigate the impact of flooding in the Stockade neighborhood. If the solution meets all FEMA standards, construction funding of just over \$7.5 million is available to advance mitigation improvements and assist property owners to preserve their properties. The team is led by Mesick Cohen Wilson Baker Architects of Albany, New York, the same firm that worked successfully with the neighborhood to develop flood mitigation design guidelines in 2017.

As a condition of the grant, the City must focus the assessment in a defined study area which includes all properties that are in the 100-year floodplain and also in the Stockade National Register Historic District. That area is bounded by Front Street, the Rail Road, the Mohawk River and Cucumber Alley.

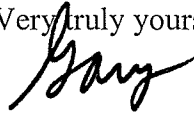
As a part of this effort, members of the design team will be performing an aerial topographic survey of the study area beginning the week of November 26, 2018. They expect this work to be complete by December 7, 2018. The team will survey the exterior of buildings, roadways, and vegetation for use in preparing mitigation options in the coming months. The data gathered will help the team understand what's happening in the study area and guide us in identifying the best flood mitigation solution. They will also contact property owners and distribute a brief survey to all residents in the area to collect more information about your experience. Participation in the survey is optional, but will be extremely helpful to the design team.

After the holidays, the team will conduct a multi-day workshop with the community that will offer multiple opportunities for residents to help identify the best alternative flood mitigation approaches to be evaluated further. Your participation in these events is very important and we encourage everyone to participate. More information about the workshop will be distributed.



In addition to this study, there are multiple other projects currently being undertaken in the Stockade neighborhood; including the construction of a new Pump Station, drafting of a Comprehensive Streetscape Plan, and the installation of Smart Lighting Systems. We appreciate your continued support, input, and patience as we work with the Stockade community to improve its infrastructure and resilience. For more information about the flood mitigation project, updates, and upcoming events, please visit the project's dedicated website at www.stockaderesilience.com. If you have any questions, please contact the City's Flood Mitigation Project Manager, Margaret Irwin of River Street Planning & Development, at (518) 273-8980 or Kristin Diotte, Director of Development for the City of Schenectady at (518) 382-5147.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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