

# City of Newburgh

## Press Release

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### City of Newburgh Issues Request for Qualifications for Round II of the Public/Private Housing Partnership

Building on the success of the first round of the Public/Private Housing Partnership Initiative, the City of Newburgh Department of Planning & Development has issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to redevelop another 21 City-owned properties.

The Public/Private Housing Partnership Initiative was created as an alternative to the customary auction of city properties. While the auctions were successful in reducing the number of properties in the City's portfolio, many of the properties remained undeveloped years after purchase. The Initiative was designed to identify pre-qualified developers who demonstrate a good track record of housing development and expertise, sound financial backing, and a strong commitment to implementing creative, quality development in a timely manner. The properties were sold in "bundles" of three to five properties and were to be resold for owner-occupancy only.

In Round I of the initiative, 13 properties were offered for sale to private developers for redevelopment. In September of 2007, City officials celebrated the completion and subsequent sale of 10 Galloway Avenue, one of the properties redeveloped by RYM Investments. Construction is moving ahead on the others.

An Open House will be held on Thursday, January 17 and Friday, January 18 to allow interested parties and their construction/design professionals to enter each property in preparation for their submission. An information session for prospective developers will be held on Wednesday, January 23 at 2:30 p.m., on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of City Hall, 83 Broadway. Those interested in attending should RSVP to Lourdes Zapata-Perez, Community Development Director, at [lperez@cityofnewburgh-ny.gov](mailto:lperez@cityofnewburgh-ny.gov).

The deadline for submissions for the RFQ is February 1 at 3 p.m. Detailed information on properties and submission requirements may be obtained Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Department of Planning and Development, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, City Hall, 83 Broadway or on the City website @ [www.cityofnewburgh-ny.gov](http://www.cityofnewburgh-ny.gov).