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# City of Newburgh Issues Request for Proposals (RFPs) For Former Jonas Automotive Site

The City of Newburgh has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the redevelopment of the former Jonas Automotive property at 86 Wisner Avenue. The City is seeking proposals that will create job opportunities for Newburgh residents, establish a strong base for the economic and community revitalization of the surrounding community, and capitalize on green building design principles.

The site is approximately 1.4 acres in size and contains a former foundry building and a smaller garage. This property is near a heavily traveled intersection, Broadway and Wisner Avenue, in an area that contains a mix of residential and commercial/light industrial uses.

Poughkeepsie Iron Fabricators operated on the site from 1963 until the early 1990's. The site was then operated by Poughkeepsie Trim and Steel until 1993. Jonas Automotive Rebuilders operated a facility from August 1993-March 1999 for the dismantling of automotive engines for salvaging. The City of Newburgh acquired the property through tax foreclosure several years ago.

The City will hold a pre-bidder's conference for interested parties on Wednesday, April 30, 2008 at 3 p.m. in City Hall, 83 Broadway – 3rd Floor. Prospective responders are highly encouraged to attend this opportunity to speak with City of Newburgh staff and environmental consultants regarding the site.

Remediation of the site prior to development is necessary, and the City has secured funding for the investigation and cleanup of the site through the New York State Environmental Restoration (Brownfields) Program. The projected timetable for this clean-up effort indicates the property will be ready for redevelopment in the spring of 2009. In the alternative, the City is open to a private developer completing the remediation of the site.

Copies of the full RFP can be viewed on the City of Newburgh website, www.cityofnewburgh-ny.gov, or obtained from the Department of Planning and Development by calling 569-9400. All responses to the RFP must be received by 4 p.m. on **Friday, May 16, 2008.**