

# City of Newburgh

## Press Release

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### James Slaughter Named City of Newburgh Director of Planning & Development



City Manager Richard Herbek has announced the appointment of James Slaughter as Director of Planning & Development. Mr. Slaughter has more than 20 years of municipal and private sector experience in urban, economic and riverfront development. A native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, he holds a Masters in Public Administration, Bachelor of Arts in Urban Planning from the University of Pittsburgh and a Masters in Urban and Regional Planning from Vermont College. He specializes in historical preservation, riverfront analysis, land use and facilities planning, and project management.

Most recently, Slaughter served as President of The Slaughter Group, Inc. which focused on economic development, housing production and technical projects for the revitalization of rural, suburban and urban areas. Previously, he served as Director of Economic Development for the City of Peekskill, Director of Land Use Advocacy at Scenic Hudson, Director of Policy Planning and Development for the City of East Orange, NJ; Executive Director of the African American Affairs Commission, Hartford, CT; President, Management and Development Associates, Orange, NJ, and Director, Planning and Development, Orange Township, NJ.

His past achievements include the development of the Cicely Tyson Community School for Performing and Fine Arts and Woodlands at Upsala (a market rate single family and townhouse development) in East Orange, NJ.

His awards include a Certification of Commendation from the New Jersey General Assembly for fiscal and economic revitalization, and the 1995 Paul Davidoff Advocacy Planning Award from the American Planning Association.

Mr. Slaughter commented, "The City of Newburgh, with its proximity to major highways, the airport, and rail service, its abundant natural resources and rich history, has great potential to reinvent itself as many other Hudson River municipalities have done. I look forward to working with businesses, local organizations and residents on revitalizing this City."

City Manager Richard F. Herbek noted, “James Slaughter has a wide range of skills and experience in urban redevelopment that should prove invaluable to our revitalization efforts. We are very pleased to welcome him to our team.”