

LEGAL NOTICE

NEW YORK STATE URBAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

D/B/A EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT AND

ERIE CANAL HARBOR DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2022,

PURSUANT TO SECTION 16 OF THE NEW YORK STATE URBAN DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION ACT IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED CANALSIDE PROJECT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the New York State Urban Development Corporation, d/b/a Empire State Development (the “Corporation”), pursuant to Section 16(2) of the New York State Urban Development Corporation Act (Chapter 174, Section 1, Laws of 1968, as amended)(the “Act”) has adopted a Modified General Project Plan (the “Plan”) for the Canalside Project (the “Project”). The Project area is generally bounded on the north by Upper Terrace, Exchange Street and Perry Boulevard; on the east by Washington Street and Seymour H. Knox III Plaza; on the south by Perry Street and the Buffalo River; and, on the west by Erie Street, Marine Drive and Pearl and Commercial Streets. ESD and the Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation (“ECHDC”), a subsidiary of the Corporation, are undertaking the Project. The Project would comprise approximately \$708 million in public/private investment consisting of over 1 million square feet, at full build out, of commercial (retail, lodging, office), cultural and residential space that would be designed to emphasize downtown Buffalo’s connection to the Lake Erie waterfront through the construction of a network of interpretive water elements evoking the character and vibrancy of the historic canals that once crossed the area. The proposed Project will provide various year-round offerings and experiences including restaurant, entertainment venues, retail outlets, cultural attractions, vast public spaces and increased access to the Buffalo River. The Plan sets forth a detailed description of the Project and includes revisions to the Project as originally contemplated including incorporation of proposed improvements for the northern portion of the block on Main Street where the former Memorial Auditorium once stood and revisions to the Project Budget.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions on public gatherings, the public hearing will be conducted as a virtual hearing utilizing the Zoom video communications and teleconferencing platform on February 17, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Detailed instructions for participation in the virtual hearing can be downloaded at <https://esd.ny.gov/erie-canal-harbor-development-corporation-projects>. The public hearing is for the purpose of: (1) informing the public about the Project; and (2) giving all interested persons an opportunity to provide comments on the Plan, pursuant to Section 16 of the UDC Act.

The Plan, which contains a detailed description of the Project, is on file with ESD, at the office of ECHDC, 95 Perry Street, Suite 400, Buffalo, New York 14203, and is available for inspection by the general public between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, public holidays excluded.

The Plan is available at the ECHDC website at <https://esd.ny.gov/erie-canal-harbor-development-corporation-projects>. The public may also inspect and/or obtain copies of the Plan by e-mailing Sonia.lombardo@esd.ny.gov or calling (716) 846-8249. Pursuant to Section 16(2) of the UDC Act, ECHDC has also filed a copy of the Plan in the office of the Erie County Clerk and has provided a copy thereof to the City of Buffalo. A copy of the Plan is also available for review at the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library, Central Branch, Lafayette Square, Buffalo, New York 14203.

Comments on the Plan are requested. Participants who wish to provide verbal comment during the virtual meeting will have an opportunity to sign up to speak during registration and/or once the meeting has started. Comments may also be delivered in writing to Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation, 95 Perry Street, Suite 400, Buffalo, New York 14203 (Attention: Canalside MGPP Comment), up until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 18, 2022, or sent by email to eriecanalharbor@esd.ny.gov, up until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 18, 2022. Written or e-mailed comments received after 5:00 p.m. on February 18, 2022 will not be considered.

If there is an accommodation needed for the virtual hearing or other special accommodations with which we can provide assistance, please notify Sonia Lombardo by Friday, February 11, 2022 at (716) 846-8249.

Written comments received by the Corporation after 5:00 p.m. on February 18, 2022 will not be considered by the Corporation in making its final determinations on the proposed Modifications to the Plan.

Dated: February 4, 2022
Buffalo, New York

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By: Debbie Royce
Corporate Secretary