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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**LANDMARK SOCIETY AND CITY OF ROCHESTER COMPLETE HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY OF NORTHEAST AND NORTHWEST ROCHESTER QUADRANTS***COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE PLANNED FOR AUGUST 25 TO SHARE INFORMATION*

ROCHESTER, NY August 11, 2021— Working on behalf of the City of Rochester, The Landmark Society of Western New York recently completed an inventory of historic buildings, structures, and sites in the Northeast and Northwest Quadrants in the City of Rochester. The public is invited to an open house event to learn about the results of the project and details about important historic properties in these neighborhoods.

The open house is set for Wednesday, August 25 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the David F. Gantt Recreation Center, 700 North Street, Rochester. The community is invited to drop in at any time. Staff from The Landmark Society will be available to share information with the public about the results of the survey, their partnership with the City of Rochester, and answer questions. This project is partially funded by a grant from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (NYSOPRHP) and The Community Foundation.

Landmark Society staff will provide information and answer questions about:

- Typical historic building types in the Northwest and Northeast Quadrants of the City.
- The development history of these quadrants, including the history of racist housing policies like Redlining and Urban Renewal.
- Potential National Register historic districts and whether neighborhoods may be eligible for the NYS Homeowner Tax Credit program.
- How neighborhoods can document and explore their history and the older buildings in it.

“It’s important to study the history of Rochester’s neighborhoods to identify significant and perhaps overlooked historic properties that may be at-risk or may hold potential for redevelopment,” said Caitlin Meives, Landmark Society Director of Preservation. “Under-utilized historic buildings can often serve as catalysts for investment and economic development. Identifying those potential assets through survey work is an important planning tool.”

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About The Landmark Society: *The Landmark Society of Western New York, Inc. is one of the oldest and most active preservation organizations in America, serving nine Western New York counties. Formed in 1937, The Landmark Society continues to protect the unique architectural heritage of our region and promote preservation and planning principles that foster healthy and sustainable communities. For additional information about The Landmark Society, visit www.landmarksociety.org. The Landmark Society is supported in part by New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.*