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**Landmark Society Partners with NeighborWorks Rochester
To Assist Homeowners in Preservation Districts**

(Sept. 17, 2012) The Landmark Society of Western New York and NeighborWorks® Rochester are partnering to help homeowners in City of Rochester Preservation Districts make exterior and interior home improvements by offering construction management services and loans to those who qualify.

The Landmark Society will provide preservation orientated construction management services that include: developing a work plan and rehab specifications, assisting the property owner through the Preservation District Certificate of Appropriateness process, identifying a contractor, as well as support monitoring the construction phase.

“The Landmark Society is committed to ensuring that residents in Rochester’s Preservation Districts have all the information they need to decide on the best way to make improvements to their historic homes,” said Wayne Goodman, Executive Director. “We are excited about partnering with NeighborWorks Rochester to provide home improvement resources and construction management services to Preservation District homeowners.”

The loans are being offered through NeighborWorks Rochester. There are no income requirements that homeowners would need to meet to be considered for a Preservation Rehab Loan. NeighborWorks® Rochester will also help interested homeowners apply for a free energy

audit through NYSERDA's Green Jobs Green New York (GJGNY) program. GJGNY energy audits are free to households making less than \$137,000.

"NeighborWorks® Rochester and The Landmark Society have a common mission to support and preserve neighborhoods," said Eric Van Dusen, Chief Operating Officer of NeighborWorks. "This partnership offers residents of Preservation Districts the chance to get technical assistance to help successfully guide and support rehab projects, at the same time it will provide access to resources to help with the cost of improvements."

Preservation Rehab Loan applications are available online at www.landmarksociety.org. There are currently eight designated Preservation Districts in the City of Rochester: Corn Hill, Mt. Hope Avenue, East Avenue, Susan B. Anthony, Beach Avenue, South Avenue/Gregory Street, Grove Place, and Brown's Race. Homeowners can contact The Landmark Society to determine if their property is located within one of the eight Preservation Districts.

Two free information sessions will be offered by NeighborWorks® Rochester and the Landmark Society to provide more details on the Preservation Rehab Loan and Construction Management Services Program. Both Sessions will be held at NeighborWorks® Rochester, located at 570 South Avenue in Rochester, starting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday October 16 and Thursday October 18.

Contact Johanna at 325-4170 to RSVP for either information session.

About The Landmark Society: *In its 75th year, 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.*

About NeighborWorks Rochester: *Committed to strengthening neighborhoods and facilitating successful homeownership, NeighborWorks Rochester has been serving the City of Rochester since 1979. From homebuyer education to home improvement loans, lead hazard assessments, and energy improvement resources, NeighborWorks® Rochester assists neighborhoods by supporting homebuyers and existing homeowners through services and resources designed to promote long-term homeownership and neighborhoods of choice. NeighborWorks® Rochester is a non-profit HUD Approved Housing Counseling Agency and is certified by the U.S. Treasury as a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI). NeighborWorks® Rochester is also a certified BPI energy improvement contractor and a member of the NeighborWorks® America network. For additional information on NeighborWorks® Rochester's services and programs, visit www.nwrochester.org.*