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Grants Awarded to 19th Ward and Landmark Society of Western New York Will Help in Neighborhood Revitalization Efforts

(Rochester, NY, January 27, 2014) Three recently awarded grants will support efforts to nominate four areas in Rochester's 19th Ward for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The designation would mean qualified homeowners would be eligible for the New York State Historic Homeowner Tax Credits when making a range of home repairs that meet specific criteria.

The grants include an \$18,000 historical preservation grant from Rochester Area Community Foundation to the 19th Ward Community Association as well as \$10,000 from The Preservation League of New York State and \$5,000 from the National Trust For Historic Preservation awarded to The Landmark Society of Western New York. All grants will support the costs of preparing several State and National Register of Historic Places nominations for areas in the 19th Ward.

"We are grateful for all the assistance offered from these organizations to support our work in the 19th Ward," said LaShay Harris, 19th Ward Community Association President. "Historic district designations throughout the neighborhood will strengthen the entire community."

More than 22,000 residents live in the 19th Ward, the largest residential community in the city and among the most diverse. "The 19th Ward is not only a vibrant neighborhood, but one that includes important historic architecture," said Wayne Goodman, Executive Director, Landmark Society. "We are honored to support their preservation initiatives."

About the Grantors:

Rochester Area Community Foundation works to improve the quality of life in the greater Rochester region by evaluating and addressing community issues, promoting responsible philanthropy, and connecting donors to the critical needs of the community.

The Preservation League of New York State The Preservation League of New York State is dedicated to the protection of New York's diverse and rich heritage of historic buildings, districts, and landscapes. It actively encourages historic preservation by public and private organizations, agencies, and individuals in local communities throughout New York State and provides the united voice for historic preservation. The Preserve New York Grant Program is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature. Total support provided by Preserve New York since its launch in 1993 is over \$1.8 million to 292 projects statewide.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is a privately-funded nonprofit organization that works to save America's historic places to enrich our future. The National Trust for Historic Preservation is committed to protecting America's rich cultural legacy and helping build vibrant, sustainable communities that reflect our nation's diversity.

About the 19th Ward Community Association:

The 19th Ward Community Association is a group of neighbors striving to preserve the residential character of the neighborhood. The Association fosters and encourages mutual cooperation in a multi-cultural community. We are a member-supported, volunteer-run, not-for-profit organization. Our mission is "To create a conscious multi-racial community where individual and cultural differences are celebrated and where people share a sense of community."

About The Landmark Society of Western New York:

The Landmark Society of Western New York: Formed in 1937, 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. 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.