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**ELLWANGER GARDEN—ROCHESTER’S “SECRET GARDEN”
OPEN TO PUBLIC WEEKENDS DURING LILAC FESTIVAL**

ROCHESTER, NY May 10, 2018 —The Ellwanger Garden, brimming with rare and beautiful perennials, is open to the public during the Lilac Festival weekends. Located at 625 Mt. Hope Avenue, Rochester’s “secret garden” is maintained by The Landmark Society of Western New York. This living preservation site, established in 1867 by famed Rochester nurseryman George Ellwanger, boasts eight different kinds of perennials, including strong collections of peonies, roses, daylilies, hostas, irises and spring and summer flowering bulbs.

The garden will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Lilac Festival weekends of May 12-13 and 19-20. Look for signs directing to nearby off-site parking. Admission is free: a suggested \$5 donation is appreciated to help maintain the Garden.

***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.*