

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF
MODIFIED GENERAL PROJECT PLAN
AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CANAL SIDE PROJECT, BUFFALO, NEW YORK**

Pursuant to the New York State Urban Development Corporation Act (“UDC Act”), a Modified General Project Plan (“MGPP”) was adopted on October 21, 2010 by the New York State Urban Development Corporation, d/b/a Empire State Development Corporation (“ESDC”) for the Canal Side Project, located along the Buffalo River near the southern terminus of the NFTA Metro Rail system at the foot of Main Street. 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. ESDC and the Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation (“ECHDC”) are undertaking the Project. The Canal Side Project would comprise approximately \$295 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. The proposed Project would provide various year-round offerings and experiences including restaurant, entertainment venues, retail outlets, cultural attractions, public spaces and increased access to the Buffalo River. The Modified General Project Plan sets forth a detailed description of the initial phase of the project, which is the construction of public infrastructure consisting of one level of below grade parking, canals, walkways, and landscaping. The initial phase of the Canal Side project would be approximately \$51 million of public investment. The MGPP also reflects that Bas Pro has withdrawn from the project.

The MGPP and supporting documents will be filed with ESDC and the City of Buffalo and are available for review on the Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation website (<http://www.eriecanalharbor.com>) and at ESDC offices by appointment by contacting Kelly Hise, Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation, 95 Perry Street, Buffalo, NY 14203, at (716) 846-8221. Copies of the MGPP are also available for review at the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library, Central Branch, Lafayette Square, Buffalo, NY 14203. Copies of the MGPP may be purchased by contacting Ms. Hise.

A Public Hearing concerning the MGPP will be held on:

**November 3, 2010, 7:00pm
Mason O. Damon Auditorium
Central Branch of Buffalo & Erie County Public Library
1 Lafayette Square
Buffalo, New York 14203**

Following a presentation on the findings of the MGPP, the public will be invited to submit comments/statements on the MGPP. These comments will be transcribed at this meeting for the public record.

If there is a need for a translator for the hearing impaired or other special accommodations with which we can provide assistance, please notify Kelly Hise by Friday, October 29, 2010, at (716) 846-8221.

Written comments may be submitted at the public hearing and/or submitted in writing to the address listed below. Written comments on the MGPP must be received by **5:00 PM, November 15, 2010** to be considered prior to the affirmation of the MGPP by ESDC.

Written comments or requests for more information should be sent to:

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