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BUILDING BEGINS AT SYCAMORE VILLAGE

Development offers “new urbanism” housing options for city residents

BUFFALO—Mayor Byron W. Brown today was joined by community leaders, elected officials and others to officially break ground on the Sycamore Village neighborhood.

The plan for the new Sycamore Village is a pedestrian friendly, park like community of 24 new homes, 20 market rate homes, and 4 low to moderate-income units.

“We have seen an increase in the demand for new, market rate housing in the City of Buffalo,” said Mayor Brown. “Sycamore Village will help fulfill that demand by adding single family homes to the lofts and condominium projects that are continuing to expand nearby in Downtown. This new development provides a good mix of housing options, while integrating them into a setting that promotes the benefits residents derive from city living.”

Remediation efforts at Sycamore Village included the demolition of three existing structures, and New York State contributed over \$1 million to the remediation of the Sycamore Village site. Road and infrastructure work at the site is close to completion, including Sydni Lane. The first phase of construction has started and is expected to be completed in the spring of 2008.

“This unique living experience embraces the concept of ‘new urbanism,’ which promotes compact, walkable communities,” said Timothy E. Wanamaker, Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning. “Twenty-four brand new homes are being constructed; each model has its own unique look. We are all very excited for this project to get off the ground.”

A “First Look at Sycamore Village” open house was held recently, with close to one hundred people expressing interest in the twenty-four homes. Of the twenty-four homes, four are reserved for low- to moderate-income level residents, which will be chosen via a lottery system.