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**CITY OF BUFFALO ANNOUNCES DRAFT MASTER PLAN OPEN HOUSE
FOR THE SOUTH BUFFALO BROWNFIELD OPPORTUNITY AREA**

BUFFALO—The City of Buffalo Office of Strategic Planning announces the South Buffalo Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Draft Master Plan Public Open House. The event will take place on **Wednesday, February 25, 2009, from 5:30 – 8:30 PM at the Irish Center, 245 Abbott Road, Buffalo, NY 14220**. The meeting will include an informal open house beginning at 5:30 PM, followed by the South Buffalo BOA Draft Master Plan presentation between 6:30 and 7:30 and community discussion between 7:30 and 8:30 PM.

The City of Buffalo was awarded a significant grant through the New York State Departments of State and Environmental Conservation BOA Program to conduct the Nomination Study for the South Buffalo BOA. The South Buffalo BOA is roughly bounded by the Buffalo River to the north, Hopkins Street and South Park Avenue to the east, the Buffalo-Lackawanna city boundary to the south and Route 5 to the west.

The South Buffalo BOA project is crucial to the renaissance of Buffalo and important for charting the reclamation and redevelopment of these valuable lands. The BOA master planning process has included extensive community involvement intended to gain feedback and participation from the community. The City, with the aid of a team of consultants, has prepared a draft Master Plan for the study area and wants community feedback.

The South Buffalo BOA was recently designated a Brownfields Smart Growth Spotlight Community by Governor David A. Paterson. This important designation links the BOA to the Governor's Smart Growth Cabinet.

The recent success of the South Buffalo BOA led to the City of Buffalo, in partnership with the Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation proposing a new BOA project along the waterfront. The proposed Buffalo Harbor BOA would provide a master plan for the valuable yet largely underutilized land along the Outer Harbor. The proposed initiative would also tie in adjacent areas and planning efforts such as the Canalside Project. The proposed Buffalo Harbor BOA will be announced at the end of the informal open house portion of the South Buffalo BOA meeting (6:15 - 6:30 PM) and input will be solicited regarding the proposed project.

Any questions or comments regarding the South Buffalo BOA project can be referred to John Fell from the City of Buffalo Office of Strategic Planning by calling 851-5035 or by email at southbuffaloboa@city-buffalo.com, or visit www.city-buffalo.com/southbuffaloboa for more information.

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