

Utica Harbor Point Development Corporation

Operations & Accomplishments

April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017

- On April 14, 2016, UHPDC Chairman Vin Gilroy along with other members of the UHPDC Board and the consultant team met with members of the City of Utica Common Council to provide an update on the status of plan implementation
- At the April 2016 meeting of the City of Utica Common Council, the Council approved a bond resolution for \$1,500,000 for costs associated with the Utica Harbor Point project
- On May 2, 2016, UHPDC Chairman Vin Gilroy gave a presentation of the Harbor Point master plan to the Bagg's Square Association
- On May 18 & 19, 2016, the New York State Canal Corporation held their annual business meeting in downtown Utica. UHPDC Chairman Vin Gilroy, together with City staff and members of the consultant team, gave a presentation to the attendees on the progress and status of the Harbor Point master plan
- In May 2016, the UHPDC and the City of Utica entered into a Memorandum of Understanding that detailed the responsibilities of both parties as it pertained to administration of a \$5 million grant from Empire State Development
- In June 2016, the City of Utica solicited construction bids for nearly \$1 million worth of streetscape improvements to the entrance to the Harbor, part of the Empire State Development's \$5 million grant award to the City of Utica
- In August 2016, Senator Charles Schumer announced that he was working to secure nearly \$1.8 million in previous earmarks for the City that would be re-allocated for improvements to the connectivity between the Harbor, Bagg's Square and Downtown Utica
- In December 2016, the City of Utica Planning Board held its required public hearing on the proposed amendment to the City of Utica zoning map and zoning ordinance in order to incorporate design guidelines for the Harbor area. Following the public hearing, the Planning Board unanimously agreed to formally recommend that the City of Utica Common Council adopt said zoning map and ordinance amendments
- In December 2016, Governor Cuomo announced award of a \$150,000 grant to the City of Utica for continued design and engineering work at the Harbor, specifically focused on the bulkhead walls
- In March 2017, the UHPDC submitted an Upstate Revitalization Initiative (URI) application to the State of New York, requesting approximately \$6 million for replacement of the bulkhead walls at the Harbor