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In Memoriam

Elected Officials & Community Leaders

Esther Patterson

Dennis Edney

Rev. Robert Dixon

Brian Martell

Stefan Bielinski

Scott Meyer

City Employees & Retirees

James Larson

Luis Fernando Perez Sucre



Tom Mottolese

Dr. Alice Green





The Albany We
Knew

June 18, 2013



NY Comptroller Identifies Municipalities Facing Fiscal Distress

New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli is out with his first set of municipal fiscal stress scores based on his office's new Fiscal Stress Monitoring System. The numbers were revealed during a teleconference today.

Using data already at hand, the study looked at more than 1,000 governments across the state and ranked them based on 23 financial indicators, including cash on hand, operating deficits and demographics. It found that eight counties, three cities and 13 towns showed a pattern of deficits and too little cash to pay bills. DiNapoli says the system is designed to identify financial problems before they reach crisis levels.

The Albany County town of Colonie ranked as one of the most fiscally stressed municipalities in the state, no surprise to Supervisor Paula Mahan, who already has a 10-year recovery plan in place.

Monroe County ranked as the most fiscally stressed local government in the state. Ramapo was second. The Rockland County town fathers were outraged. Officials would not go on tape but did release a statement criticizing the finding. "The report is based on incomplete, unaudited and misleading information provided by a now suspended Finance..."

January 31, 2011



Buried in trash

Albany landfill is running out of space. Can a solution be found in time?

Those who don't believe that history repeats itself need look no further than the Capital Region's long and tumultuous relationship with its garbage.

Four decades ago, room at the North Albany dump was swiftly running out. New York's capital city was facing a hard deadline with state mandates to find someplace else to send its trash. But in 1969, the year man first walked on the moon, some of the region's garbage was still being fed to pigs and a story in the Times Union speculated that in the not-to-distant future, 1984, trash would be buried in trash.

"This much is clear: Before the decade is out, the landfill will be full."

trash might simply be sucked from homes via high-speed vacuum tubes to a central collection point.

If you were writing a book about a slow-growth economy and fewer high-paying jobs, you might title it "The New Normal." In New York state, you could also borrow a title made famous by Charles Dickens: "A Tale of Two Cities."

That was made clear on Monday, when state Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli laid out his office's new program to rate the "fiscal stress" facing New York's municipalities and pointed out the sharp regional differences in job growth.

When it comes to how local economies have recovered since

since the start of the Great Recession, there are clearly two New Yorks: the downstate region of New York City and Long Island, and the rest of the state.

Downstate has regained the number of jobs lost in the recession and added to that total, said DiNapoli: New York City boasts 175 percent of the jobs that existed before the 2008 financial crash.

Compare that to the Capital Region, which has regained 51 percent of the roughly 15,600 jobs that were lost;

"Our cities outside of New York City truly are on the front line of fiscal stress," DiNapoli said.

April 9, 2013



'FISCAL STRESS' in Upstate NY

DiNapoli: Capital Region not bouncing back from recession as fast as downstate



2014 Mayoral Inauguration

Aging infrastructure

Rainy Day Fund Depleted

\$16M structural budget deficit

High Levels of Poverty

Closing of the Landfill

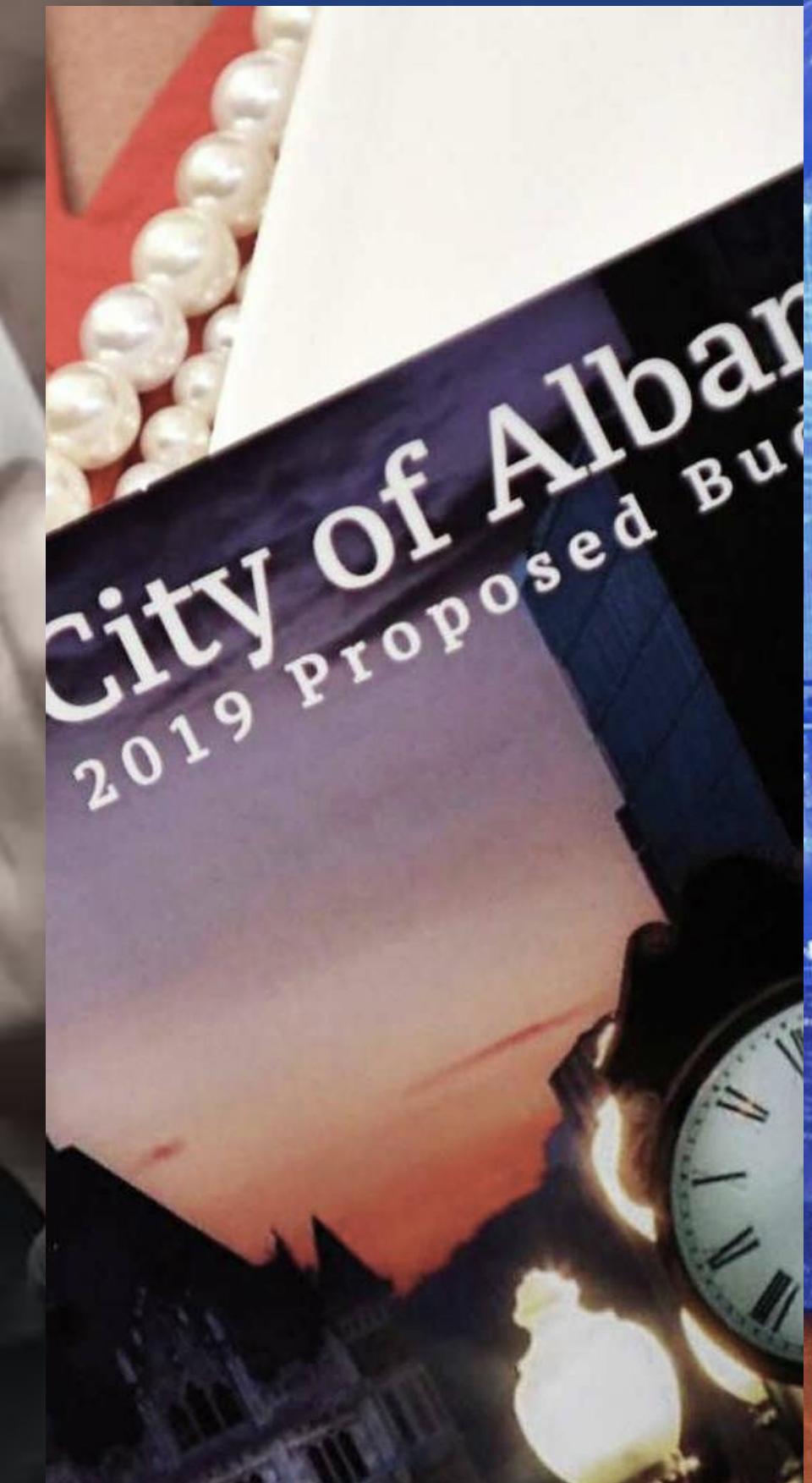
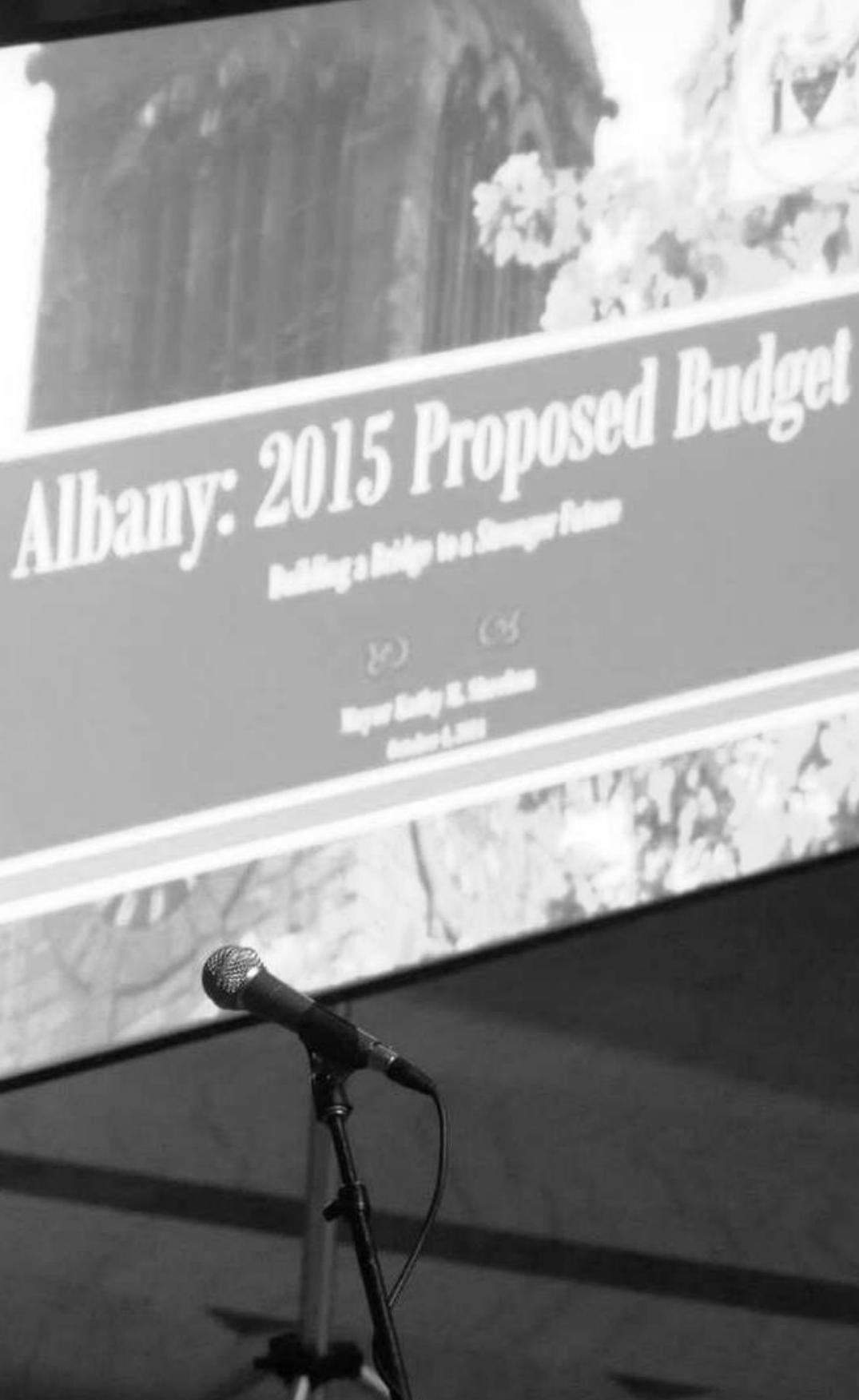
Inequity in city services

Outdated systems within our City

government **Vacant and blighted buildings**

Neglected public spaces

Climate Change



Budget Books Over the Years

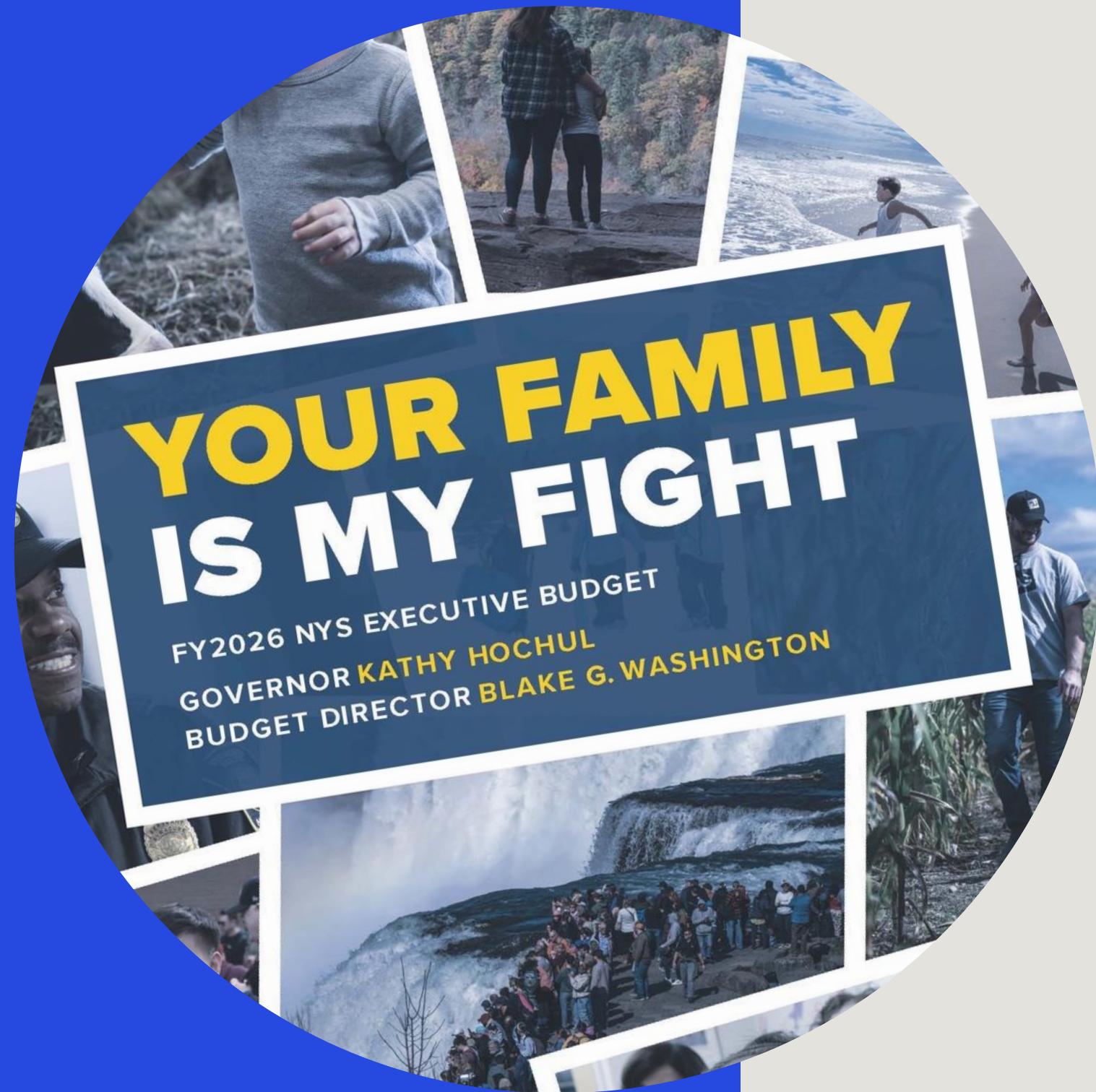
Fighting for Albany's Fair Share

Other Exempt
Real Property
25%

Taxable Real
Property
36%

State & State
Authority Exempt
Real Property
39%





2026 NYS Executive Budget

SUPPORT THE CITY OF ALBANY

“The FY2026 Budget provides \$5 million in additional recurring Miscellaneous Finance Assistance (MFA) for the City of Albany, bringing the MFA total to \$20 million, annually.”

FY2026 NYS EXECUTIVE BUDGET



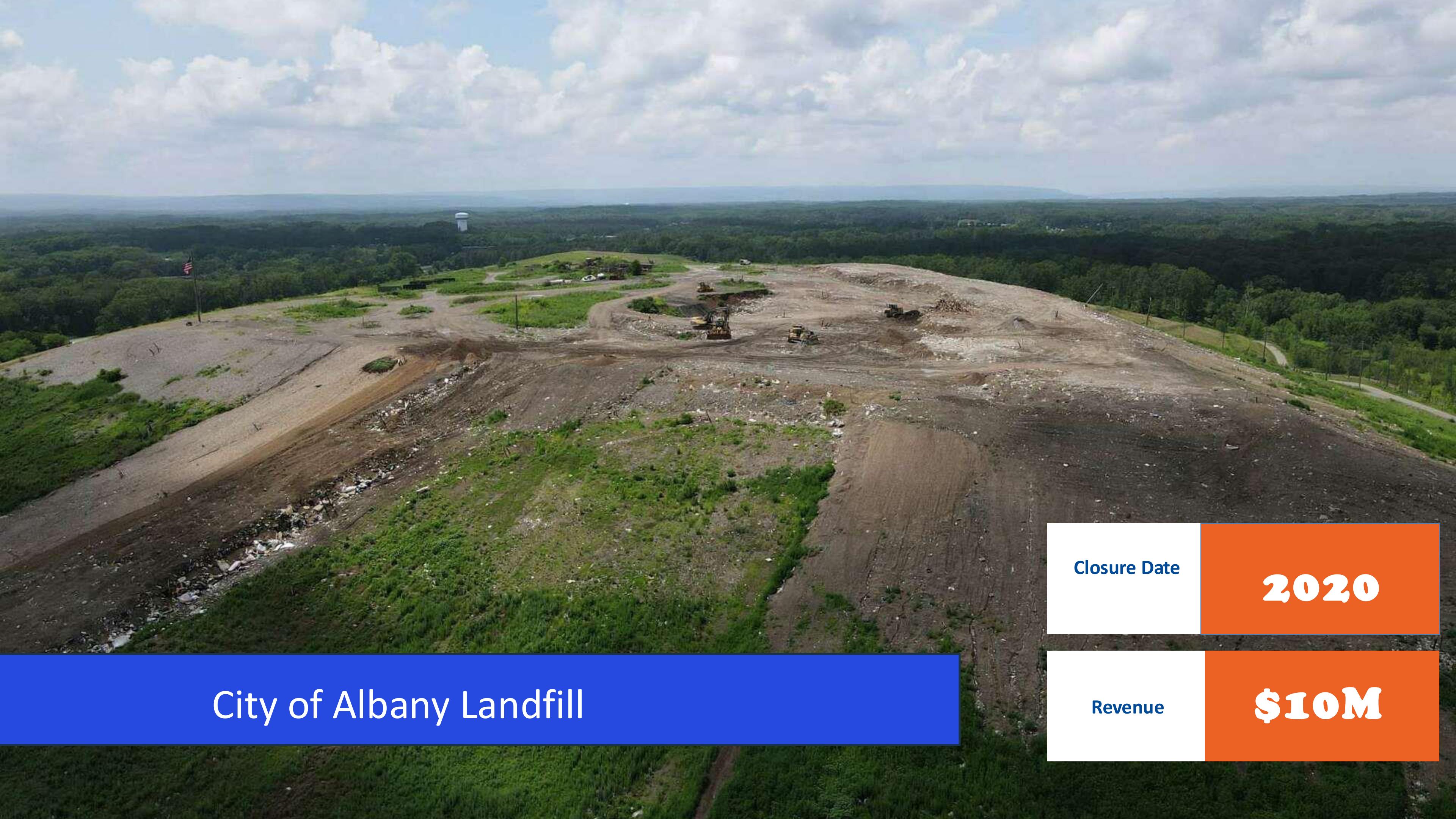
Special thanks to Governor Hochul for securing the Capital City Funding that Albany deserves.

THE BUDGET



BUILDING THE BRIDGE TO A FISCALLY-SOUND FUTURE

**No budget since 2014 has
relied on deficit spending.**



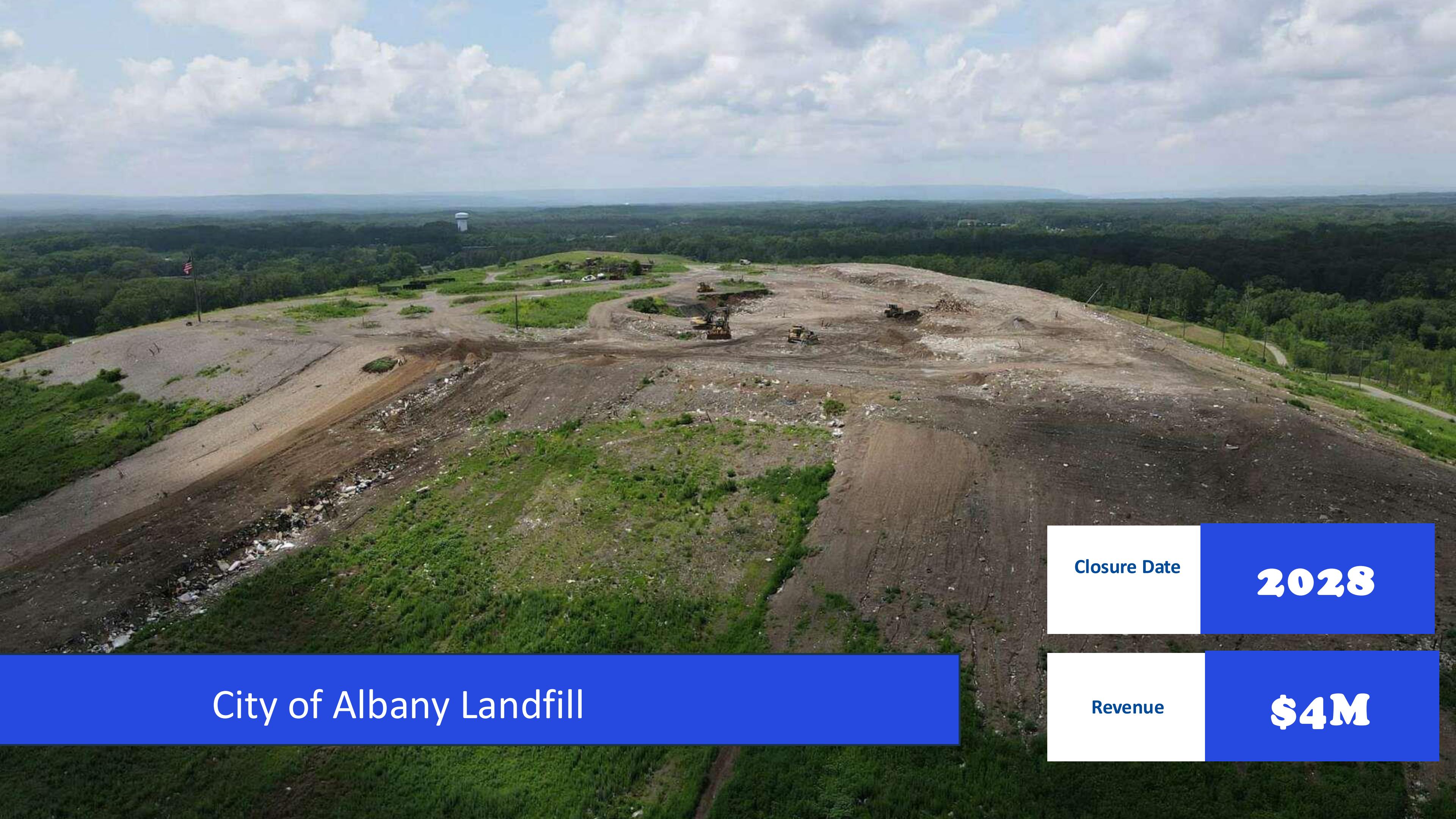
City of Albany Landfill

Closure Date

2020

Revenue

\$10M



City of Albany Landfill

Closure Date

2028

Revenue

\$4M



BUILDING THE BRIDGE TO A FISCALLY-SOUND FUTURE

“We view the city’s management as strong, with ‘good’ financial policies and practices.”

Standard & Poor’s, 2015 & 2018

The Albany We
Built

A City Where Every Neighborhood Works



Safe



Quality housing that is affordable to the people who live there



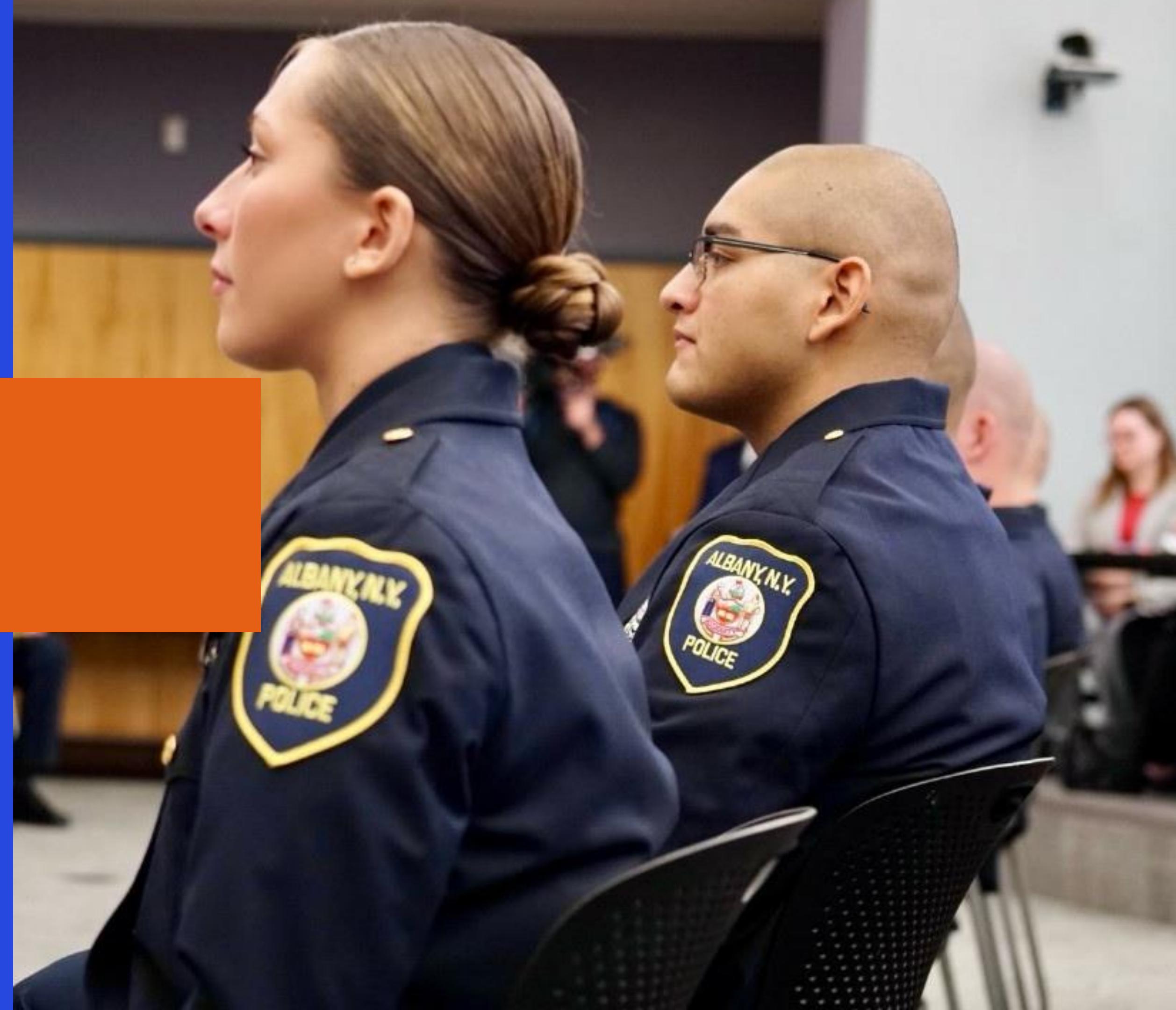
Access to world-class amenities



Vibrant economic opportunity



Making Our Community Safe





**Making Our
Community Safe**



Leading the way in making our community safer

86%

APD's Homicide Closure
Rate

50%

National Homicide
Closure Rate

Total Crime in 2024 is 3% lower than the 5 year
average

Crime is down 21% from 2013





Capital Region Crime Analysis Center

Located
in APD Headquarters

CREATING A CITY WHERE EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD WORKS:

Expanding Our Resources

In addition to our Neighborhood Engagement Unit, we continue to build on our foundation of Community Policing:



Crisis Case Workers

in Albany Police Department
Stations

TRAC

To Reach and Connect

LEAD

Law Enforcement
Assisted Diversion

RAD

Rape Aggression Defense

CPTED

Crime Prevention Through
Environmental Design

CAAT

Critical Asset Assessment
Team

CRASE

Civilian Response Active
Shooter Events

CLP

Community Liaison Program

Citizen Police Academy



**Albany Fire Department
has seen the number of
calls for suspected drug
and alcohol related
incidents increase**

1,310

2024

641

3-Year Average



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:



NATIONAL
Mental Health Crisis

The issues of homelessness, substance use disorder, open air drug use, and mental illness, all have contributed to people in our city feeling unease.

Here in Albany, we have committed our opioid settlement funds to partner with the County in a new street outreach program called Albany Navigates!



Albany Navigates + Cares Team

ENHANCING SAFETY
THROUGH HOUSING

Building Housing That's Affordable To Everyone



Steamboat 20
220 Green St.



A photograph of a building with a large, illuminated marquee sign. The sign features the word "Playdium" in a stylized, red, cursive font. The letters are mounted on a grid of small, square light panels. The building's facade is made of light-colored brick, and the overall structure has a classic, possibly Art Deco, architectural style.

Playdium

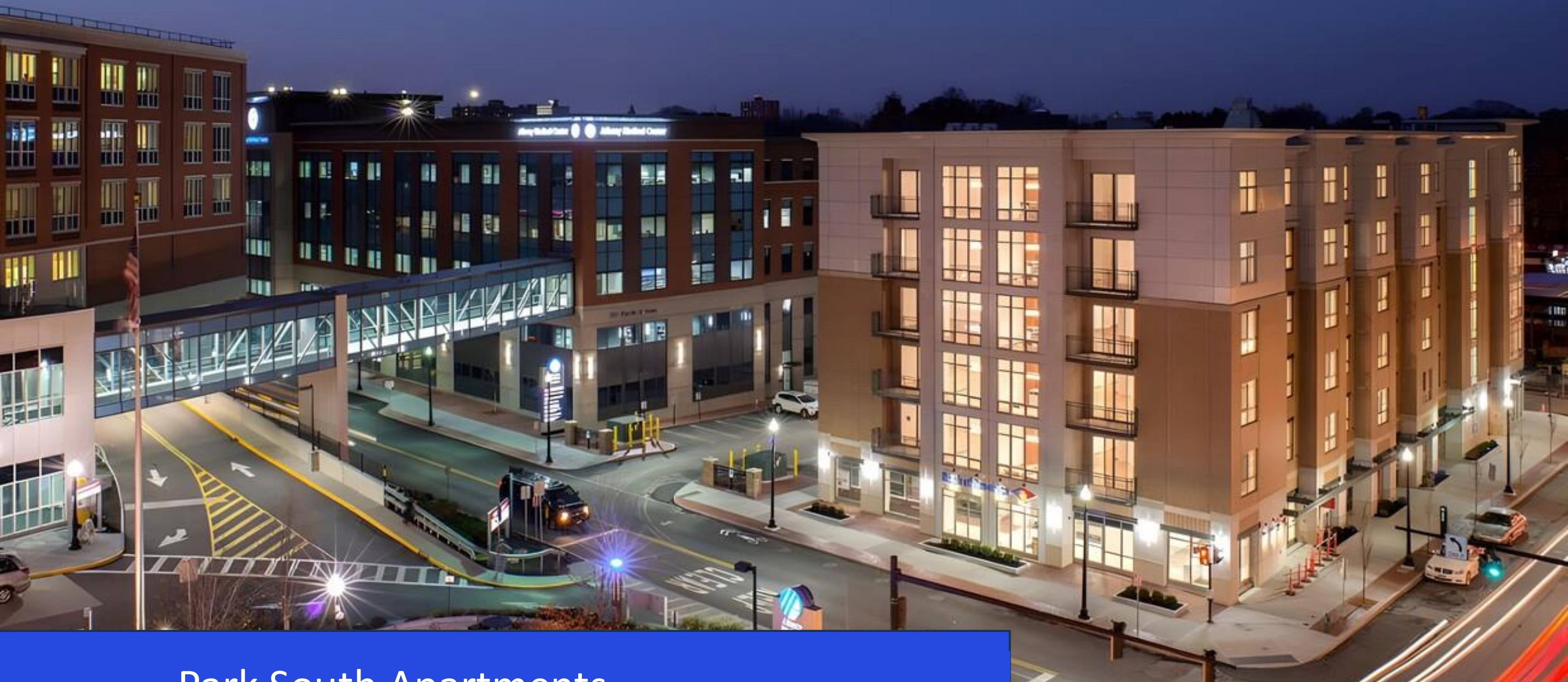
Playdium | 363 Ontario St.



The Rise | Pine Hills



33 New Scotland Ave.



Park South Apartments

1475 Washington Ave.



Block 75 Apartments

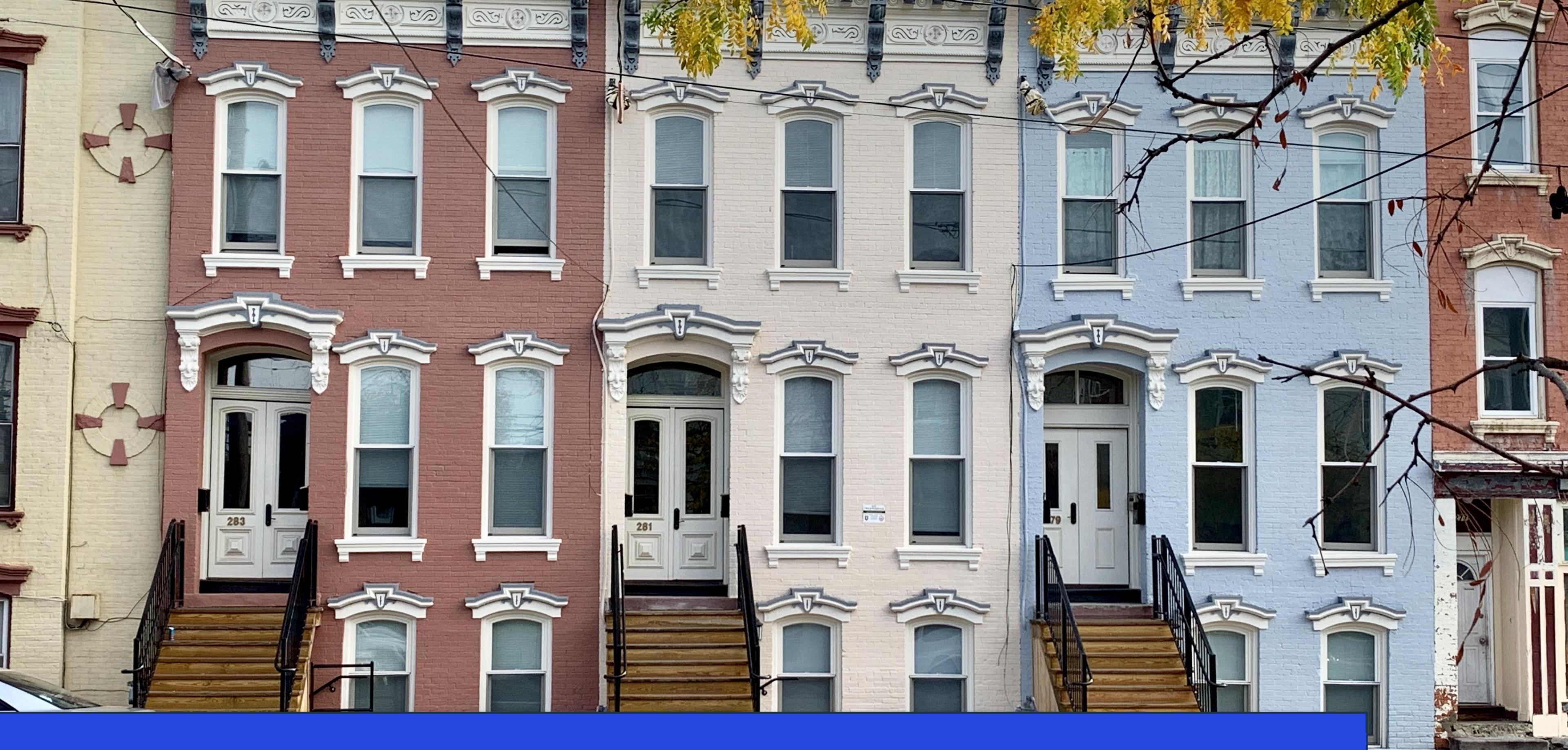
563 New Scotland Ave.



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Home Leasing Revitalization of Clinton Ave. & Ten Broeck



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236 Clinton Ave.



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585-262-6210 www.homecasing.net

760 Broadway



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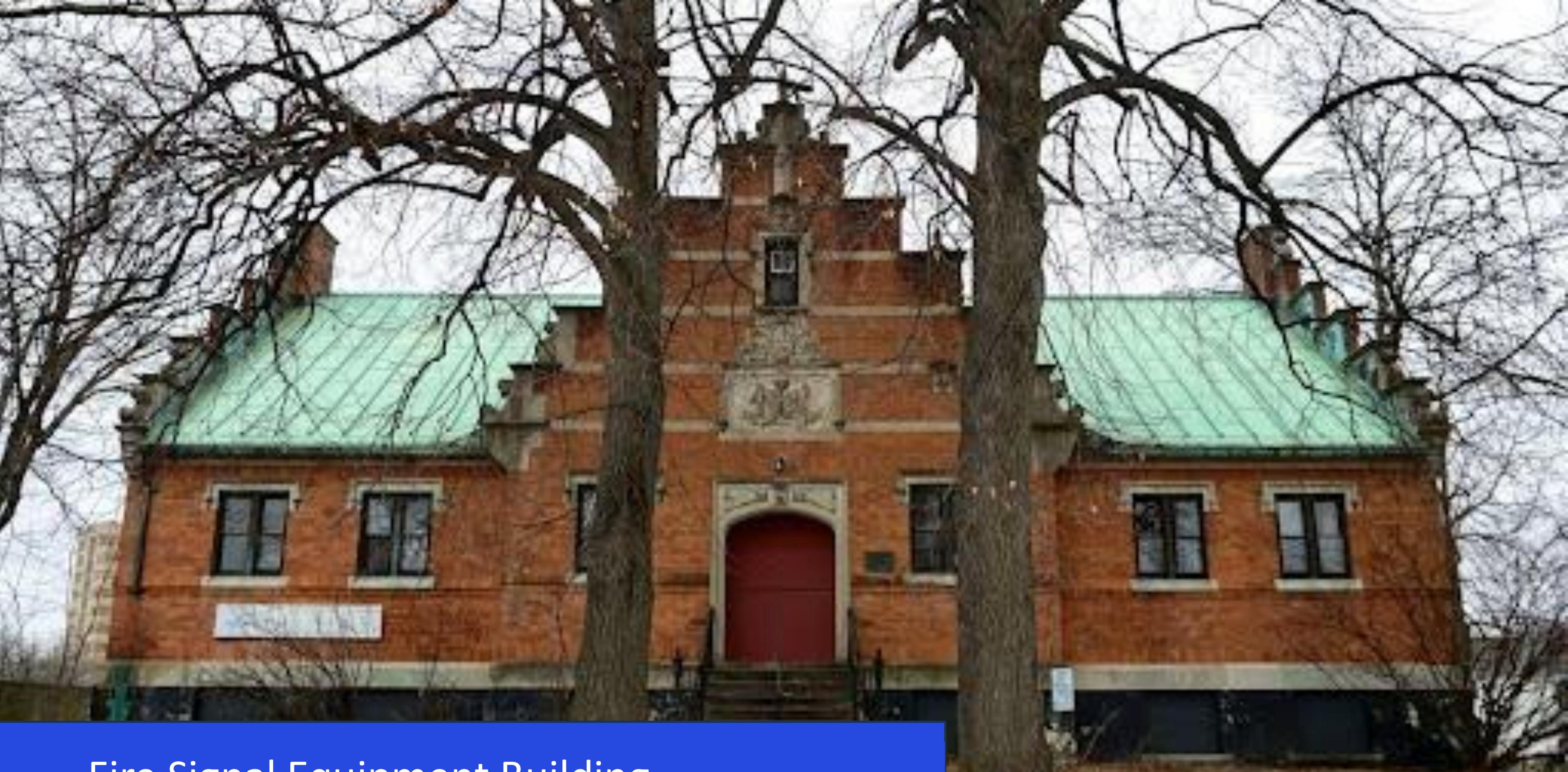
733 & 745 Broadway



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60 Colvin Ave.



Fire Signal Equipment Building



Station 25 @ 10 Morris St.



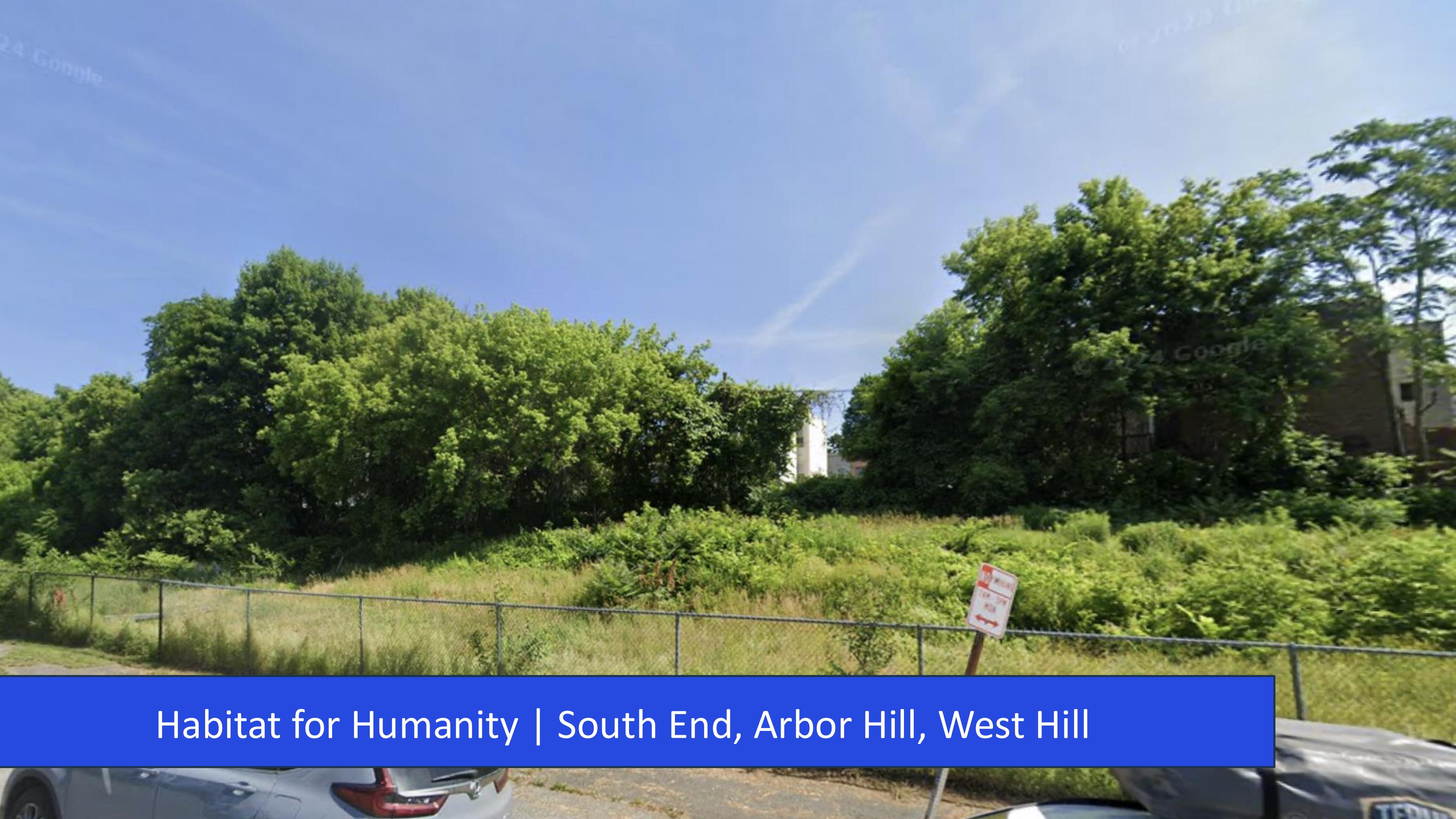
Kenmore Ballroom



Kenmore Ballroom



16 Sheridan Ave.



Habitat for Humanity | South End, Arbor Hill, West Hill



Habitat for Humanity | South End, Arbor Hill, West Hill

welcome home

#ALBANYFORHOUSING

Creating Housing That's Affordable To Everyone



2,330

new subsidized housing units have been completed since 2014

\$527M

new investment in subsidized housing

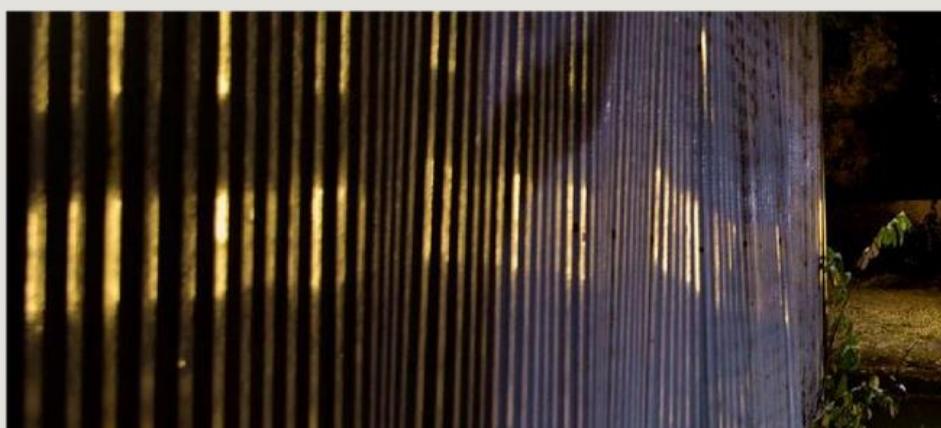
2,773

new market rate units have been completed since 2014

\$620M

new investment in market-rate housing





**Bloomberg
Philanthropies**

**Breathing
Lights**

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Before

617

Rehabilitation grants to homeowners
in the City of Albany

=\$14.4M



After



Before

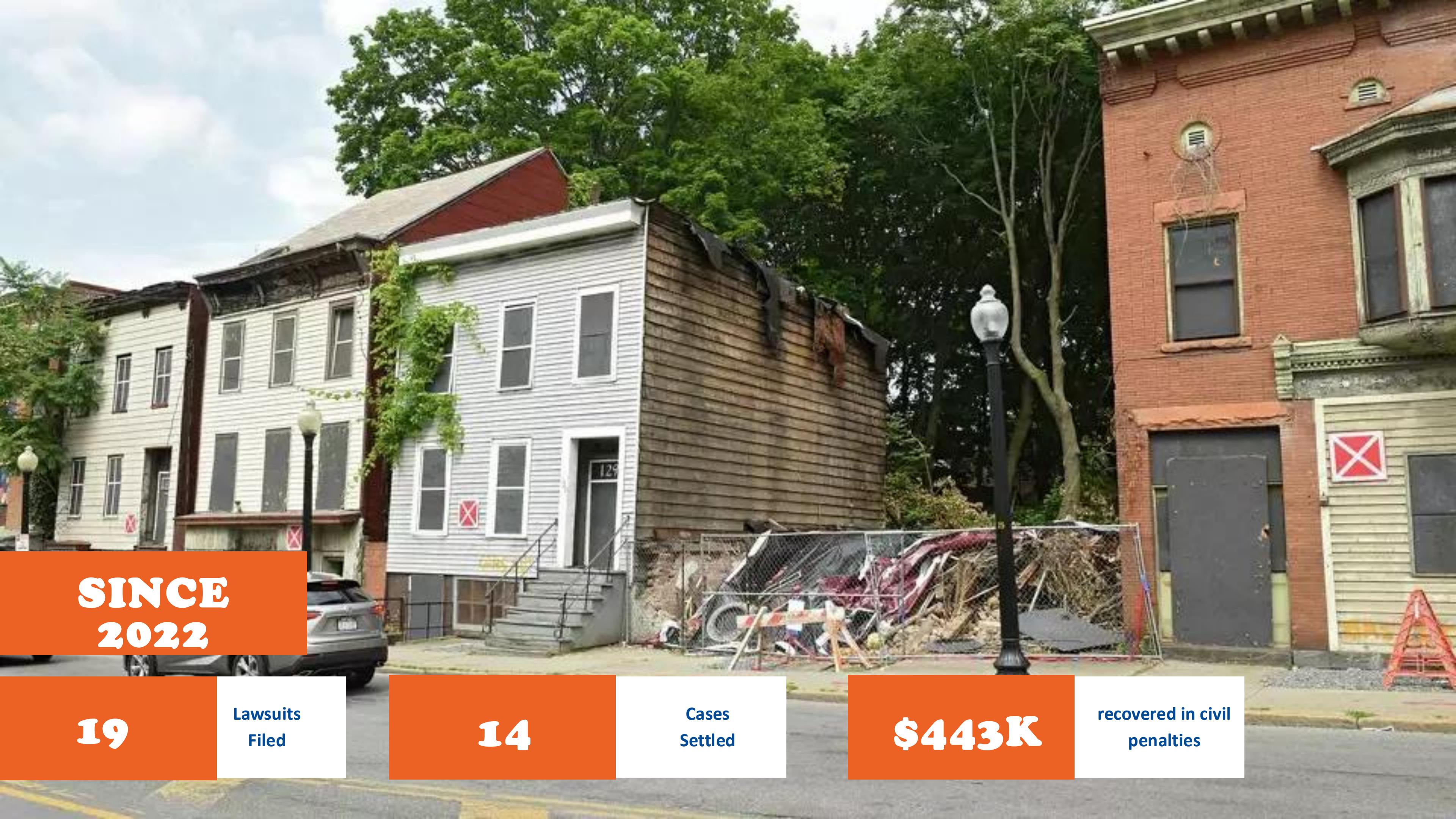
192

New Homeowners received
acquisition grants to purchase their
homes.



After

=\$1.7M



**SINCE
2022**

19

Lawsuits
Filed

14

Cases
Settled

\$443K

recovered in civil
penalties

IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE

Creation of Neighborhood Services



YOUR Neighborhood Specialists



IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE

See Click Fix



MORE THAN DOUBLE THE
REQUESTS PER YEAR

... by the numbers	Total Requests	Avg. Requests Per Yr.	Average Days to Close
2009-2022	77,411	5,529	116.0
2023-Present	24,832	12,416	24.5

102,916
SEECLICKFIX
RESPONSES SINCE
INCEPTION



IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE
LOVE YOUR
BLOCK





IMPROVING OUR INFRASTRUCTURE

Creation of the Department of Engineering

IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE

Street Improvement Projects



Lark St.



Clinton Ave.

Since 2014:

204.3

Miles of Repaved
Streets

13,000+

Potholes Filled
Annually

70

Miles of New
Sidewalks

13.6

Miles of New
Bicycle &
Pedestrian Paths

IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE

Improving Walkability and Street Infrastructure



IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE

Keeping Kids Safe with School Zone Speeding Cameras



IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE
Lowering the
City's Speed
Limit



We invested
\$16.6 million
in our city's
parks and
recreation
facilities since
2014.



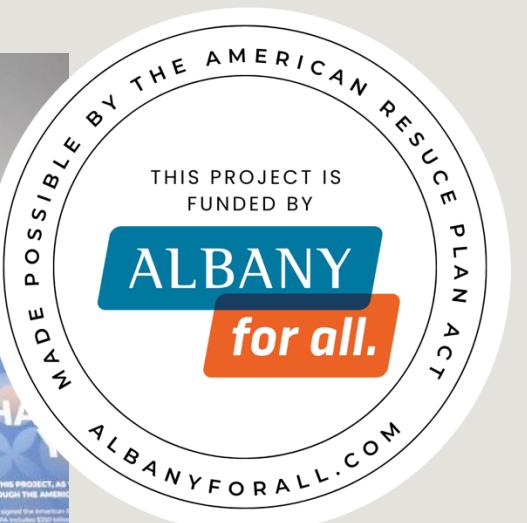
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for all.

Powered by Pride & Potential

COMING SOON:

Welcoming two new Community Centers



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AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

Trinity Alliance



COMING SOON:

Washington Park Playground



COMING SOON:

Tricentennial Park

COMING SOON: Lincoln Park Pool

Our progress on Lincoln Park Pool & bathhouse is historic as the pool hits its 95th birthday next year.





Lincoln Park Pool Progress

As of 12/19/2024



IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE

Water is Life

We've invested \$153 million from 2014 to 2025 —
more than double the \$60 million invested over the 25 years prior!



2014 TO PRESENT



1989 TO 2013

 = \$10 million



WATER IS LIFE

Replaced 1,500 Lead Services since 2019



IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE

Cleaning the Hudson River



Beaver Creek Clean River Project

We challenged our Department of General Services to create a new plan for forestry in the City of Albany...



...they have not only met the challenge but exceeded our expectations!





4,372

Trees
Planted

\$3.5
Million

Leveraged in
grant funding

IMPROVING QUALITY
OF LIFE

Sustainability



Attendees
In 2024

136K

Events over the last
12 Years

150



Attendees
over the week of events

100K

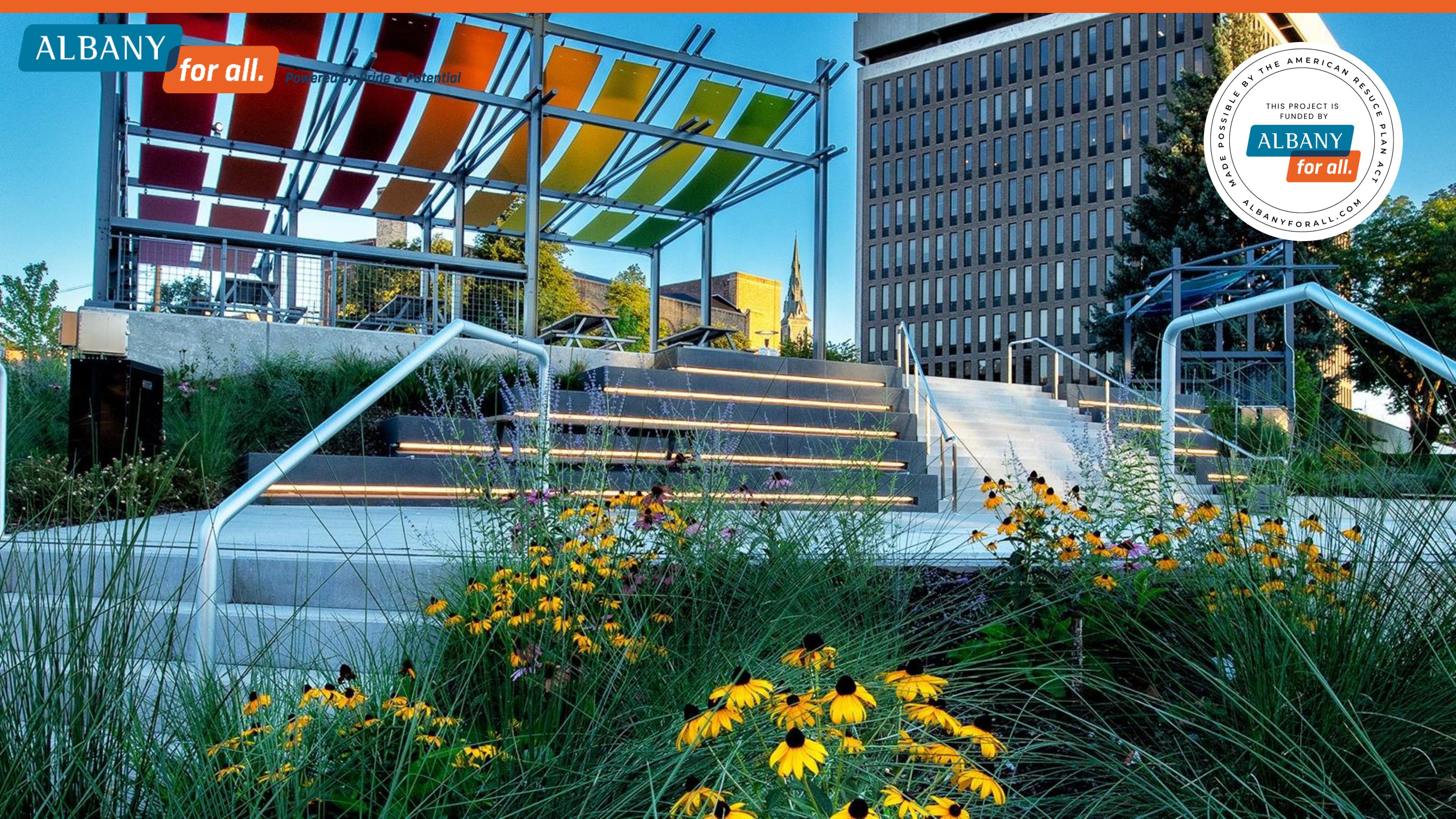


THE 76TH
TULIP FESTIVAL

ALBANY

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ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

Bridging Downtown to the Warehouse District

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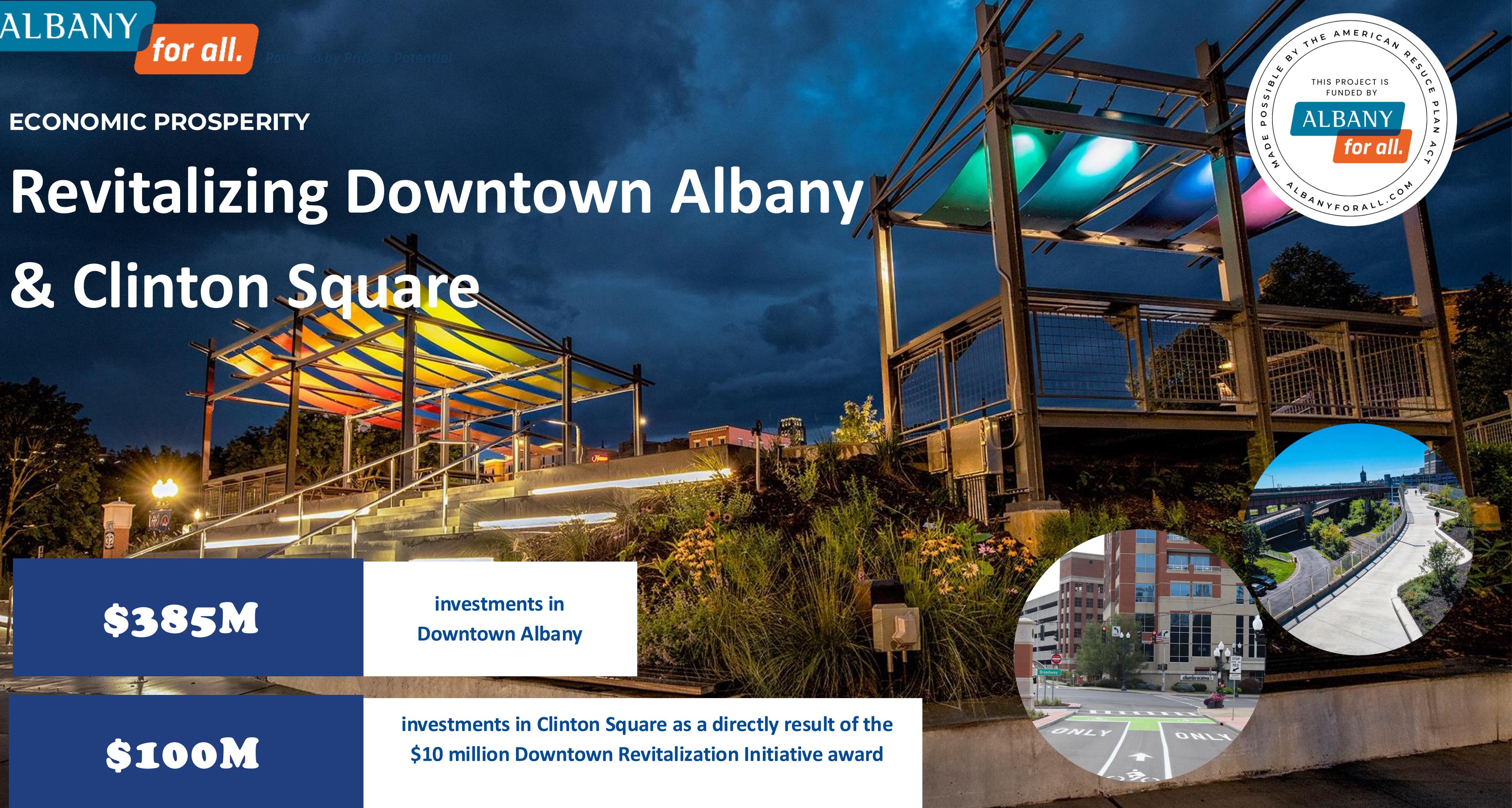
Revitalizing Downtown Albany & Clinton Square

\$385M

investments in
Downtown Albany

\$100M

investments in Clinton Square as a directly result of the
\$10 million Downtown Revitalization Initiative award



The Albany We
Worked For

Grow a population that loves the City of Albany

101,228

Population in
2024

98,392

Population in
2010





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Today we have cut that figure by a quarter to 21%, with over 6,700 residents lifted out of poverty, including over 3,800 children.

Grow our tax base by 75%

since 2014 and cut our

taxation rate by 36%



Rust

(Cronartium ribicola)

A destructive pest
since the early 1900's

Youth Employment Program



8,520

participants in SYEP
since 2014

181

year-long participants
since 2021



A woman with dark skin and braided hair is smiling at the camera. She is wearing a blue polo shirt with a circular logo that reads "CITY OF ALBANY" and "ALBANY NEW YORK EST. 1686" with "ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES" below it. She is standing behind a table covered with a blue cloth. On the table are yellow flowers in a vase, a blue cup holding pens, and a clear acrylic sign holder. The sign holder contains brochures for "CITY OF ALBANY CAREER OPPORTUNITIES" and "ARE YOU READY?".

Meet Charlize!

A Member of our Human Resources Team

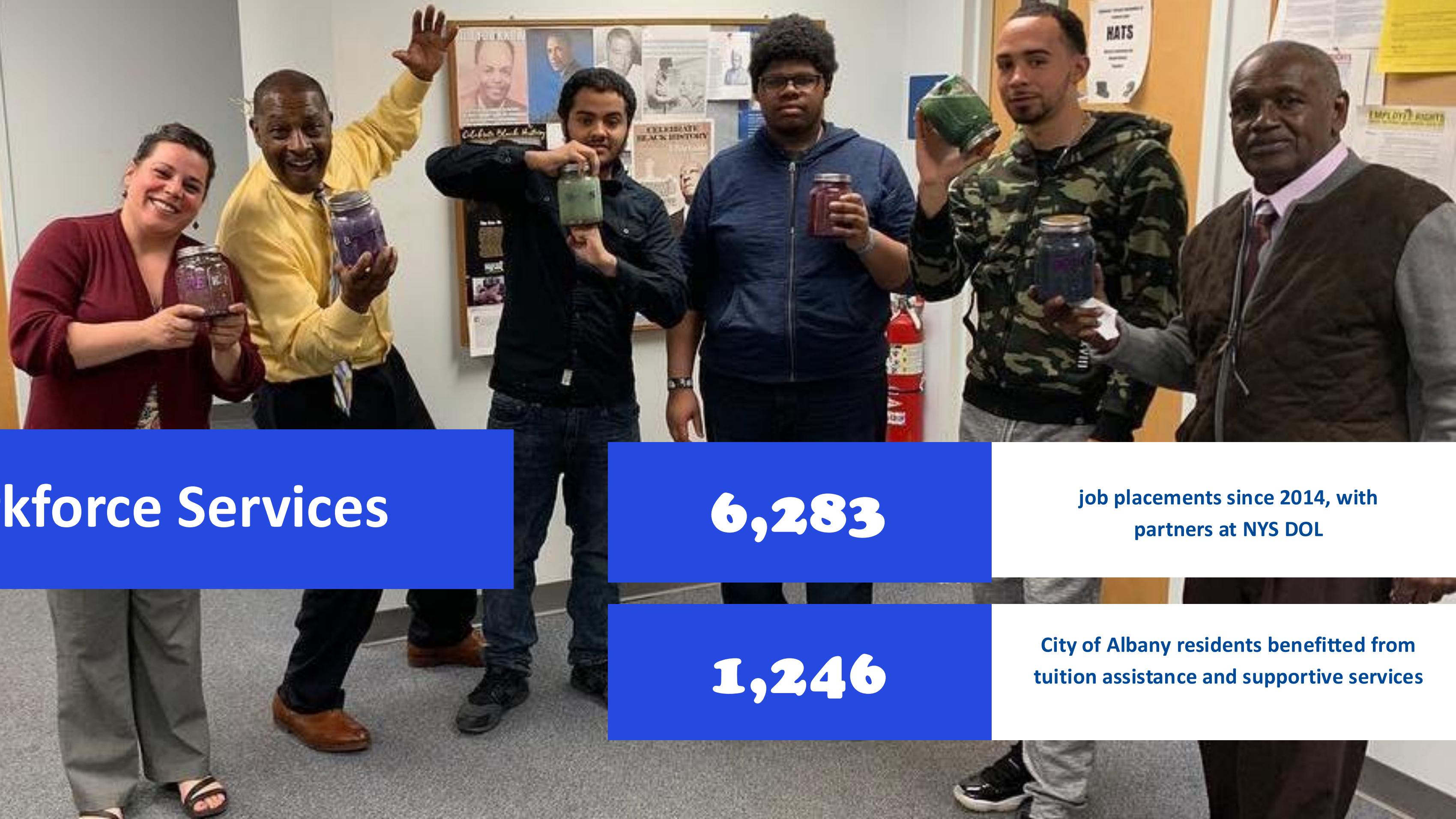
Workforce Services

6,283

job placements since 2014, with
partners at NYS DOL

1,246

City of Albany residents benefitted from
tuition assistance and supportive services



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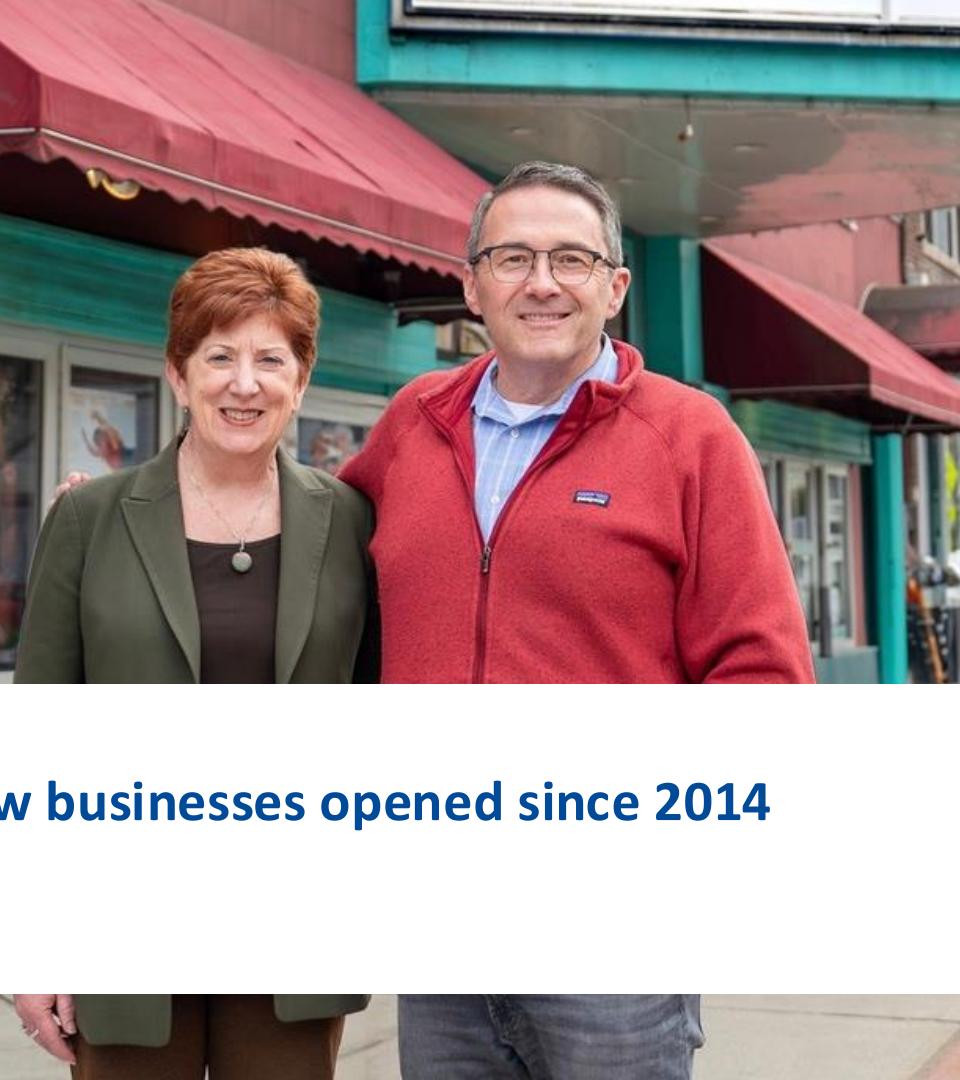
for all.

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WE GREW OUR
WORKFORCE

Join Albany
hiring campaign
yielded a 39%
increase in job
applications





New businesses opened since 2014



We've Invested

+\$3M

To help small
businesses



The Port of Albany



\$80M+

in wages and benefits paid by tenants of the APDC

1,400

Local jobs and 4,500 jobs throughout New York State!

\$813M+

Measurable impact on New York State economy overall

\$2.57B

Potential to add | Measurable impact on regional economy in terms of output on new market opportunities.

Economic Impact: The Port of Albany



Annually

\$1.1B

Total Impact

\$80M

Student Spending Impact

\$7.3M

Visitor Spending Impact

Economic Impact: UAlbany



UAlbany



Micron in Syracuse



INVESTING IN
AMERICA



Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer

PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN

INVESTING IN
AMERICA

INVEST.GOV

Global Foundries in Malta

LEADING IN SEMICONDUCTOR INNOVATION

WE ARE



National Semiconductor Technology Center in Albany!

ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

Preparing Albany for a Bright Future

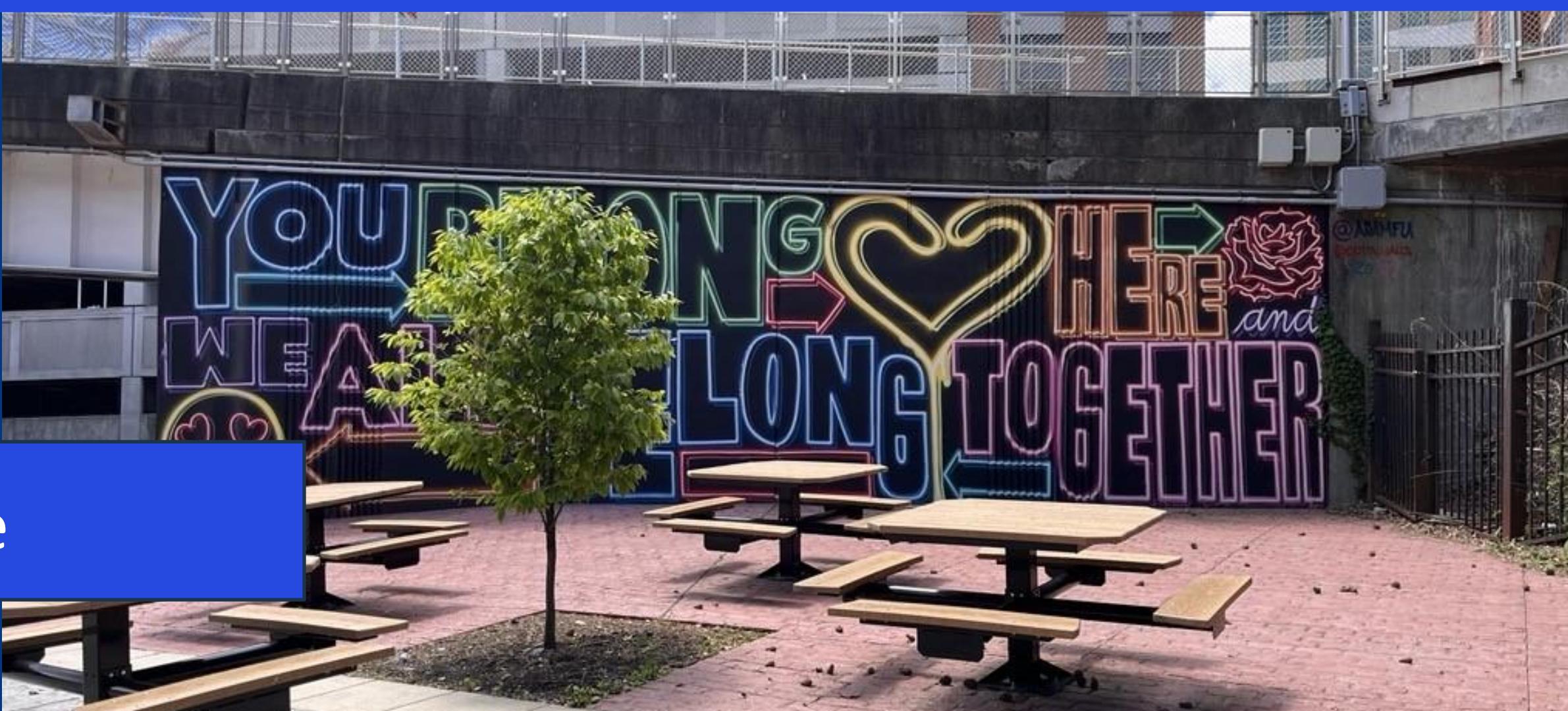


\$400M

proposed investment in the
City of Albany



We are Ready!



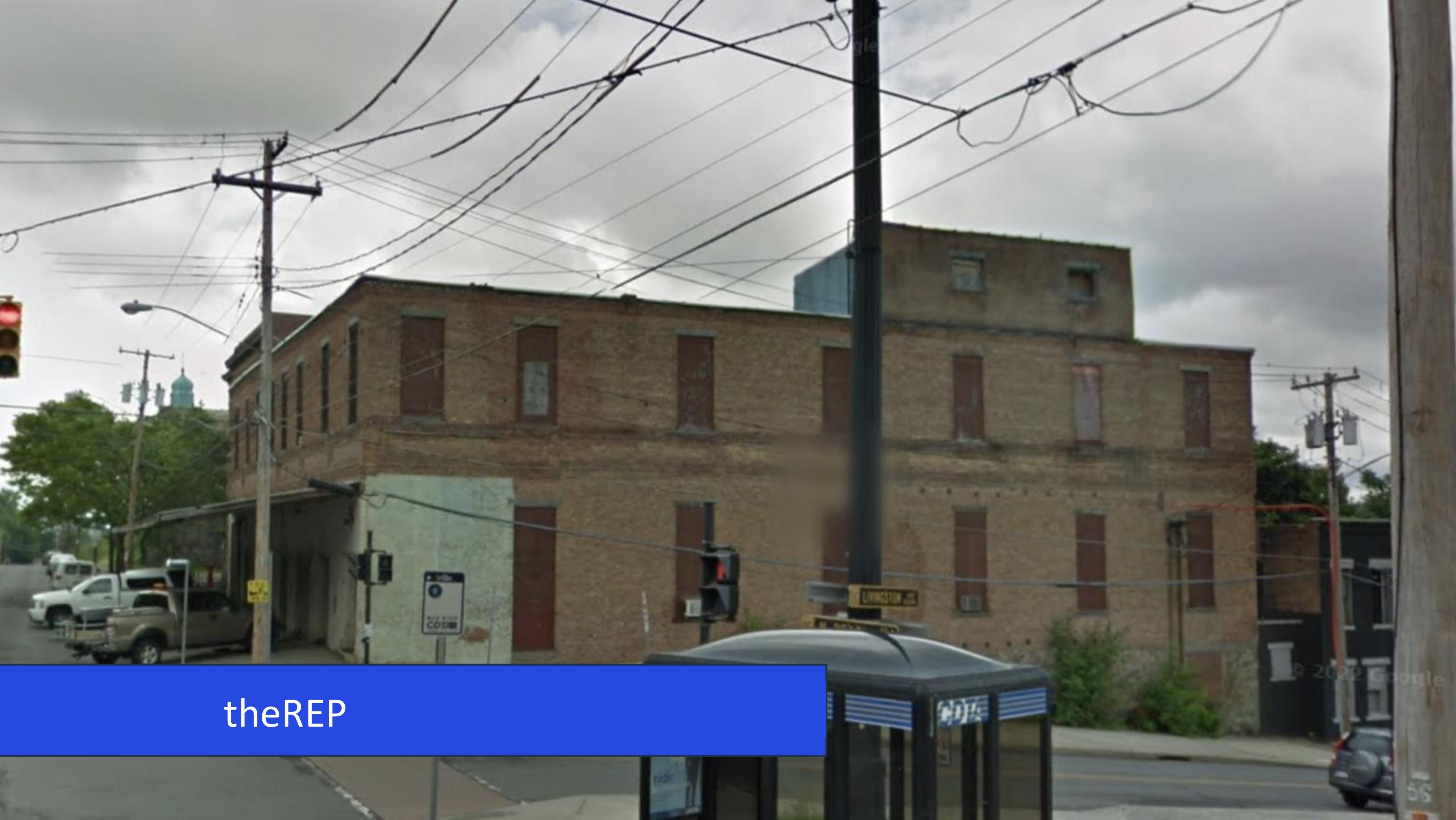
Quackenbush Square



Eagle St. & State St.



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theREP



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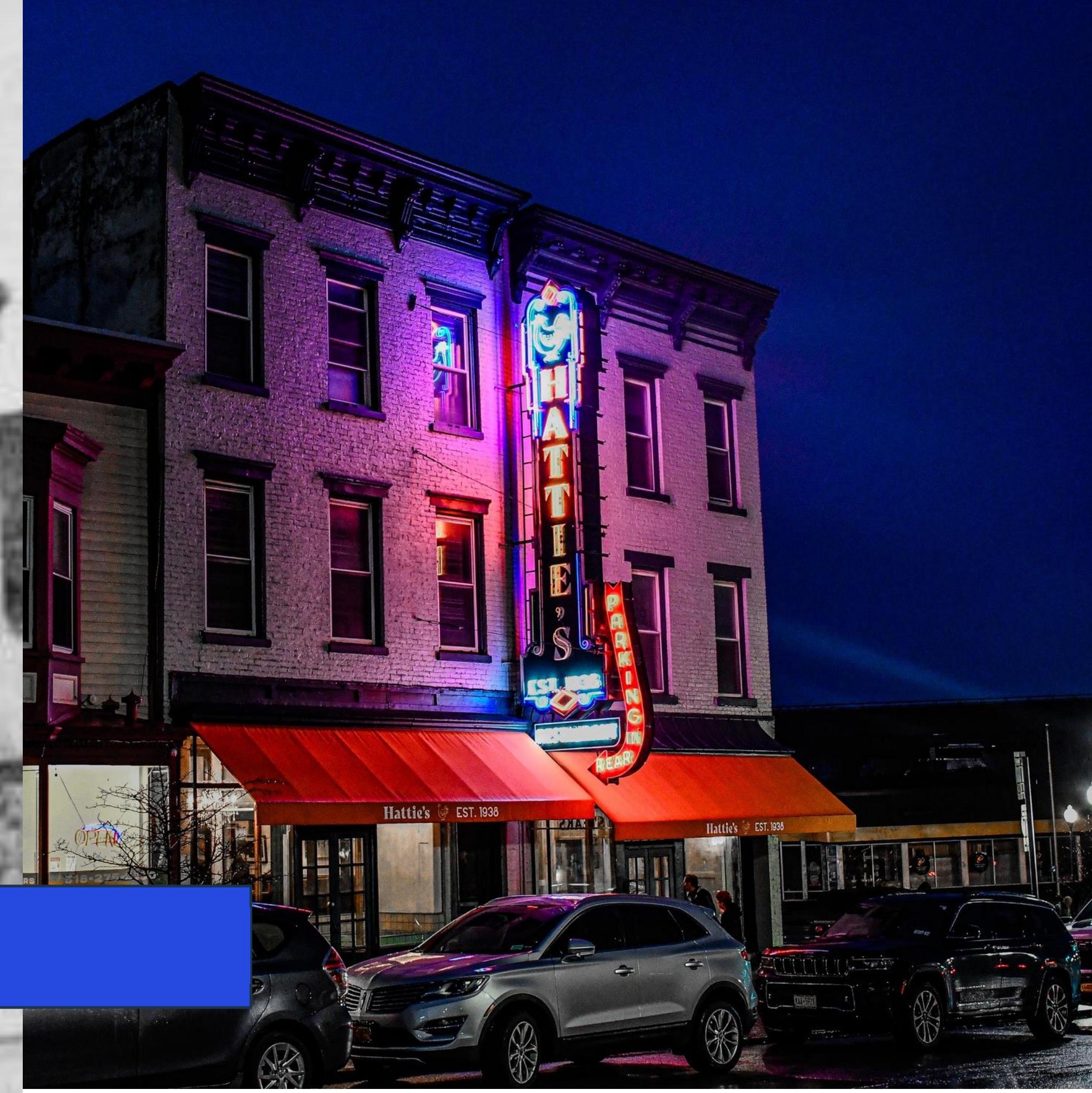
Upper Madison



Upper Madison



Hattie's



A scenic view of a grassy field with a line of trees in the background under a clear blue sky.

Tivoli Preserve



Tivoli Preserve



South End



South End



West Hill

West Hill



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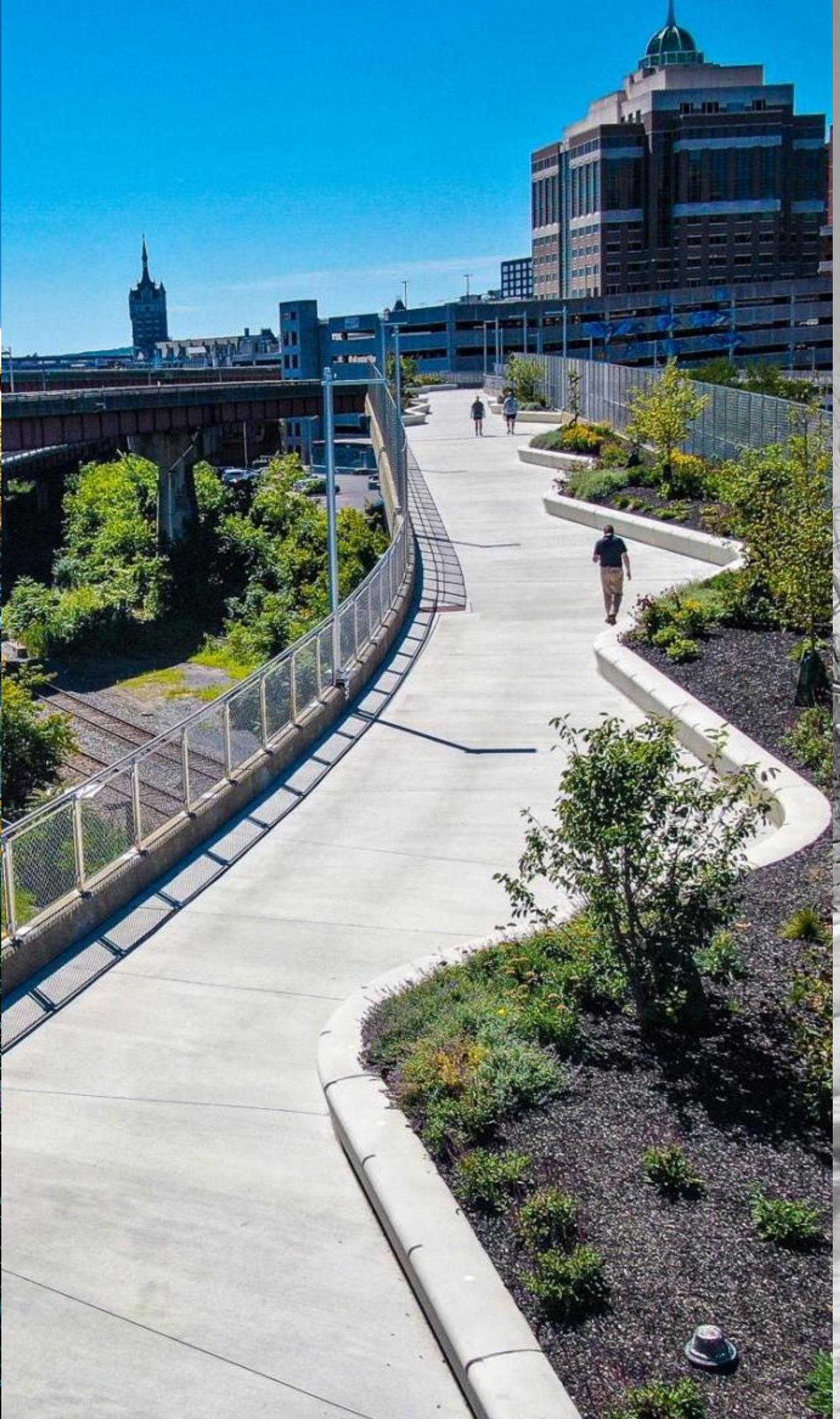


Clinton Square













More than \$1 Billion

in public and private citywide
investment since 2014





Aging infrastructure

Rainy Day Fund Depleted

\$16M structural budget deficit

High Levels of Poverty

Closing of the Landfill

Inequity in city services

Outdated systems within our City

government **Vacant and blighted buildings**

Neglected public spaces

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Reinvesting in Our Neighborhoods

World-Class Amenities

Sustainable Practices

To the readers of some far distant day:

Greetings from the Albany of nineteen hundred and

twenty five! All best wishes from the citizens of our day to the citizens of your day! Heartiest congratulations to you that you are privileged to live in a time when the many splendid achievements of science, art, and religion which with us were only a vision are for you a realization! But we hope that you, too, have your dreams and are looking forward to a world of greater wonder, beauty and truth for your children and your children's children in the generations to come.

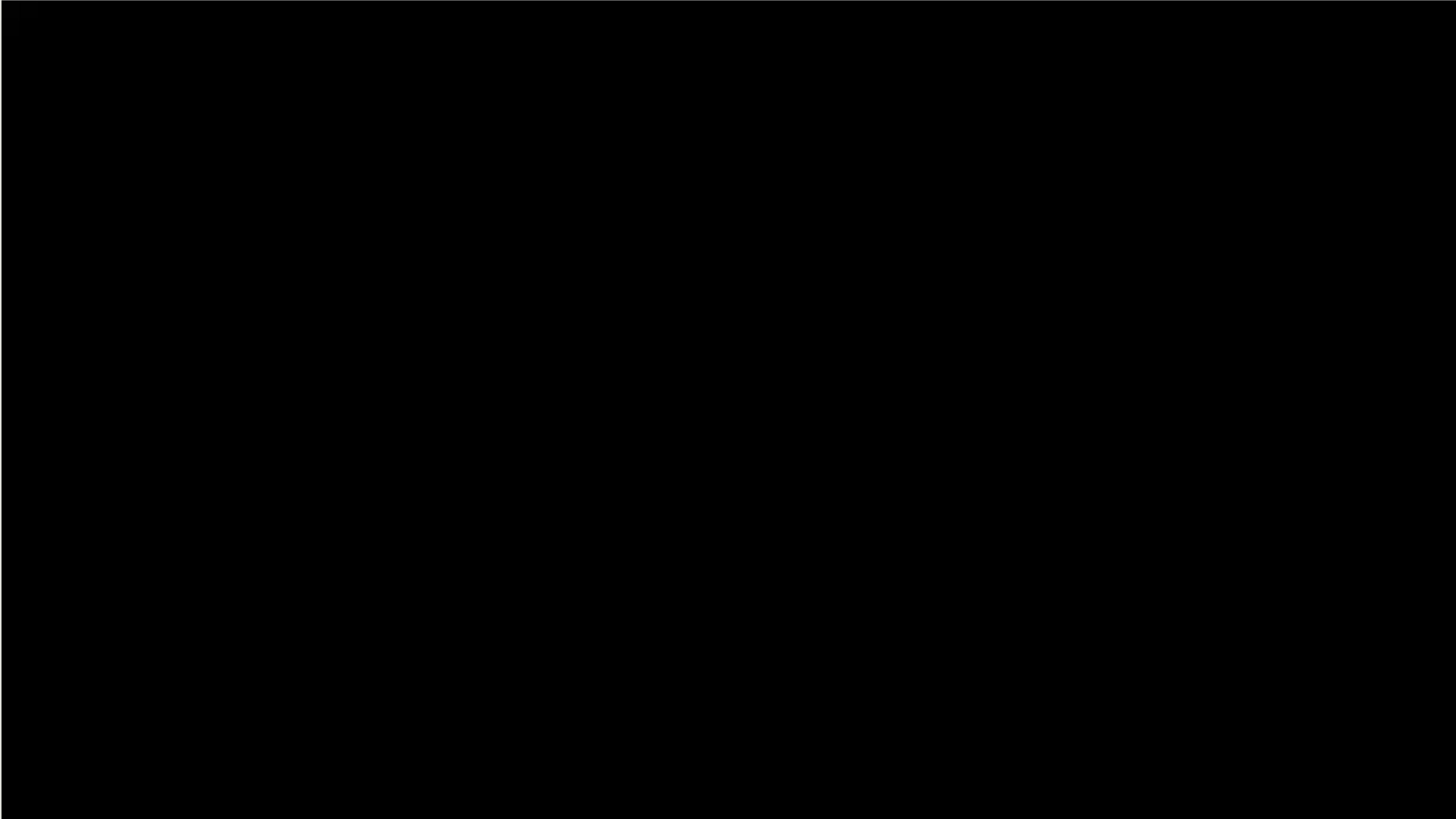
Last year we celebrated the Tercentenary of Albany's founding as a permanent settlement. Perhaps in another three hundred years these words now being written may be brought to light. What the Albany of that day will be we can only imagine. God grant that she may be not only vast in numbers, abounding in material prosperity, and influential in the councils of the nation, but a city "undimmed by human tears" and "crowned with brotherhood".

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Letter from Schuyler Statue Time Capsule, 1925

“Very slowly has Albany developed in the three hundred years of her history. Her citizens seem to have been content to let well enough alone. Great industries like the General Electric were discouraged from locating here. Leading and influential men desired apparently to keep Albany for the most part a characteristically residential city. In many ways the Capital of the Empire State was decidedly backward as compared with the other leading cities of this state and of the nation.”







Warehouse District





NEW YORK's
NINE PIN
CIDER WORKS
FIRST FARM CIDERY

Introducing



Kathy's

Legacy Lemonade



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