

**CITY OF ROCHESTER HOSTS SHOWINGS OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES FOR SALE**

August 25, 27, 29



556-560 West Main Street, Rochester

ALBANY, NY – August 24, 2008 – The City of Rochester is accepting proposals for several historic properties located in the **Susan B. Anthony District**. The properties can be viewed on **August 25, 27 and 29th from 9 - 11a.m. and 2 - 4 p.m.** or by appointment. For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact **Conrad Floss at 585-428-6820**. This event is sponsored by the city's Division of Real Estate.

The centerpiece of this Request for Proposal Sale is **556-560 West Main Street**, a three-story brick building which anchors a key commercial block at West Main and Madison Streets. It is a contributing building in the Susan B. Anthony Historic District, which is designated at the local level and included in the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

Built circa 1866, it was the business location and home of grocer Andrew Ely between the 1860s and 1880s, followed by an A&P grocery store between 1900 and 1930. At one time

there were as many as 12 dwelling units on the second and third stories. The building's last long-term use was as the general merchandise and hardware store of John W. Welz and Company, which closed in the 1990s.

In May, 2007, at the close of a specialized training session featuring strategies for making the most of upper floors in downtown commercial districts, the Preservation League of New York State awarded a **\$7,500 grant** to the **Landmark Society of Western New York** to help support a design study for this building which holds the promise of introducing residential units on the upper floors.

The City of Rochester will accept development proposals until Monday, September 29th, 2008 at 4 p.m. at the office of the Division of Real Estate, Room 028B, City Hall, 30 Church St. Proposal packages are available at the Division of Real Estate.

Additional information, including terms and conditions for sale of the buildings, is available online at <http://realestate.cityofrochester.gov/> or by calling the Division of Real Estate at (585) 428-6951.

For more information on the Preservation League of New York State, please call 518-462-5658 or visit the League's website at **www.preservenys.org**.

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