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Mayor

GREENING OF AMERICA'S CAPITALS
POSITIVE COLLABORATION ON CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

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One City, One Plan

More than 125 people participated in the interactive discussions that will lead to the creation of a unifying vision for the State Capitol District. This is all part of the effort known as "Greening of America's Capitals." This project is a Partnership for Sustainable Communities between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Department of Transportation (DOT) to help state capitals develop an implementable vision of distinctive, environmentally friendly neighborhoods

Mayor Pedro E. Segarra extends his appreciation to Governor Dannel Malloy for his participation and support of the collaborative effort. "For him to take time out of this busy budget session was particularly gratifying. I also wish to acknowledge the leadership efforts of Abby Hall with the EPA during these three days of workshops and discussions."

On September 8, 2010, the EPA announced the selection of Hartford as one of five state capitals to receive sustainable design assistance. The focal point of the study is a section of the city that includes the Connecticut State Capitol and Legislative Office Building, the State Library, the State Supreme Court, and the Governor O'Neil State Armory, as well as residential and retail areas of the Frog Hollow neighborhood. The goal of the workshops at the State Capitol and the Lyceum helped to further understand the constraints and opportunities of this historic area, and to move towards a set of small interventions in a phased-in re-design approach.

"It is very satisfying to learn that the federal officials felt that Hartford is uniquely situated because of our One City, One Plan for conservation and development. We are proud of the number of projects and priorities already established and underway," remarked the Mayor. "The goal is for all the participants to feel empowered and to build a sense of community. This is yet another example of collaborative thinking producing positive solutions."

In addition to federal, state, and local officials, representatives from neighborhood organizations, the business community, and individual employers were stakeholders in this environmental vision for Hartford's future.

Nelson Byrd Woltz Landscape Architects (NBW), a nationally recognized 30-person landscape architecture firm with offices in Charlottesville, Virginia and New York City, and his team are the EPA's choice to lead Hartford's "Greening America's Capitals" efforts. Their next step is to summarize all these suggestions and ideas that were exchanged and recommend the best possible ways to implement the vision. That report is expected in about 30 to 45 days.

Meantime, the One City One Plan team is busy coordinating its next scheduled event for April 6th. Details will be announced shortly. For more information, please contact Roger O'Brien, Director of Planning at (860) 757-9055 or log onto oneplan@hartford.gov.