

DRC PROJECT UPDATE: March 2018



Saving the Dutch Reformed Church

The last congregation occupied the space over 50 years ago. There have been numerous plans to 'save' and restore the National Landmark DRC. Not one has succeeded.

- The DRC was sold to an arts group in the 1970s and then reclaimed by the City.
- The Newburgh Arts Council and the Newburgh Preservation Association have partnered with the City but sufficient funding was never secured.
- Utilization studies have been done that included public input and those studies offered various ideas for cultural activities.

City's Development Goals

- All development on public land should have a place for everyone: **Mixed-income** and **mixed-use**.
- Create a tourist attraction to bring people and revenue to the City: **"Attractor."**
- Create new ratables which pay **fair taxes**.
- The **public deserves input** on projects on public land.
- No one project will solve all problems. We plan for a variety of projects to address a variety of issues.
- Begin the redevelopment of the Urban Renewal land on the hillside.

Proposed Developer Agreement

Presently the community discussion revolves around the uses proposed for each portion of the development

- The development of 2 Montgomery Street into
 - 168 units of mixed-income housing at a variety of unit sizes
 - Townhouses for homeownership
 - 15,000-25,000 (or more) sq. ft. of retail space
- The development of the City Club as a mixed use, commercial building and restoration of the Andrew Jackson Downing designed façade.
- The stabilization and restoration of the interior and exterior of the DRC in compliance with design and rehabilitation standards of the National Park Service and New York State Preservation Office, and a public use agreement.

"We will not turn this into a political football. This is for all the people in the community."

Oct 22, 2001, "Hope for Dutch Reformed Church," Times Herald Record

	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
PROJECT PROPOSAL TIMELINE										
Public meetings re project components	■									
Synthesis of public outreach into project design		■								
a. discussion and revisions as necessary			■							
Project budget/taxes projection		■								
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Developer agreement to Council for Approval			■							
Emergency stabilization of the DRC								■	■	■
Developer secures financing				■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Developer goes through land use board and SEQR processes				■	■	■	■			
Land Transfer and Construction Timeline Begins							■	■	■	■