NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE PROPOSED CITY OF WATERTOWN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2021

Notice is hereby given that under the provisions of 24 CFR 91.105 (c) (2) that a public hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Watertown, NY (the City) to solicit citizen participation and public comments regarding a proposed amendment to the City's Annual Action Plan for Program Year (PY) 2021 for the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

The City Council will convene the public hearing on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 7:15 p.m. The public hearing will take place in the City Council Chamber, Room 303, City Hall, 245 Washington St., Watertown, NY.

Notice is also given that this publication shall serve as notice of the 30-day public review period required under Federal Regulation 24 CFR 91.105 (c) (2). The public review and written comment period begins on December 22, 2023 and concludes on January 22, 2024.

The purpose of the PY 2021 Annual Action Plan Amendment is to amend the budget allocations for two of the projects included in the plan which will decrease by more than 25 percent. These two projects are the Grant Street Sidewalk Replacement and Program Administration. The amendment will also address the North Hamilton Playground Basketball Court Project budget that increased by more than 25 percent. In addition, the amendment will add two new projects to the 2021 Action Plan, the Grant Street Reconstruction Project and Franklin ADA Ramp Design.

Full copies of the PY 2021 Annual Action Plan Amendment are available for public viewing at the City Clerk's Office or the City's Planning and Community Development Department located at 245 Washington St., at the Roswell P. Flower Memorial Library located at 229 Washington St., and at the Watertown Housing Authority Offices located at 140 Mechanic St. Any interested person may also request that a free copy of the amendment be mailed to them. A copy can also be viewed at the City's website, www.watertown-ny.gov.

The City will place the proposed plan amendment in a format accessible to persons with disabilities or non-English speaking individuals, upon request. Contact the City Planning Department at the address or phone number below if special arrangements are needed or to request a mailed copy of the amendment.

Comments on the PY 2021 Annual Action Plan Amendment will be accepted through January 22, 2024. Interested parties may contact the Planning Department by phone with comments or may submit them in writing. The Planning Department can be reached by phone at (315) 785-7741, by mail at 245 Washington St., Watertown, NY 13601 or by email at planning@watertown-ny.gov.