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HOPE VI STEUBEN VILLAGE APARTMENTS OPEN HOUSE SLATED FOR APRIL 12

APARTMENT SHOWINGS AND TOURS TO BE OFFERED

Utica, New York - Utica Municipal Housing Authority Executive Director Steven Kambic announced today the first of a monthly series of open houses to introduce community residents and prospective tenants to rental opportunities available through the HOPE VI Steuben Village Apartments and Town Homes complex. The first open house is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2005 from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. at 1526-1528 Elm Street, Utica. Apartment showings and tours, refreshments, and rental applications will be available.

Mr. Kambic said: "The Utica Municipal Housing Authority is proud to offer our brand new apartments. Steuben Village is not your typical apartment community. At scattered site locations in buildings with usually two to three units, our apartments are more like having your own home. Our spacious floor plans, large backyards, and convenient location are what make Steuben Village a special place to call home."

Steuben Village Apartments and Town Homes consist of 49 units of rental housing at scattered sites in Central Utica in the HOPE VI Revitalization Area. The project involves both the new construction of 14 buildings on vacant land as well as the rehabilitation of 5 existing buildings. There will be ten 1-bedrooms, fourteen 2-bedrooms, seventeen 3-bedrooms, and eight 4-bedrooms. Financing was made available through the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program and UMHA HOPE VI funds. Eight units have been completed and are ready to be leased. The other buildings will be completed throughout 2005. UMHA is the managing agent for the property. Housing Visions Consultants, Inc. is the project developer.

The project offers affordable rents at subsidized levels, spacious apartments and large backyards, ranges and frost free refrigerators, washer and dryer hookups, individual climate controls, free off-street parking, gas water heat, and 24 hour emergency maintenance. All units were designed to meet the highest energy

conservation standards through the Energy Star Program.

Steuben Village is part of the Housing Authority's HOPE VI project which involves the demolition of the Washington Courts complex and the development of 194 replacement housing units in the Cornhill neighborhood. Housing will consist of a mixture of homeownership and rental units. Funded by an \$11.5 million HUD grant, the project will leverage a total of \$84 million. In addition to new housing construction, the project consists of the development of a new school, community center, and parks.

For more information on how to apply, please contact Sherry Belanger at (315)733-8577 or sbelanger@uticamha.org. The Utica Municipal Housing Authority is an Equal Housing Opportunity property management entity. Our web site is www.uticamha.org.