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**MINER INVITES PUBLIC TO MEET THE
SEMI-FINALIST DESIGN TEAMS
FOR DOWNTOWN'S NEW URBAN SPACE**

*Opportunity to Hear from Design Teams to be Held in the Pike Block on
March 2*

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Mayor Stephanie A. Miner invites the public to the introductory presentations by four semi-finalist design teams for the New Urban Space project at the former Commons Center Plaza and Perseverance Park.

“We have a remarkable opportunity to transform a swath of land in our urban core into a vibrant, usable public space,” said **Syracuse Mayor Stephanie A. Miner**. “We are seeking the team best qualified to work with the community on a park design that will be truly reflective of the city's assets, aspirations and potential.”

The semi-finalists are:

- **Ball-Nogues Studio**, with Martha Schwarz Partners, edr landscape architecture, and Buro Happold Engineering.
- **Halvorson Design Partnership**, with Kirkland Studio, Bergmann Associations, and Highland Planning.
- **!melk landscape architecture and urban design**, with Balmond Studio, Tillotson Design Associates, and C&S Companies
- **Scape Landscape Architecture**, with Stacy Levy and Arup Engineering

In 2014, a request for proposals was issued by the Syracuse Urban Renewal Agency (SURA) for interdisciplinary teams to plan and design the former Common Center and Perseverance Park site. A jury of experts in urban planning and public art will review the team qualifications and make its recommendation to the SURA board, who will make a final determination. The public presentations on Monday evening are the first step in the selection process.



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The event will be held in a storefront of the Pike Block Building, 320 South Salina Street. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. and the first presentation will begin at 5:30 p.m.

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