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**MINER APPOINTS ANDREW M. MAXWELL TO LEAD  
OFFICE OF INNOVATION; HIRING OF ADDITIONAL  
STAFF TO TAKE PLACE IN COMING WEEKS**

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Mayor Stephanie A. Miner announced the City of Syracuse is now seeking resumes for staff positions in the newly-created Office of Innovation. Additionally, the Mayor announced Andrew M. Maxwell will be appointed to serve as Director of Policy and Innovation in her administration. Maxwell will lead the new office. Miner had previously announced funding to establish this office from Bloomberg Philanthropies in December, 2014.

“This office will offer the city an opportunity to research and explore answers to our greatest challenges in new ways,” said **Syracuse Mayor Stephanie A. Miner**. “I am excited to hire this team and for them to begin their work.”

Jobs in the new Office of Innovation will be:

- Innovation Project Manager
- Innovation Program Coordinator
- Innovation Analytics Coordinator
- Innovation Fellow

Resumes will be accepted through close of business on Monday, March 16 and should be submitted to [innovation@syrgov.net](mailto:innovation@syrgov.net).

“I am pleased to take on this new role in Mayor Miner’s administration and help develop solutions to the challenges facing our community,” said **Andrew M. Maxwell**. “I thank the Mayor for this opportunity to lead this new team and work on issues that affect Syracuse neighbors every day.”

“Andrew Maxwell has done a great job as the Director of the Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency,” said **Onondaga County Executive Joanie Mahoney**. “We wish him best of luck and look forward to working with him in his new position running the Office of Innovation for the City of Syracuse.”

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**Mayor Miner** added: “I look forward to seeing Andrew Maxwell lead this team. He is a dedicated public servant who has worked for nearly a decade in City government and made significant contributions. We are excited to have him in this new role.”

Andrew M. Maxwell currently serves as the Director of the Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency. Previously, he led the City of Syracuse Bureau of Planning and Sustainability under the Miner administration. He began his career as a neighborhood planner in the City of Syracuse Department of Community Development. He holds Master of Public Administration degree from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University and is a graduate of St. John Fisher College. His salary will be \$89,000. His previous salary at Onondaga County was \$92,800.

The Office of Innovation, announced in December 2014, was made possible with a three year, \$1.35 million grant from Bloomberg Philanthropies. Syracuse was one of fourteen cities selected in 2014 as part of the Bloomberg Philanthropies' Innovation Teams (i-teams) program. The program aims to improve the capacity of City Halls to effectively design and implement new approaches that improve citizens' lives. Grant funds allow mayors to hire and fund i-teams for up to three years. These teams function as in-house innovation consultants, moving from one mayoral priority to the next. Using Bloomberg Philanthropies' tested Innovation Delivery approach, i-teams help agency leaders and staff go through a data-driven process to assess problems, generate responsive new interventions, develop partnerships, and deliver measurable results.

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