

# State of the City



*Mayor Stephanie A. Miner*

January 29, 2015

## *Welcome*

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**Robert J. Daino**  
*WCNY President and CEO*



# *Invocation*

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**Msgr. Neal Quartier**  
*Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception*

# *Pledge of Allegiance*

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## **Seymour School Dual Language Academy**

Noel Ahmad • Troy Boatwright • Estefanis Carrasquillo  
Tyrone Collins • Jose Diaz • Loyda Felicier • Joel Franqui  
Sarah Gonzalez • Eliany Guerra • Lanhyah Hackett  
Shakiece Jones • Aiden Keene • Juan Lind  
Raehana Reeves • Shylimar Rivera • Tianysha Rodriguez  
Dayandre Sessions • Timicia Williams • Dana Zhao

# *Introduction*

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**The Hon. Pamela J. Hunter**  
*Common Councilor-at-Large*

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In accordance with the Charter of the  
 City of Syracuse amended in 1960:  
 The Mayor shall present an annual message to the Common Council  
 of the City of Syracuse on the State of the City.



**Van B. Robinson**  
*President*



**Helen Hudson**  
*Councilor-at-Large*



**Pamela Hunter**  
*Councilor-at-Large*



**Kathleen Joy**  
*Councilor-at-Large*



**Jean Kessner**  
*Councilor-at-Large*



**Jake Barrett**  
*1st District*



**Chad Ryan**  
*2nd District*



**Bob Dougherty**  
*3rd District*



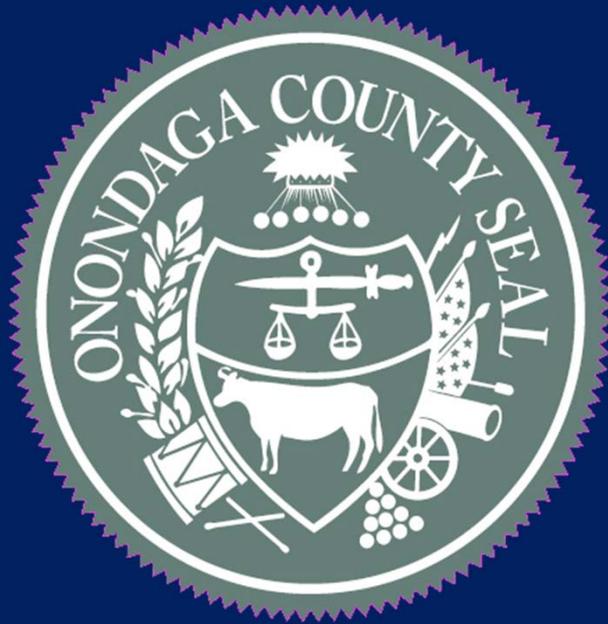
**Khalid Bey**  
*4th District*



**Nader P. Maroun**  
*5th District*

**Syracuse Common Council**





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“I’ve never had an interest in being a Mayor because that’s a real job. You have to produce...”



Vice President Joseph R. Biden

“We do war and peace,  
you do everything else.”

Cities have to work.

# Neighborhoods



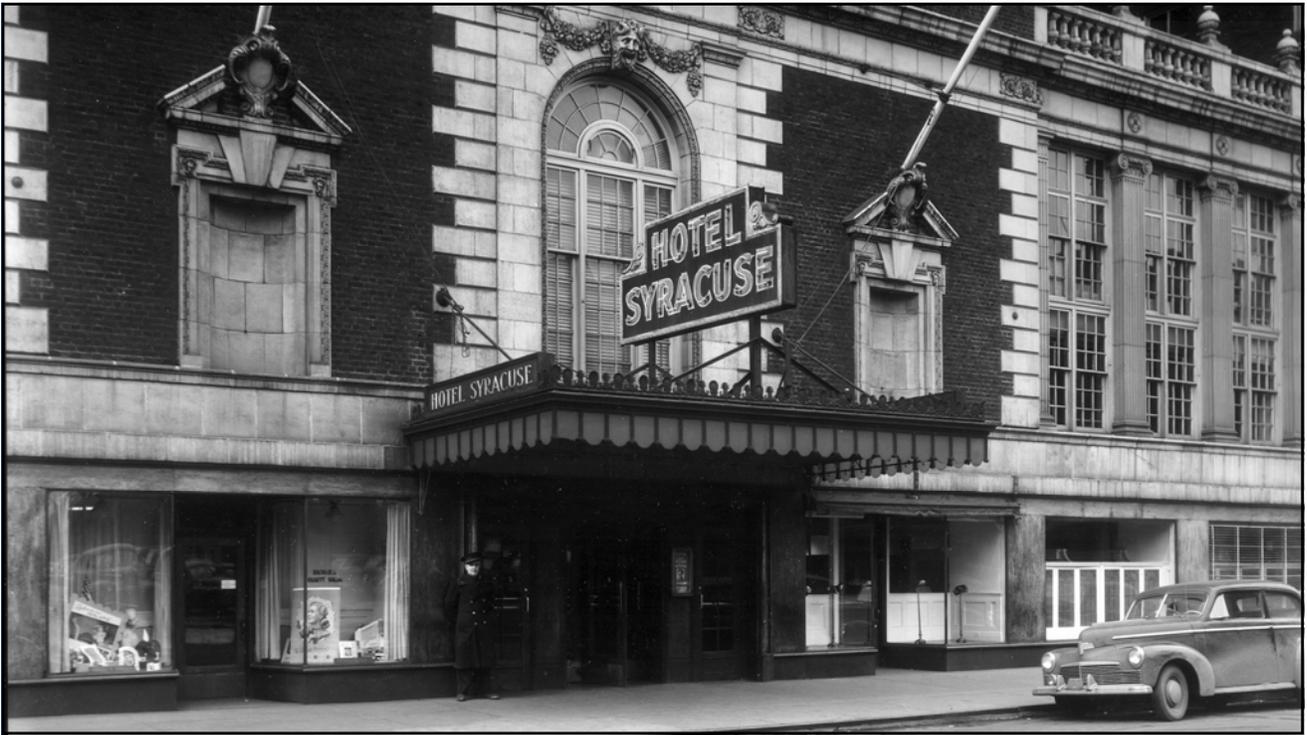
## Merchants Commons



## Dey's Centennial Plaza







**GREATER SYRACUSE  
LAND BANK**



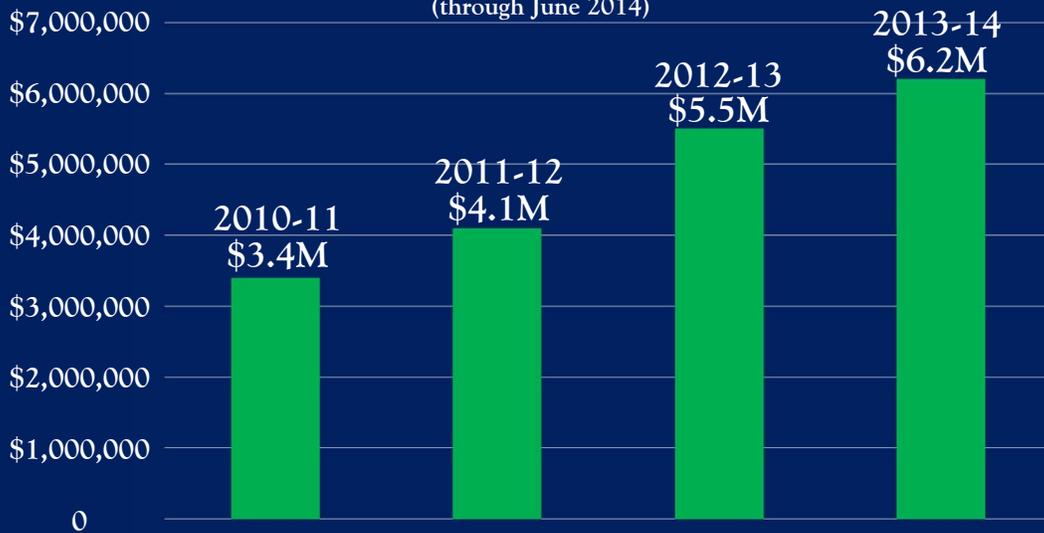
## Greater Syracuse Land Bank

- Acquired 340 properties in 2014, for a total of 507 properties
- Completed 10 residential renovations with Home HeadQuarters
- Additional 30 rehab projects planned, 13 underway with Home HeadQuarters, 10 with Onondaga County
- 26 demolitions completed
- 94 properties sold to date
- Buyers plan to invest more than \$5 million in renovations
- Nearly \$1 million from sales to fund Land Bank operations



## Delinquent Property Tax Collections since start of the Land Bank

(through June 2014)

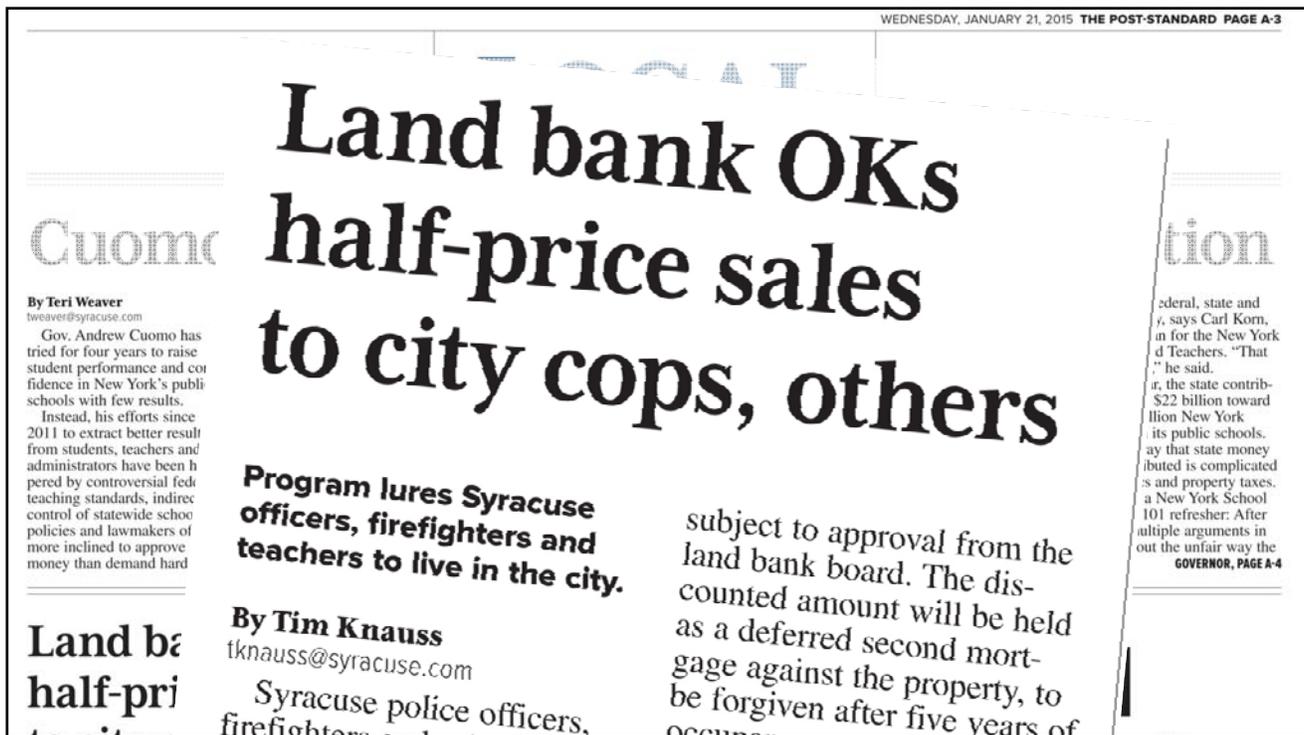


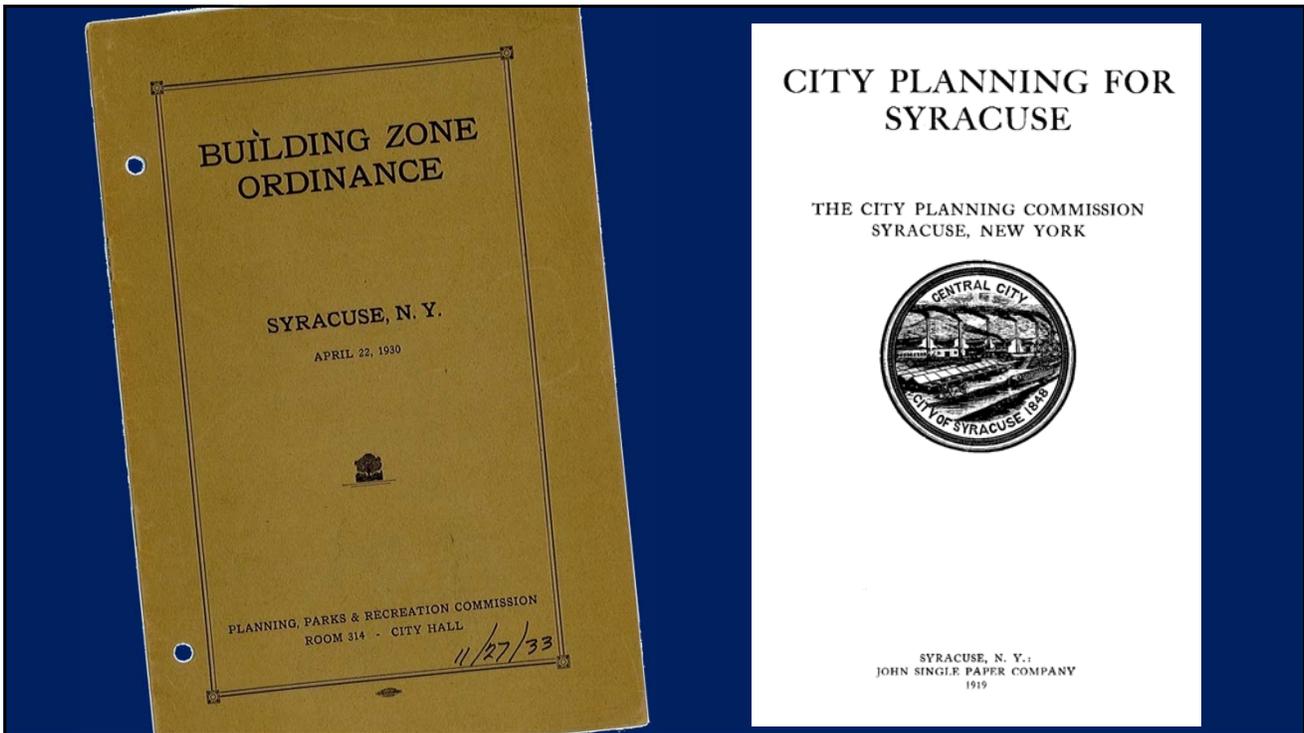
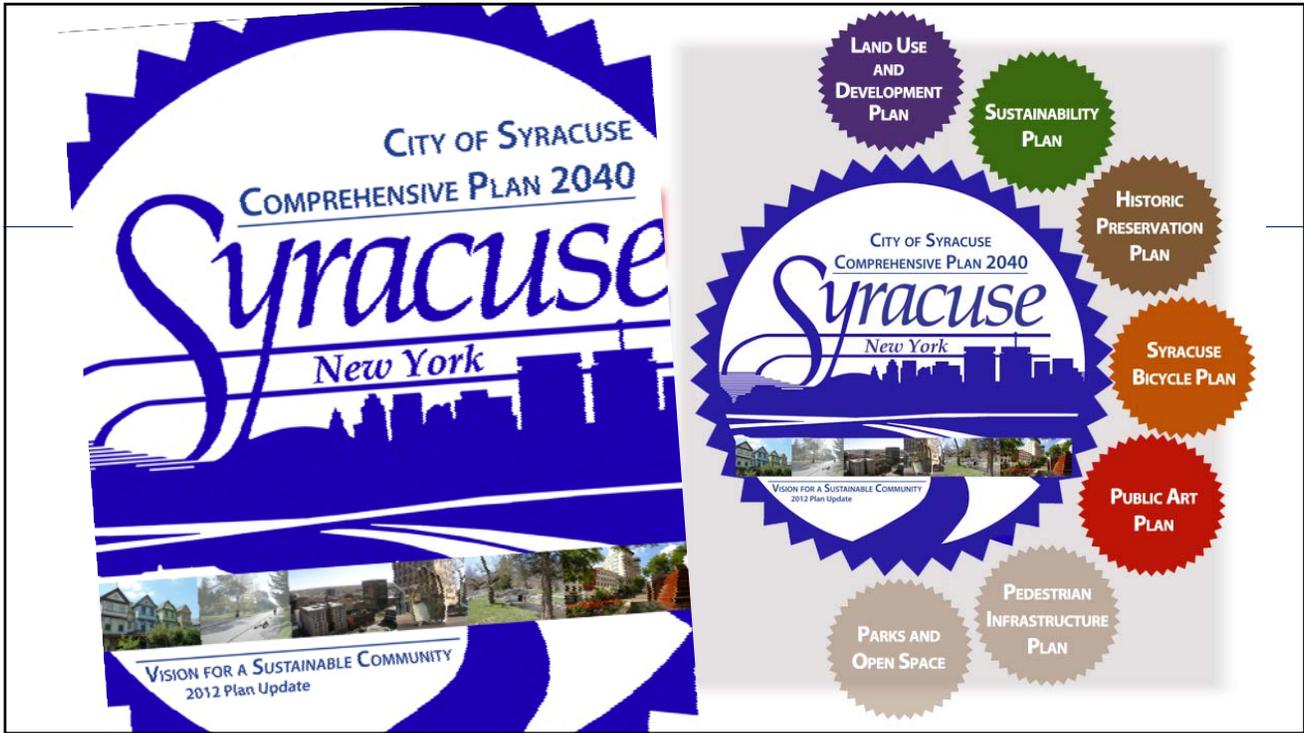
Estimated New  
Property Tax Revenue

**\$170,000/year**

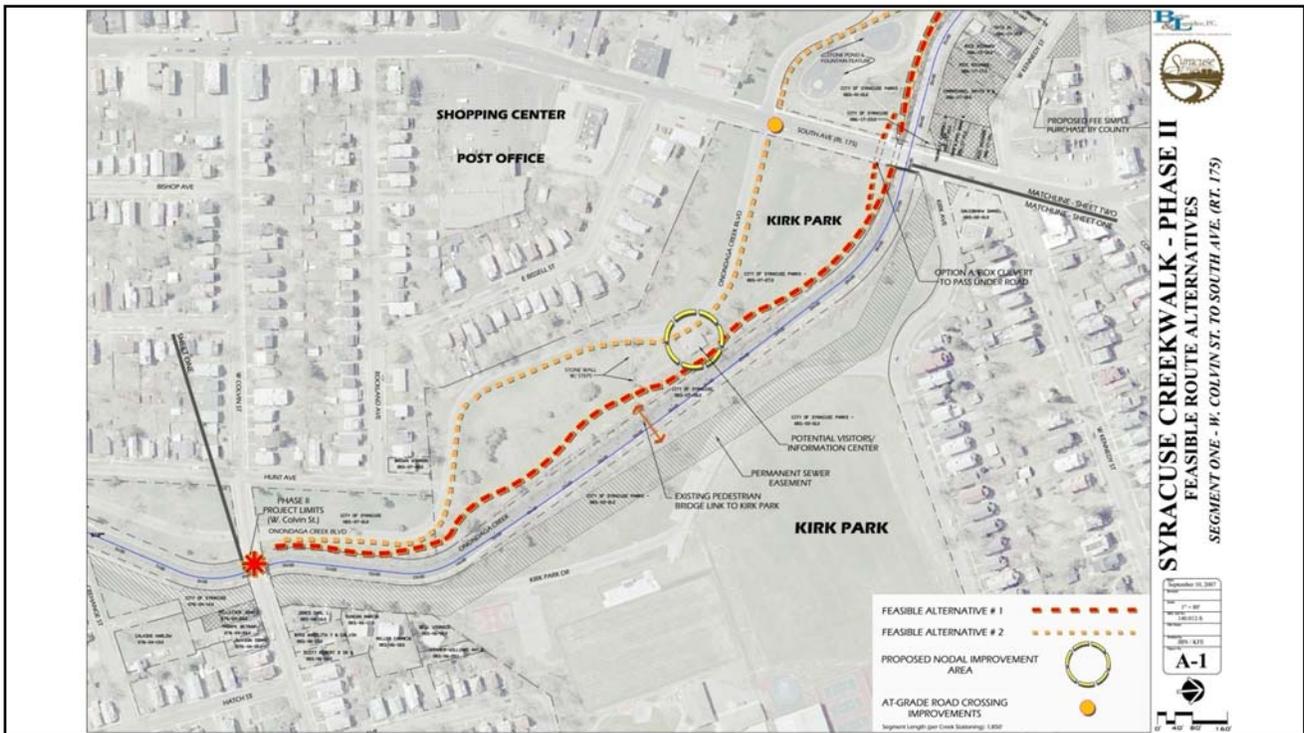
# Land Bank Goals for 2015

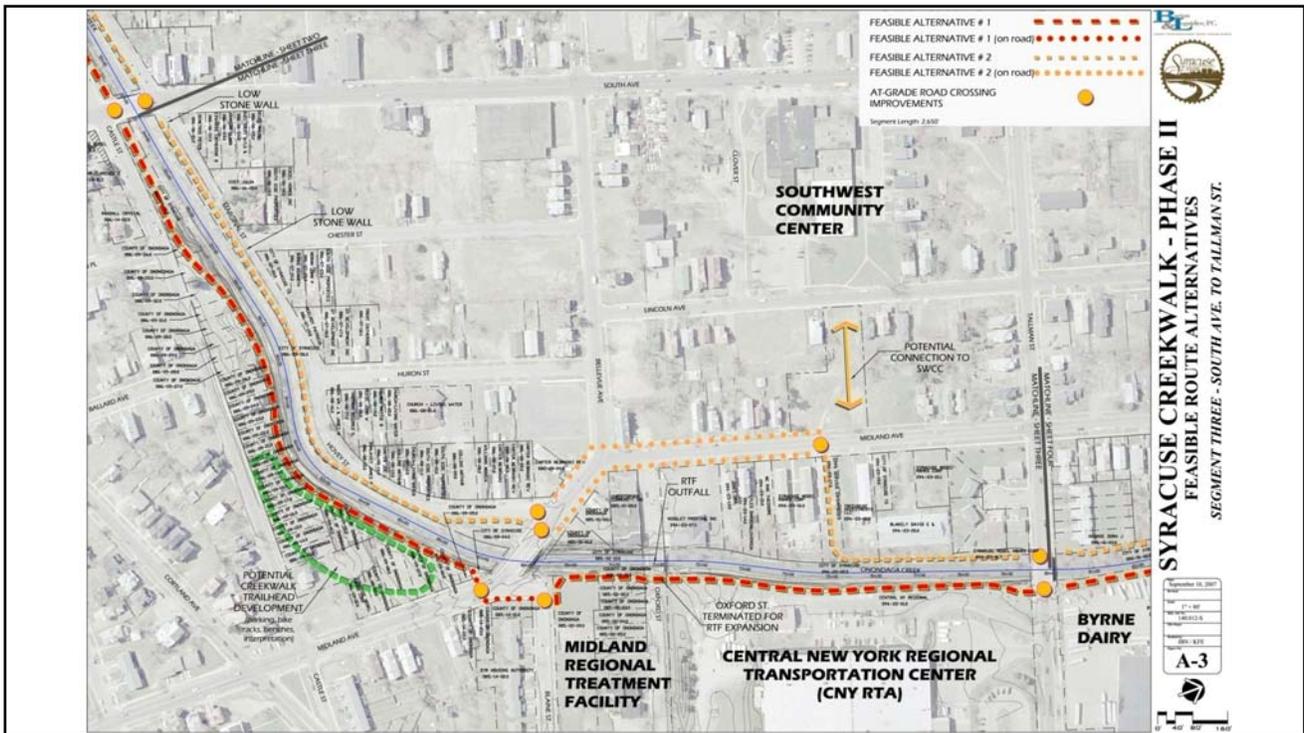
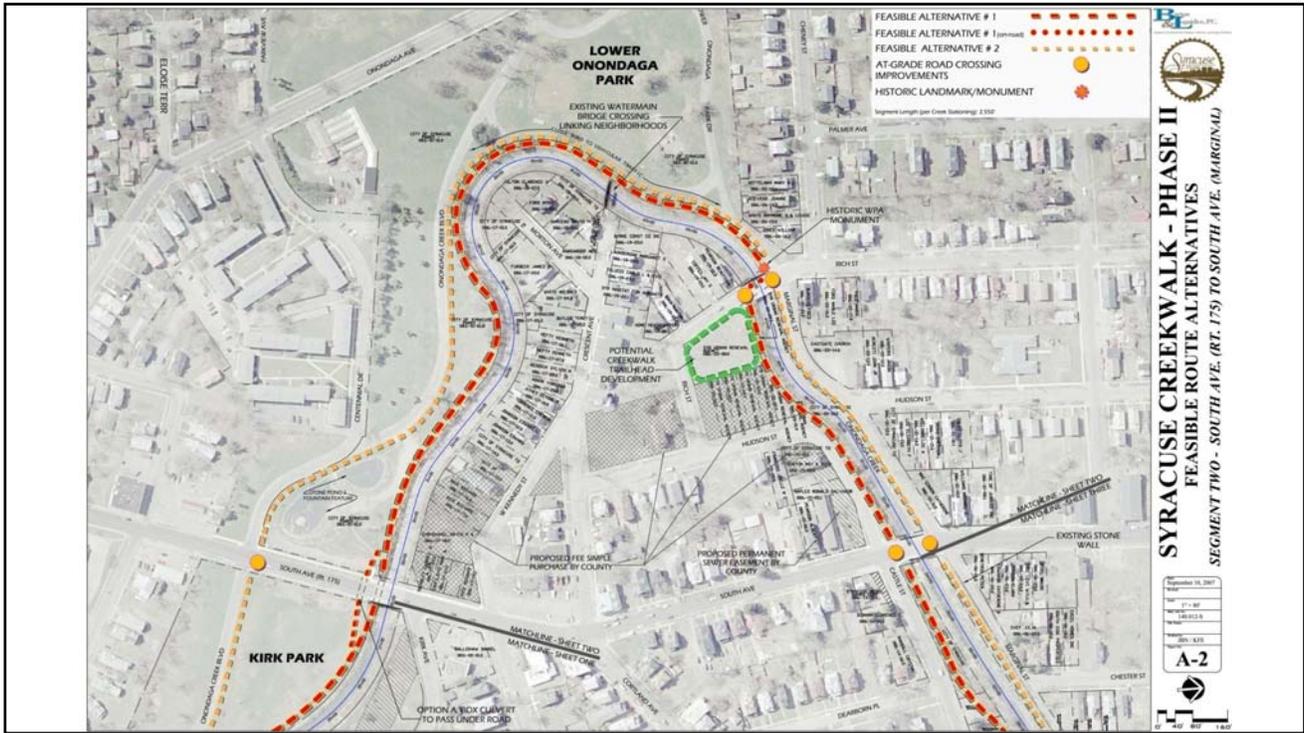
- Acquire up to another 600 properties via tax foreclosure
- Sell 120 properties, returning them to productive use
- Demolish approximately 40 structures

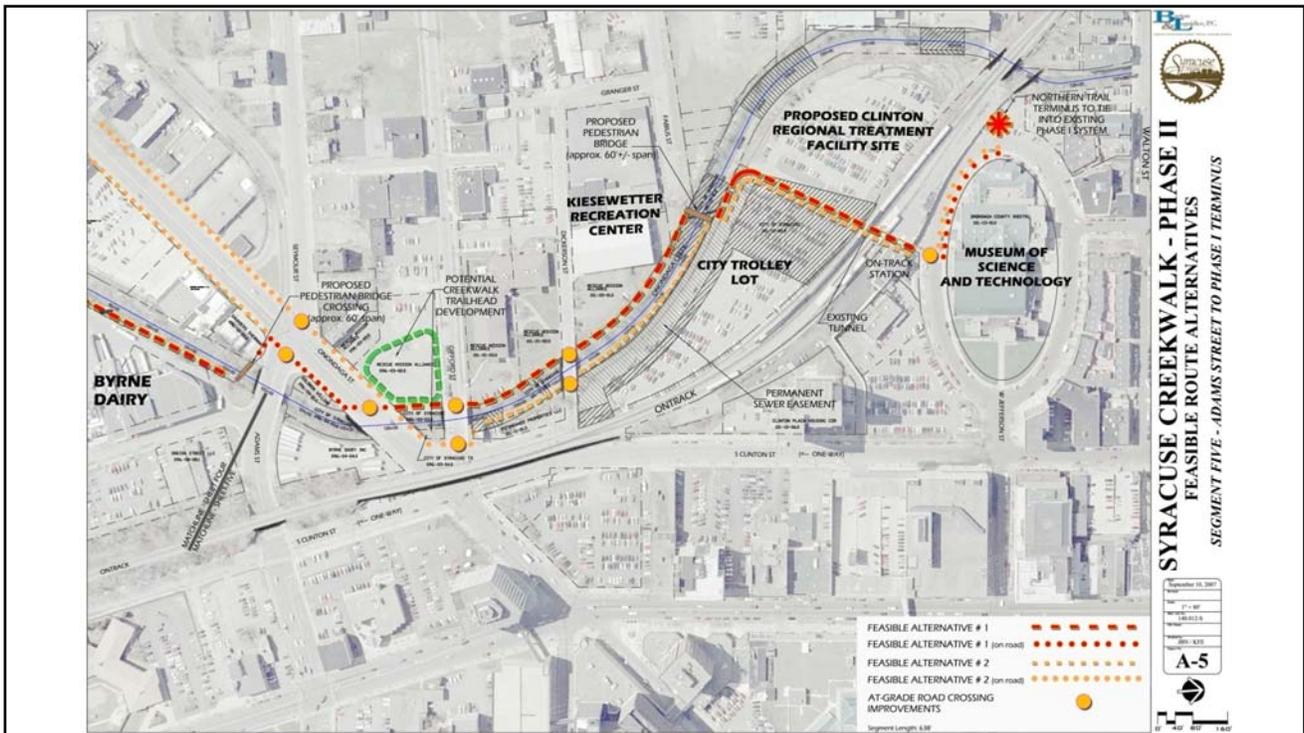
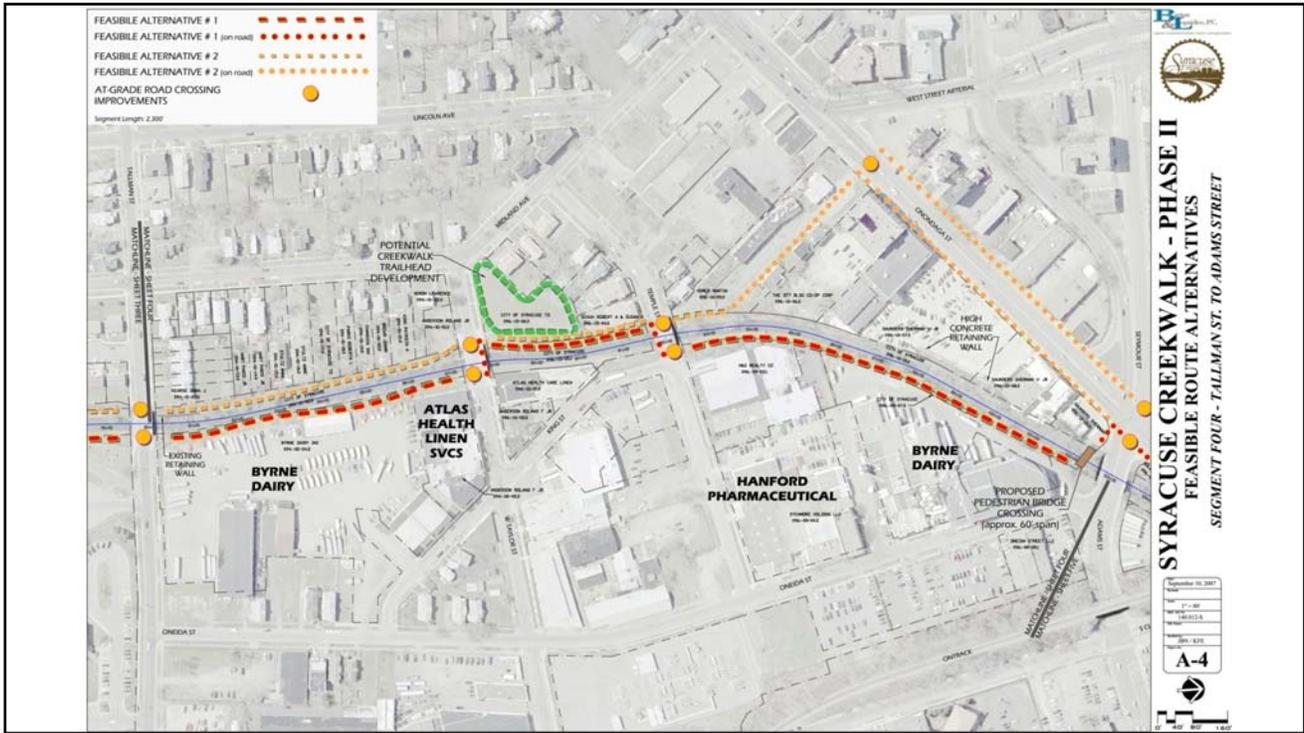














## 2013 - 2014

- Vehicle thefts ..... Down 6%
- Aggravated Assaults ..... Down 6%
- Larcenies ..... Down 8%
- Shots Fired ..... Down 11%
- Burglaries ..... Down 21%



# Comprehensive Gang Model Program



# Problem Oriented Policing POP



**Police camera captures arson on Syracuse's North Side**  
 By Tom Stetz  
 The Syracuse Police Department...

**Camera cleared two young men who were walking near arson**

**CAMERA, FROM PAGE A-5**

begin to build. Firefighters later rescued Beverly Palmtree from the fire. Authorities said Friday she was in critical condition at Upstate University Hospital. Nine surveillance cameras line Butternut Street, including seven cameras that were installed last summer. Fowler said cameras not only captured a suspect in an arson, but also helped clear two young men who were

walking by the house when the fire occurred. He said a witness initially told police the two young men started the fire. Without the surveillance footage, Fowler said, detectives would have wasted valuable time tracking the men down and interrogating them. "This is a great example of ... cameras that we have doing the job that we knew they would right along," he said. "That's why I'm such a fan of these cameras."

Sunday, June 22, 2014  
 Post-Standard

SYRACUSE

**Arson/murder leads to 23 years to life**

A Syracuse man will spend 23 years to life in prison for killing a woman during an intentionally set fire aimed at revenge against someone else. Patrick Kelley, 57, told the judge he was "wasted on spike," a synthetic drug, when he set fire last June to 931 Butternut St., killing Beverly Palmtree. Under law, someone who intentionally sets fire to a structure and causes someone's death can be charged with murder. His lawyer, Fran Walter, said Kelley has a history of mental illness, but was competent to stand trial, which is the standard for criminal conviction. — Douglass Dowty

Tuesday, January 27, 2015  
 Post-Standard



**Washington Square & Park Street Camera Locations**

Existing Cameras  
 Proposed Cameras

**Hawley-Green Camera Locations**

Existing Cameras  
 Proposed Cameras



Butternut Community Police Center  
at Schiller Park



Southwest Community Center



# Public Education





# JSCB

## Joint Schools Construction Board Phase 2

Bellevue Elementary School	Frazer K-8
Clary Middle School	Grant Middle School
Corcoran High School	Henninger High School
Danforth Middle School	Huntington K-8
Ed Smith K-8	Nottingham High School
Expeditionary Learning School	Shea Middle School
Fowler High School	Westside Academy at Blodgett

## SCSD Graduation Rates

- 4-Year June Graduation Rate ..... 52%
- August Graduation Rate ..... 56%

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- Fowler High School ..... 30%
- Institute of Technology ..... 82%
- Corcoran High School ..... 67%
- Henninger High School ..... 56%
- Nottingham High School ..... 62%





# Fiscal Storm

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Healthcare  
Up 86%

Pension Costs  
Up 355%

# Infrastructure

“Concrete, steel and fiber-optic  
cable are the essential building  
blocks of the economy . . .

. . . Infrastructure is the backbone  
of a healthy economy.”

- Robert Puentes, Brookings Institution



Bank Alley at East Fayette Street

# Water Main Breaks

2006-2014



# Water Main Breaks

Wednesday, January 29 through Sunday, February 2, 2014

NUMBER OF BREAKS	22
MATERIALS	\$ 8,065
RESTORATION	\$159,494
FUEL	\$ 2,174
MAINTENANCE TO VEHICLES	\$ 2,350
LABOR	\$ 33,657
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$205,739</b>

syracuse.com



# CITY'S DAILY FIX: MENDING BURST PIPES

**WATER MAIN BREAKS ARE A STEADY SOURCE OF FRUSTRATION, INCONVENIENCE AND EXPENSE**

**By Douglas Denty**  
When a water main breaks, the city's water supply system is disrupted. The water main breaks are a steady source of frustration, inconvenience and expense for the city. The water main breaks are a steady source of frustration, inconvenience and expense for the city. The water main breaks are a steady source of frustration, inconvenience and expense for the city.

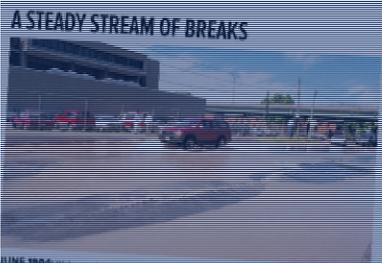


**Left:** Workers in a trench replace a section of a water main with a new section. **Right:** Workers in a trench replace a section of a water main with a new section.

**UNDER THE SURFACE**  
A few facts about the city's water supply system:  
**1,187** Number of water main breaks in the past six years  
**\$7 million** Annual cost to Syracuse to repair water main breaks  
**\$1 billion\*** Cost for Syracuse to replace the entire water main system  
**500 miles** of pipes make up Syracuse's water system

**WHERE ARE THE PIPES BREAKING?**  
We can check your street, ZIP code or the whole city to see where pipes have failed in Syracuse over the past five years. It's all at [syracuse.com/dms](http://syracuse.com/dms).

## A STEADY STREAM OF BREAKS



**JUNE 1994:** Water gushes across the road after a water main break on Adams Street, just west of Adams Street in the City of Syracuse. (The Post-Standard)



**May 2009:** Workers in a trench replace a section of a water main with a new section. (The Post-Standard)

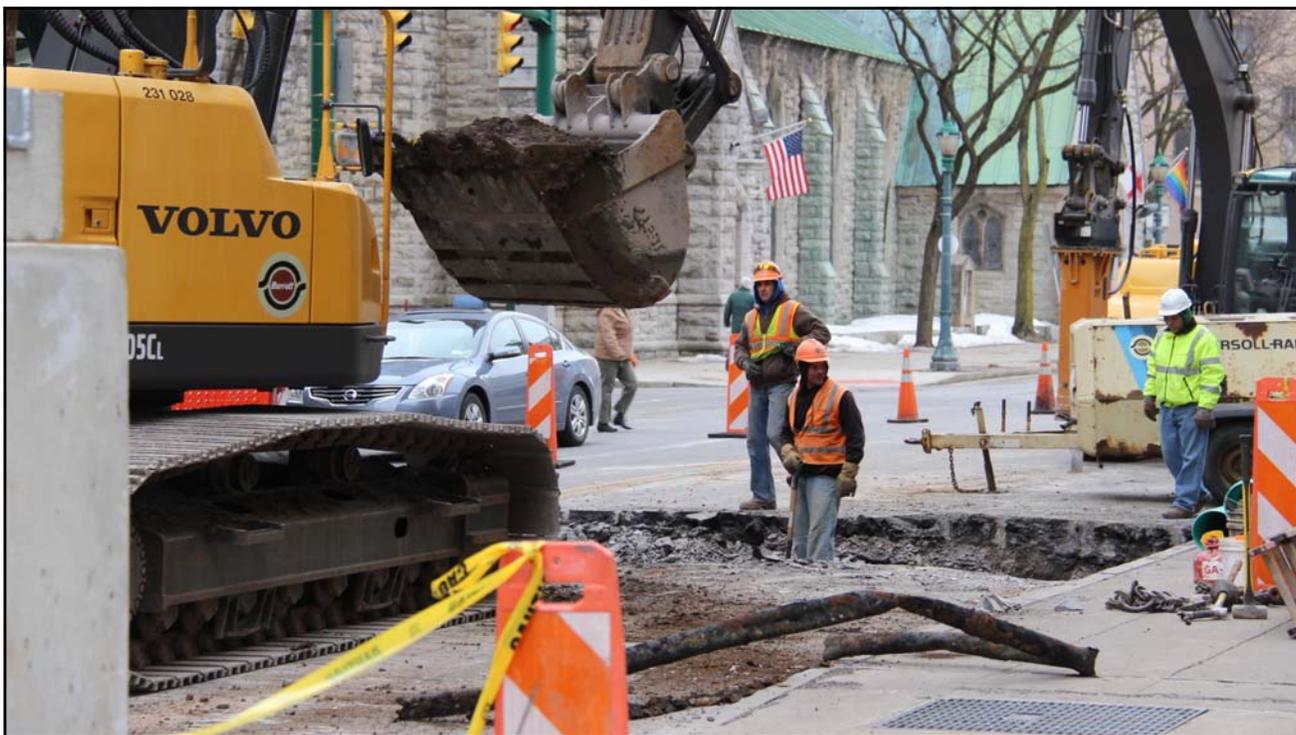


**JULY 2012:** Crew leader Henry Rosado of the city Department of Water instructs his men as they work to repair a water main break at the intersection of West Water and South Salina streets. (The Post-Standard)

## Water main breaks a way of city life

**WATER MAIN BREAKS**  
\$7 million a year in labor and materials, said William Ryan, chief of staff to the mayor. That's far cheaper than replacing the system, which is estimated at "well over \$1 billion," he said. And a new system wouldn't change the rapidly changing, four-season climate that causes many of the breaks.

A look at the numbers shows that one-third of the breaks happen during cold months of December, January and February. The lowest number of breaks happens in the fall. And geographically, water main breaks target every area of the city, regardless of building age, property or terrain. Maps of the breaks cover the city like chicken pox. "They're pretty equally distributed throughout the city," said Joe Zacherbaum, a water department official who maps the data. "Visually, we should be able to find clusters. But there really aren't." Zacherbaum said one strategy to minimizing the problem is replacing broken street valves so crews can locate breaks and keep them from recurring. He said he would like to see permanent fixes to the regional water main. This time, though, they had advance warning. "It has to be fixed," Goddard said. "Does it have an impact? Absolutely it does." During the February break, Panabilities lost 15 to 20 percent of its business, said owner Karyn Kending. The water main break happened right in front of the 111 S. Franklin St. restaurant, though the restaurant still had water and did not flood. For them, the water main break and its aftermath was the latest in a series of utility problems that included the separate sewer system, as well. "It was the season of plumbing catastrophes," Kending said recently, with the backdrop of construction crews ripping up the street. "Right now, it's not much fun either." An employee at the nearby Freedom of Expression on the corner peered out at the construction crews ripping up the street. She said the repair work had affected business a little, but not nearly as badly as the break itself, when the coffee shop closed for a few hours. "You could literally say



# Asset Management Plan

# Special Lighting Districts

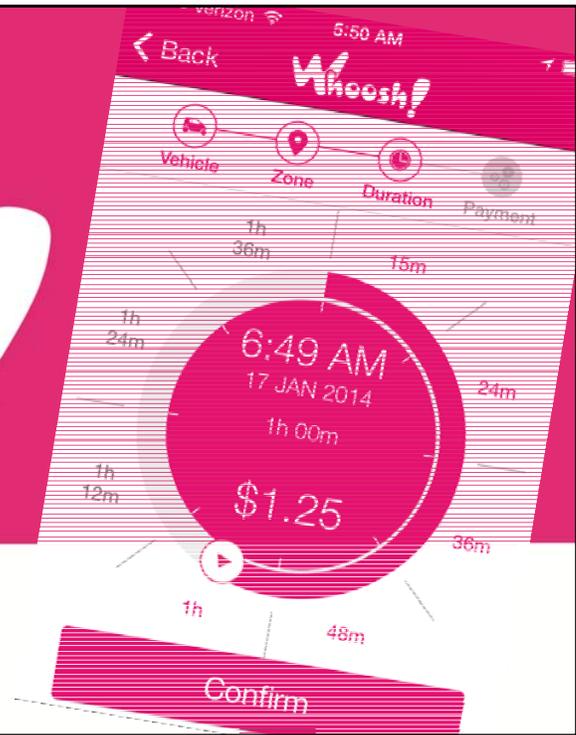
## Special Lighting Districts

- 134 Special Lighting Districts
- More than \$1.9 million annual bill
- Property owners pay only \$223,000 a year
- \$1.7 million gap is made up by all City taxpayers

## Dedicated Infrastructure Fund

# Whoosh!

so easy to park!



Total number of  
Whoosh! Transactions:  
**9,821**

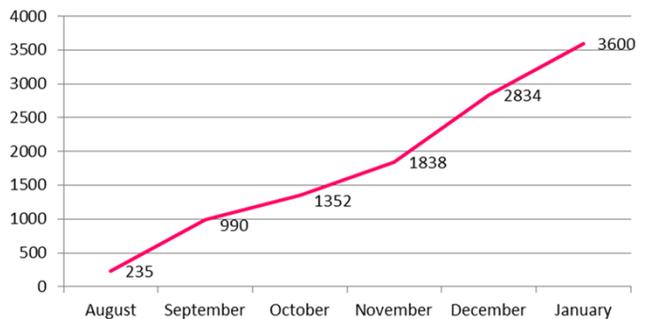
Total Whoosh!  
parking revenue:  
**\$18,448**

Aug. 19, 2014 to Jan. 22, 2015

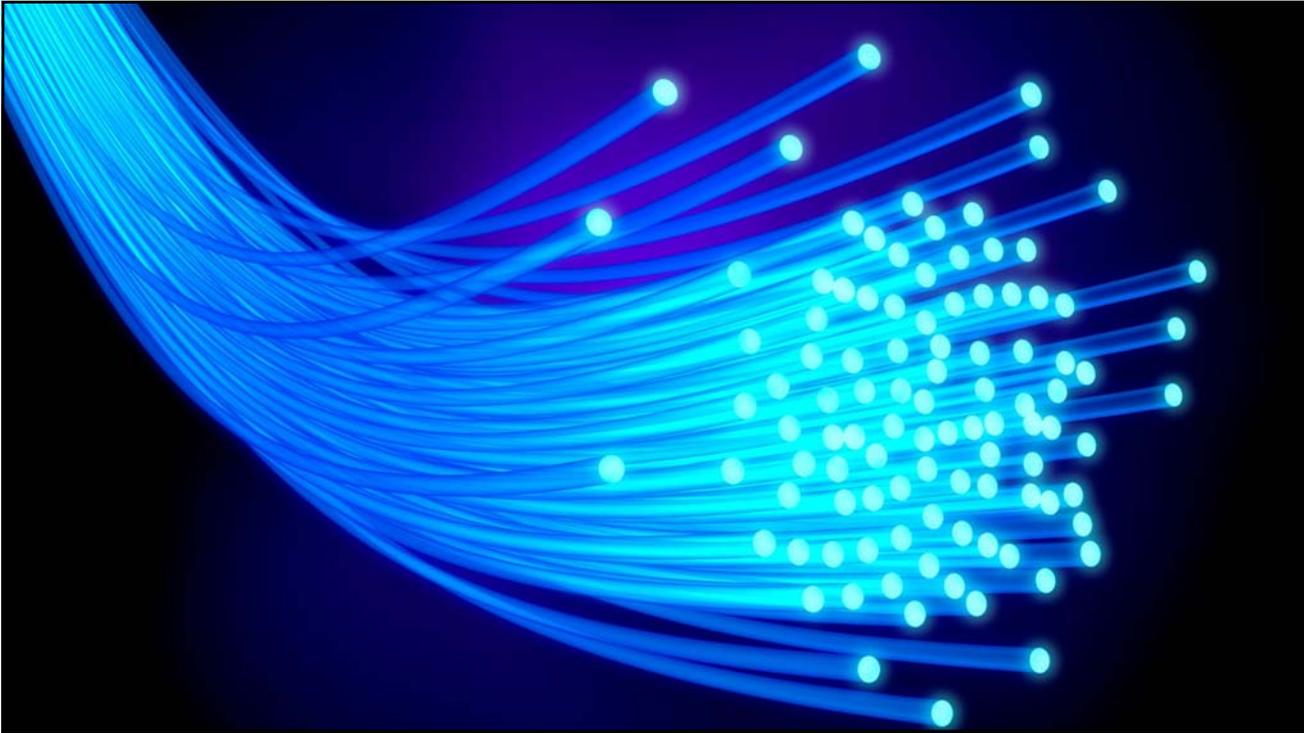
# Whoosh!

so easy to park!

# of Whoosh! Transactions per month





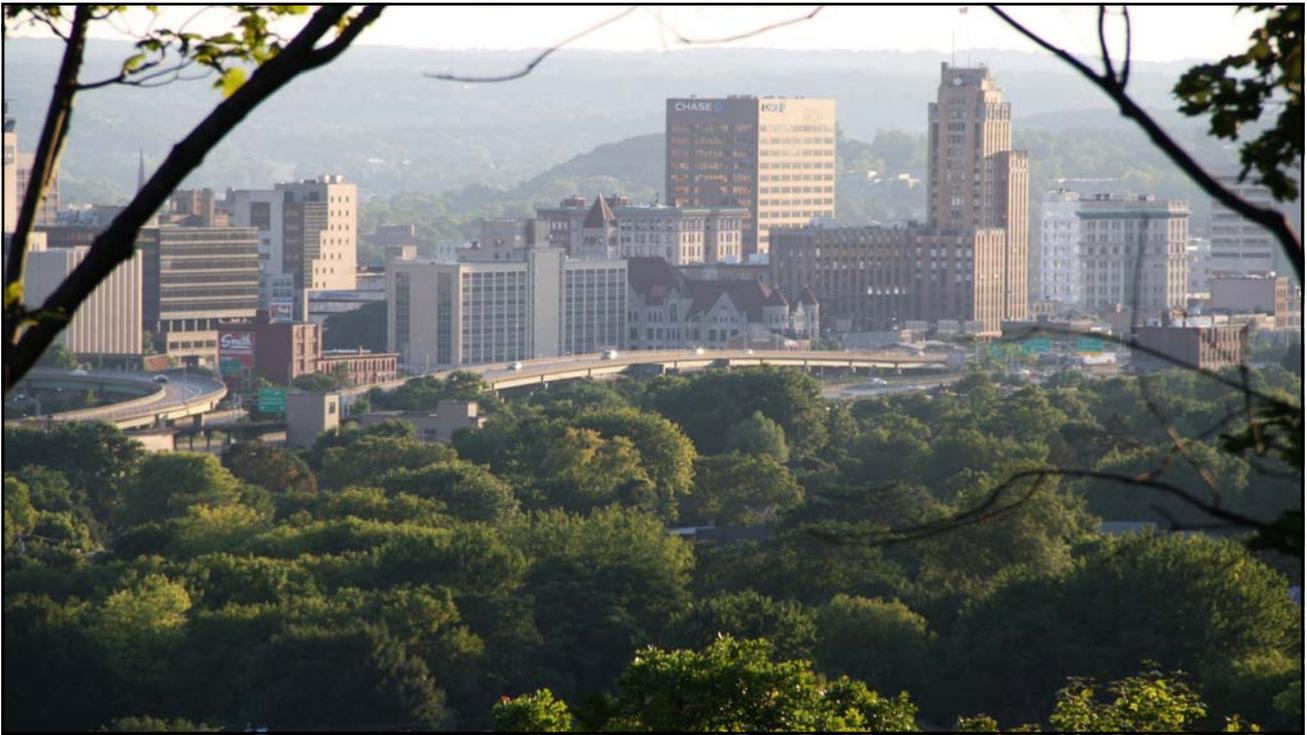


# Bloomberg Philanthropies' Innovation Teams Program: The Opportunity for Syracuse

## 1 of 14 cities selected

- Syracuse has been competitively selected to join Bloomberg Philanthropies' Innovation Teams program
- Our grant will allow our city to stand up a dedicated innovation team—or i-team—and leverage it to develop and deliver bold new solutions to the our most pressing problems





# *Benediction*

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*Pastor Nebraska Carter*  
*Living Waters Church of God in Christ*

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