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Seven Demolitions Begin as Neighborhood Revitalization and Blight Removal Efforts Resume

SCHENECTADY – Mayor Gary McCarthy announced seven demolitions have begun as the City resumes neighborhood revitalization and blight removal efforts. The funding is allocated through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

“As we look to build back better from the COVID-19 pandemic, we are eager to resume neighborhood revitalization efforts by removing blight in our community,” **said Mayor McCarthy**. “These distressed properties have been carefully evaluated and are some of the worst of the worst structures. This is part of a comprehensive and focused effort to improve quality of life in our neighborhoods.”

The seven properties slated for demolition include three in the Hamilton Hill and Vale neighborhoods, and four in the Central State Street neighborhood:

- 8 Elbert Street
- 1009 Strong Street
- 19 Close Street
- 34 Henry Street
- 66 Linden Street
- 1852 Albany Street
- 310 Schenectady Street

The Hamilton Hill and Vale neighborhoods are within the City’s HUD-designated [Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area](#) (NRSA). The NRSA goals include the reduction of blight through demolition and housing rehabilitation, consistent with the objectives outlined in the City’s [Draft 2020-2024 HUD Consolidated Five-Year Strategic Plan](#) for housing and community development programs.

The City will look to consolidate each of the parcels with neighboring properties. The properties at 1009 Strong Street, 1852 Albany Street, and 310 Schenectady Street are adjacent to other City-owned properties that would be sold and rehabilitated through the City’s HOMES initiative.