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Mayor Driscoll Announces Progress and Next Steps in Development of City of Syracuse Comprehensive Plan

Syracuse NY – Mayor Matt Driscoll, joined by Dr. Ruben Cowart, Chairman of the City of Syracuse Planning Commission, and Councilor Van Robinson will announce the progress to date and next steps in the preparation of the city's first Comprehensive Plan since 1919.

A meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 24, 2001 at SUNY-ESF (Marshall Hall) from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon. It will bring together key city and county personnel to learn and share the experiences of the mayors of Burlington, Vermont and Ithaca and Rochester New York, all of whose communities have developed and implemented their own comprehensive plans.

"I am very pleased, highly encouraged and grateful at the level of interest and enthusiasm exhibited by the many members of our community who are willing to volunteer their time and expertise to this very important planning initiative," said Mayor Driscoll.

The development of the City's Comprehensive Plan will be a collaborative effort between the City of Syracuse, Onondaga County, members of the Common Council, the City Planning Commission, the Syracuse-Onondaga County Planning Agency (SOCPA), State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY-ESF), local business leaders, community institutions, organizations and community and neighborhood stakeholders.

Completion of the process and adoption of the Comprehensive Plan is anticipated to occur by the Spring of 2004.