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PLAN FOR REDEVELOPMENT IN THE HEART OF DOWNTOWN AUBURN

AUBURN, ME. – Anew Development and Auburn Housing Development Corporation are pleased to announce a plan for the redevelopment of a critical area in the heart of downtown Auburn. The Dillingham Funeral Home site on Spring Street, which has drawn considerable attention over the past year, is under option to be replaced by a mixed-use complex that would include commercial space, market rate apartments, and privately financed workforce apartments.

The plan also envisions supporting Auburn's vision of urban development with storefront addressing the sidewalks and the creation of parking which will enhance the surrounding downtown development, including the historic Engine House, adjacent to this site along Court Street. Over the past several decades, properties along Spring Street have been lost to fires, demolitions and parking lot conversions. This plan, which is in the early stages of its development, will recreate a vibrant streetscape and bring more people back downtown, which is part of a growing national trend.

Located within sight of a Hannaford Supermarket, the Auburn Public Library, and the soon to be constructed Downtown Auburn Transportation Center, redevelopment of 62 Spring Street will bring new life to the neighborhood and is expected to stimulate additional interest in & reinvestment in the downtown.

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“The City has been aggressively pursuing a vision for our downtown neighborhoods to attract people and visitors to choose Auburn to live in, to visit and to work. Focusing on complete streets, advocating for transportation services linking to Portland and Boston, and a proposed wireless broadband service, all within the downtown, is our welcome mat to investors. This project is the first of what we hope will be many others that want to join Auburn in this new era of growth,” states Mayor Jonathan LaBonté.

A press conference has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 11:00am at the proposed project site, 62 Spring Street. The rain location will be the Androscoggin Room, Auburn Public Library, 49 Spring Street.

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