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St. John Fruitbelt Rental Project Will Benefit 28 Low-Income Families

Washington, DC - Rep. Louise M. Slaughter (D-Fairport), Ranking Member of the House Rules Committee, is pleased to announce that Buffalo's St. John Fruitbelt Rental Project has received a \$151,200 federal subsidy to complete its construction of 28 townhouses for low-income families in the Fruitbelt neighborhood of Buffalo.

"Organizations like the St. John's Project benefit these families in the most important way possible - by helping them to take control of their futures and realize their dreams," Rep. Slaughter said. "And by investing in them, we are investing in the future of Buffalo. I hope that the valuable work of organizations like this one continues to be recognized and supported."

The St. John development will consist of 22 three-bedroom units and 6 four-bedroom units in twelve buildings. A minimum of five units will be set aside for homeless families. In addition to laundry facilities and play areas for children, residents will be given employment skills training, referrals to community services, and prospective homebuyer counseling.

The funding was supplied by the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York. Additional financing will be provided by Low Income Housing Tax Credits and the New York State Housing Trust Fund.