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## \* MEDIA ADVISORY \*

### Capital Roots' Healthy Streets Program to Install Intersection Enhancement Project in Watervliet

**WHEN:** Saturday, September 22, 2018, 9:00am – 2:00pm (pending project completion)

**WHERE:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Watervliet

**WHAT:** After completing one of two intersection projects in Schenectady, Capital Roots' staff and volunteers will install another Intersection Enhancement Project in Watervliet. This project will include a large "road-diet" on Second Avenue between 13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Streets to improve pedestrian safety. This is the second installation the organization has completed in September as part of its Healthy Streets program. Healthy Streets improves public spaces by creating a more accessible Capital Region for those who walk, cycle or use public transit. This Intersection Enhancement Project was made possible by the Capital District Transportation Committee's (CDTC) Capital Coexist campaign, NYS-DOH of Creating Healthy Schools and Communities program, the City of Watervliet, funding from Albany County Department of Health, and local artist Zach Harrington.

#### PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES:

Watervliet Mayor Michael Manning and Capital Roots' Chief Executive Officer Amy Klein will join volunteers in painting at 10:30am and will be available for interviews.

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*Capital Roots is a 43-year-old nonprofit organization that nourishes healthy communities with more than 50 Community Gardens, the Veggie Mobile®, Healthy Stores, the Produce Project, Squash Hunger and more. Since 2012, Capital Roots' Healthy Streets program has been working to improve public spaces throughout the Capital Region. Our initiatives are creating communities with complete streets, designed to accommodate the transportation needs of all residents, regardless of their method of travel. By increasing opportunities for improved transportation, the Capital Region's cities are becoming more accommodating, accessible and safer places to live and work. Capital Roots is headquartered at the Urban Grow Center, a regional food hub focused on urban agriculture and produce distribution to four counties, enabling Capital Roots to deliver local food and services to underserved neighborhoods and low-income families. Learn more at [www.capitalroots.org](http://www.capitalroots.org).*

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