Callanan Industries Donates Troy Properties to Capital Roots

Not-Profit Will Sell & Put Proceeds Toward Capital Campaign

TROY — Capital Roots, the 40-year-old regional non-profit dedicated to nourishing healthy communities through fresh food and green space, is hoping to wrap up the first phase of a three-phase capital campaign to create the Urban Grow Center with help from a generous property donation from longtime supporter Callanan Industries, Inc.

Callanan, an Upstate New York leader in aggregate, asphalt and concrete products and construction services, has donated four Troy properties, including Capital Roots’ former office at 40 River Street, to the not-for-profit organization. Capital Roots has listed the properties for sale, and will allocate the proceeds toward its new $2.8 million headquarters at 594 River Street, which opened in late 2014.

“Callanan Industries has been helping Capital Roots grow for more than a decade, and we are thrilled that they have chosen to do so once again,” said Amy Klein, Capital Roots’ Executive Director. “The proceeds from the sales of these properties will be a great help to our capital campaign.”

Donald E. Fane, President of Callanan Industries, said, “Capital Roots does an outstanding job helping communities stay healthy — communities where our
employees and customers live. We’re pleased to have this opportunity to help them in return.”

Capital Roots’ relationship with Callanan began in 2003 when the non-profit was rapidly outgrowing its then-office in the basement of a Troy brownstone. Callanan stepped forward and offered use of the 40 River Street property rent-free, making possible an exciting new chapter in Capital Roots’ history.

“Callanan’s generosity with 40 River Street allowed us exponential growth that we would not have seen without that donated space,” Klein said.

By the end of the next decade, Capital Roots outgrew 40 River Street as well, and embarked on a plan to purchase and renovate its new headquarters. The organization moved into the building in December of 2014. With 40 River now vacant, Callanan offered to donate it and two nearby buildings at 53 and 57 Washington Street to Capital Roots for use in its fundraising efforts.

The 40 River Street building and adjoining parking lot are listed for $175,000, while the two Washington Street properties are offered as a package for $30,000. Interested parties are asked to call James Conroy of Berkshire Hathaway Home Services at (518) 464-0870, ext. 2211.

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Capital Roots is a 40-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. 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 triple their ability to deliver fresh food and services to underserved neighborhoods and low-income families. Learn more at www.capitalroots.org.

Callanan Industries has been an Upstate New York leader in aggregate, asphalt and concrete products and construction services for more than 130 years. Established in Albany County in 1883, Callanan has been a subsidiary of Oldcastle Materials Inc. since 1985.

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