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## **Downtown Farmers Market Makes Clinton Square Location Permanent**

Syracuse, NY – Mayor Stephanie A. Miner and the Downtown Committee of Syracuse today announced the Downtown Farmers Market, presented by the Downtown Committee, will operate permanently in Clinton Square. The new location has been well-received by both patrons of the market and the participating vendors.

“It’s fitting that we move the Farmers Market to one of the City’s most prominent locations – a deserving spot for one of our green assets that brings our community together and supports our great agricultural industry in a healthy and environmentally sustainable way,” said Mayor Miner.

David Mankiewicz, executive director of the Downtown Committee said, “Although we initially intended to move the market back to its traditional site, the feedback we’ve received in favor of the Clinton Square location was positive. The open space in Clinton Square gives the vendors more room to operate, and the fountain provides an attractive backdrop for the weekly event.” There is precedent for the use of the Clinton Square site. The Downtown Committee operated the market there until the early 1980s.

On Tuesday, the Downtown Committee staff interviewed the farmers and produce dealers who participate in the market and conducted an informal survey of customers. The result was a positive response for keeping the event in Clinton Square. The former market site, the parking lot on the corner of South Salina and West Washington Streets, which reopened June 7 after undergoing environmental improvements by Onondaga County to reduce storm water runoff, will operate as usual as a metered parking lot.

The Downtown Farmers Market will continue on Tuesdays through October 12, to provide a fresh array of fruits, vegetables, nuts, cheese, wine, baked goods, plants, and flowers. As the growing season continues, up to 46 of the region’s best farmers and produce vendors will provide the freshest, healthiest produce available anywhere. Of the participating market vendors, approximately 80% are local growers and several are either certified organic or no-pesticide growers.

The Downtown Farmers Market is open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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