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Rensselaer County Legislators Grimm and Fasoldt Attend Town Hall Forum on Federal Stimulus

Troy—Legislators Peter Grimm and Flora Fasoldt attended a town hall meeting at the College of St. Rose to learn about how the \$24.1 billion in federal stimulus funds New York State expects to receive might benefit Capital Region residents. The town hall meeting, held on March 18, was one of a number meetings scheduled across the state to help disseminate information about how the stimulus funds can help create jobs and promote long term economic growth.

State Senator Neil Breslin, Senate Majority Leader Malcolm A. Smith and the New York State Senate hosted the meeting in cooperation with the New York Congressional delegation. Representatives from city and state agencies discussed what projects are eligible for funding and how businesses, civic groups, schools and local governments can qualify for funding.

“The fast-tracking of this recovery package means we have to be proactive so that we don’t miss out on opportunities for our region,” remarked Legislator Flora Fasoldt (District 4 - Sand Lake, Schodack, Nassau). “I wanted to be at this meeting to understand what projects might qualify for funding and to obtain whatever information I could to pass along to my constituents and municipal leaders in my district.”

“The City of Troy has infrastructure projects already lined up for funding,” said Legislator Peter Grimm (District 1, City of Troy), “projects that will bring new jobs and new business opportunities. In addition to that component of the recovery package, we learned more about the help it makes available to families in need by increasing funding for unemployment benefits, health coverage, nutrition aid, education and training.”

A publication given out at the meeting, “American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: The Federal Stimulus Impact on New York State,” is available for download on the State Senate website (<http://senate.state.ny.us>). Select “Links” from the menu on the left of the page, select NYSStimulus.org and click on “Download NY Senate Stimulus Summary Here.” Call the Office of the Minority at 270-2890 for assistance getting more information.