

## **Statement from Peggy Hill, President and CEO of Rochester Management**

ROCHESTER, N.Y., January 8, 2018 – Rochester Management, Inc. President and CEO Peggy Hill issued the following statement today:

*For more than two years, Rochester Management has worked to bring senior housing community Cobbs Hill Village into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. As someone who has spent more than 20 years serving this nonprofit, it personally pains me to see opponents misrepresent our plans, so here are some facts:*

- *The modernized Cobbs Hill Village will be rebuilt on the same parcel of land where the complex has been located since 1957. Though located next to Cobbs Hill Park, it will not use one inch of parkland.*
- *All current residents choosing to move into the modernized Cobbs Hill Village are guaranteed to be able to do so and they will not face any rent increase. They will be able to pay the same rent they pay today, even in the rebuilt community, for as long as they choose to live here.*
- *Since its inception, Cobbs Hill Village has been governed by New York State Mitchell Lama program guidelines for low-to-middle income housing. To suggest that the income mandate for the complex will change in any way under our plan is inaccurate and misleading. Cobbs Hill Village provides low-to-middle income housing now and will continue to in the future under the very same New York State program.*
- *Rochester Management hired a certified arborist to assess the health of all trees on the site and to help us preserve our trees before, during, and after construction. We estimate no more than 10 trees will need to be removed, each of which will be replaced at least one-for-one. Our plans also include added landscaping along Norris Drive to contribute to the beauty of the property and neighborhood.*

*We look forward to tonight's meeting with the Rochester City Planning Commission and are hopeful that they too recognize the great need for affordable housing here in Rochester, and how modernized Cobbs Hill Village will help better meet that need.*

*Current and future Cobbs Hill Village residents should have the space and modest amenities needed for them to age in place with dignity. They deserve units larger than the current 378-541 square foot studios and one-bedroom apartments. They deserve wheelchair accessible bathrooms and full-size kitchen appliances. They deserve the small fitness center, computer lab and indoor group meeting space that our plans include. These, and the many other improvements only possible through a rebuild, will allow our senior residents to stay healthy and avoid isolation. Rochester's seniors deserve better.*