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Now that we are in the new year, I want to send you a note to let you know that we are at an exciting point in Flint's redevelopment due to all of the tremendous contributions that our citizens and partners made in this past year, especially with the new comprehensive master plan that provides a road map for creating the community we envision. Thank you for your hard work and dedication throughout this past year to bring us to this point of opportunity.

The City of Flint does continue to face significant challenges, however a number of announcements in the past few months show that Flint is regaining its vibrancy. Many of you have asked me for the highlights and it is a great list. There have been announcements of developments for more than \$900 Million including \$600 Million by GM, \$270 Million by the KWA Water Pipeline, \$20 Million in Demolition, \$10 Million in Brownfield Cleanups, \$15 Million by American Pipe, \$4 Million by Genesys downtown, and \$1.5 Million for Cops in Schools. This adds up to greater economic opportunity, a higher quality of life, and more tax base for us going forward. Let me know if you want more information on any of these projects.

We do have momentum and 2014 is going to a good year for Flint as the master plan begins to be implemented with the combined capital improvement plan, a revised zoning code, and a number of important neighborhood and development projects. Through our combined efforts, we are demonstrating that, at our core, we are a dynamic and progressive community. We have gone from a lumber center to a carriage town to an auto center and now we are changing again to a diverse and sustainable 21st Century city.

More than 5,000 people participated in the Imagine Flint planning process and there will continue to be ways for everyone to engage. Take a look at the strategies in each of the chapters on land use, neighborhoods, transportation, infrastructure, parks, public safety, economic development, education, and the arts and start thinking about how you can contribute to Flint's future success. The Master Plan for a Sustainable Flint is online at www.imagineflint.com.

Our vision lays out how we are adapting to change and using partnerships while we provide for the fundamental needs of all people, how we can be good stewards of our environment, develop a diverse economy, provide safe neighborhoods, and nurture our youth. I hope you will use this vision and the guiding principles for inspiration for how you can align with our vision, goals and objectives.

This will not be any easy process but I know the force of our united community and supporters is powerful enough to overcome our challenges when we work together. Here's to a fantastic new year in Flint.

All the best,
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