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## RECONSTRUCTED FAIRPORT VETERANS MEMORIAL SHINES AGAIN

### Dedication ceremony scheduled for December 6

FAIRPORT, NEW YORK (December 3, 2014) – The Fairport Office of Community + Economic Development (OCED) is pleased to announce that the reconstruction of the Fairport Veterans Memorial at Potter Park is completed. The Perinton Memorial Post 8495 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Brooks-Shepard Post 765 of the American Legion are planning an official ceremony at 12 pm noon on Saturday, December 6.

This longstanding landmark in the heart of the village was designed and constructed in 1946 and suffered major structural damage in 2011. Village officials desired to see the memorial shine once again and asked Fairport OCED over the summer of 2014 to take on this prestigious reconstruction project with the ambitious timeline of Veterans Day. Fairport OCED answered the call and completed the task one week ahead of time and under budget.

*“The Veterans Memorial reconstruction project was definitely a community effort, involving numerous organizations, village departments and individuals who raised funds and bought memorial bricks,” said Fairport Mayor Fritz May. “I am thankful to all who contributed time, talent and money to create a monument that honors those who served and made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.”*

The \$200,000 project consisted of asbestos abatement, demolition and removals of existing monuments, masonry columns and other on-site structures. Improvements include concrete foundations and footers, marble face masonry columns, ornamental steel trellis, five new emblems representing each branch of military service, new electric service and lights, exposed aggregate concrete, brick pavers and landscaping. About one fifth of the construction cost was raised in donations by the Fairport Foundation; the remaining funds were provided by OCED’s Local Development Corporation.

Fairport OCED would like to thank LeChase Construction, SEI Design, Building Innovation Group, Miller Brick, Arts Parts Signs, Concord Electric, Fairport Electric and DPW for their professional services, contributions and advice.

The Fairport Office of Community + Economic Development (OCED) commits its resources and energies to creating a local economy that is healthy and vibrant. A non-profit organization working behind the scenes for over 25 years, OCED includes the Industrial Development Agency (IDA), the Urban Renewal Agency (URA), the Section 8 Housing Program and the Local Development Corporation (LDC). Each of these programs offers resources for projects that strengthen our local economy and make Fairport an even better place to live, work and invest. ###