

SENECA ONE REALTY LLC
ONE HSBC CENTER - DOWNTOWN BUFFALO

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One HSBC Center Plants Environmentally Friendly Rain Garden

Buffalo, NY/September 22, 2009 – When the plaza at One HSBC Center began to deteriorate, the cracked and broken pavement wasn't simply replaced by pouring more concrete. Instead, the space has been brought to life by an environmentally friendly Rain Garden.

The Rain Garden minimizes the volume of storm water reaching Buffalo's sewer systems. During heavy downpours, the garden will collect the rainwater that would otherwise flow directly into the storm sewer system. The plants and the soil itself will absorb much of the water preventing it from flowing into storm drains and surface waters which causes erosion, water pollution, flooding and diminished groundwater.

The construction of the Rain Garden was done by Kirst Construction Inc., using drought resistant plants as a low maintenance and less expensive alternative to replacing the concrete. "The result of HSBC's Rain Garden will provide a "greener" community in the City of Buffalo," said Stephen Fitzmaurice Chief Operating Officer, Seneca One Realty LLC.

The rain garden will be celebrated Sept. 24 from noon until 2pm with a dedication ceremony and speech given by Julie O'Neill, Executive Director of Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper, and end-of-summer cookout. The ceremony will be held on One HSBC Center's plaza near Seneca St. just west of Main St. Food and beverage will be sold at the event for a small fee. The rain date is Sept. 25.

About Seneca One Realty LLC

Seneca One Realty LLC is the owner and manager of One HSBC Center, a commercial office tower located in downtown Buffalo just steps away from the developing waterfront. Built as an example of modernist style architecture, the prestigious 40-story tall structure dominates the downtown skyline. Striking office space provides a spectacular 360-degree view of the city, Niagara Falls, Southern Ontario and Lake Erie. One HSBC Center's prestigious tenant roster includes the Canadian Consulate General, George F. Phillips, Jr., HSBC Bank USA, N.A., Harold C. Brown & Co. LLC, Phillips Lytle LLP, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Robert Half International, Inc., The John R. Oishei Foundation, The Seymour H. Knox Foundation, Inc. and UBS Financial Services. For more information on One HSBC Center, go to www.onehsbc.com.

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