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Landmarks Society of Utica purchases 1 and 3 Rutger Park for restoration

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UTICA - Two historic Rutger Park mansions are off the market, and the Landmarks Society of Greater Utica has big plans for the properties.


1 Rutger Park was built in 1854, and 3 Rutger Park dates back to 1830. They're architectural treasures that have been in legal limbo for some time.

"While there has been contention in the past, we wish to leave that in the past and open a new door on a new chapter for a bright future for the park," said Michael Bosak of the Landmarks Society.

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Now the Landmarks Society of Greater Utica is the proud owner of the properties. It was a true team effort of local organizations and government to make the sale happen.

"It really is important that we take this opportunity to come together as a community and make sure these properties once again can be a real shining light in Utica," said Jay DiLorenzo of the Preservation League of New York.

Eventually, these houses will be open to the public, but for now, the Landmarks Society's biggest and most immediate concern is getting the mansions stabilized.

"This roof in particular is in need of some repair relatively quickly," Bosak said. "I don't think it can go through another winter without some significant repair."

They're repairs that will come with a hefty price-tag.


"We're talking several hundred thousand dollars here down the road, probably well over a million by the time all is said and done," Bosak said.

But those involved with the project say it will be money well spent, restoring these historic homes to their former glory.

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