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**Redevelopment Plans for Hartford Regional Market to be Discussed at March
18th Public Program**

Hartford, Connecticut (March 11, 2014) – **Hartford Public Library will host an open discussion on the future of the Hartford Regional Market on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 5:30 PM at its Downtown location.** The public is invited to attend and provide input into the redevelopment of the market to best serve the region and function as a valuable asset to the community.

The Hartford Regional Market was established in the late 1940s and is home to 15 wholesale food businesses, a restaurant, and the state's largest farmers' market. The Connecticut Department of Agriculture has engaged a team of consultants to develop a master plan that will seek to redevelop the Market into the best regional food hub in the country. **Ted Spitzer of Market Ventures, Inc., the consultant team leader, will present findings from the team's research.** He will also share innovations from state-of-the-art facilities around the country and discuss their community impacts in terms of access to fresh, healthy foods; job creation; business incubation; and education.

The program is co-sponsored by Hartford 2000 and will take place in the Center for Contemporary Culture located in the Downtown Library, 500 Main Street, Hartford. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information, please call 860-509-3778 or email tsteege@hartford2000.org.

ABOUT [HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY](#)

The Hartford Public Library traces its roots to 1774. It operates 10 locations and a Library-on-Wheels in the City of Hartford. The Library receives more than 860,000 visits per year. Services include access to a large collection of materials for reading and research, as well as music and video. Programs provide education, information and enrichment to the people of Hartford in such areas as citizenship training, literacy, business skills and cultural awareness. The mission of Hartford Public Library is to provide free resources that inspire reading, guide learning, and encourage individual exploration. Visit hplct.org and the library's new blog at blogs.hplct.org.

ABOUT HARTFORD 2000

Hartford 2000 is the coalition of Hartford's thirteen Neighborhood Revitalization Zone Committees and the City of Hartford. The mission of Hartford 2000 is to strengthen the individual and collective capability of the NRZs and to advocate for neighborhood issues. <http://www.hartford2000.org/>

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