

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: [ORDER OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS](#) to accept lighting and associated improvements to the Farmington Canal Greenway from Yale University

Submitted by: Director of New Haven Parks Department

REPORT: 1682-11

ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND:

As part of a larger effort to light and improve security on the Farmington Canal Greenway in New Haven, Yale University is proposing to install lighting, associated infrastructure, and conduits and poles for future City security cameras on the Farmington Canal Greenway between Division Street and the walkway at the end of Sachem St just south of Scantlebury Park. The lighting and associated improvements will improve visibility into the Farmington Canal Greenway in low-light conditions and will improve security. This is a portion of the Farmington Canal Greenway that is owned and maintained by the City of New Haven.

Yale University will construct the improvements to a design and standards specified by the City of New Haven. As the City already maintains this portion of the canal path, the City will continue its maintenance with these improvements. There is also a modest electricity cost associated with the LED lights proposed to be installed (city-standard light poles).

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

[Vision 2034](#), **New Haven's Comprehensive Plan**, includes the following goals and strategies:

Move Together

Goal 3: Make it easier and safer for people to walk, bike, and use mobility devices and public transportation.

- Strategy 3.7: Continue development of regional greenways and improve and expand the trails system in parks and open spaces.

Acceptance of this lighting and associated improvements from Yale University will continue the development and build out of one of the City's most used greenways, and will allow users to safely traverse the greenway in low-light conditions while enhancing overall public safety.

ADVICE

Authorization of this Order aligns with the City's Comprehensive Plan and the State of Connecticut's goals.

ADOPTED: May 20, 2026
Ernest Pagan
Chair

ATTEST: _____
Laura Brown
Executive Director, City Plan Department