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Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers, President
Board of Alders of the City of New Haven
165 Church Street
New Haven, CT 06510

Dear President Walker-Myers:

I am pleased to submit for your consideration the attached resolution concerning the acceptance of a \$334,500 grant from the State of Connecticut DEEP Urban Green & Community Garden grant program for the improvement of and revitalization to the West River Neighborhood Connecticut Trail and Barnard Nature Center.

This grant would be used to revitalize the Barnard Nature Center complex, through providing better and safer access to park users, which in turn will make it a destination within the larger vision for West River Memorial Park, along the West River Greenway. It would also allow the New Haven Parks Outdoor Adventure Program to continue fostering community engagement and building partnerships through stewardship, prioritizing improved connectivity and access to an environmental education center within the West River neighborhood, and fulfilling priorities of community partners.

I urge your favorable review and action on this matter.

Very truly yours,

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