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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 \$277,730 grant from the State of Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection to allow Parks to create an inclusive community trail at East Rock Park College Woods.

The creation of this inclusive community trail and amenities in this particularly popular section of East Rock Park would greatly improve and enhance this beautiful space for residents and visitors to enjoy nature and the glorious features that this area of college Woods has to offer. This accessible trail loop will provide better access to all regardless of physical ability while also promoting health and well-being, and environmental awareness and stewardship, as well as greater accommodation for the diverse needs of the community who utilize this public space on a regular basis at the foot of one of New Haven's signature parks.

I urge your favorable review and action on this matter.

Very truly yours,

Maxwell Webster

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