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Dear President Walker-Myers,

I am pleased to request authorization to accept up to \$30,000 from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

Funds will be used to:

- Remove standing dead or hazardous trees, including stumps in low canopy neighborhoods.
- Plant replacement trees at a 1:2 ratio
- Advance tree canopy goals and improve urban forest health through increasing species diversity, selecting site-appropriate trees, eliminating barriers to planting, and supporting long-term establishment of newly planted trees.

There is a 50:50 match requirement which can include cash and/or in-kind services. The Parks Department has staff available to provide in-kind services such as new tree establishment watering, as well as a budget for professional contractor services.

This is an exciting time for urban forestry. Now, more than ever, the environmental, health, and economical benefits of trees, and the role that trees play in the fight against climate change are being recognized. Trees are critical infrastructure that require data collection, analysis, risk mitigation, and maintenance.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Best,

Annie Mixsell
Tree System Coordinator, Tree Warden
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