

West River Watershed Coalition  
c/o Neighborhood Housing Services  
333 Sherman Ave.  
New Haven, CT 06511  
January 5, 2023

CSEP Public Hearing Testimony  
Board of Alders  
City of New Haven

Dear CSEP,

The 10 year old volunteer West River Watershed Coalition supports the housing development being proposed for 16 Miller St. in the West River neighborhood. New Haven desperately needs more housing that middle income and lower income residents can afford.

We hope that the development will work synergistically with the West River Peace Garden and that the property line is set in a way that it preserves significant environmental assets on the site, including a line of mature 100-foot trees where bald eagles have nested in the recent past.

We celebrate some of the design features that save energy, but we have some concerns, the primary one is safe pedestrian access across MLK Blvd., across Legion Ave. and across E.G. Blvd. How can this project become part of a safe, viable neighborhood? Another question has to do with the combined sewers in the area. During heavy rainfall, will they have enough capacity to transport sewage to the processing station, or will the raw sewage go directly into the West River?

We support the acceptance of the environmental remediation grant.

Thank you for your attention to our views.

Sincerely,

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