

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** authorizing the Mayor of the City of New Haven to apply for and accept the CERCLA 128(a) Brownfield Grant from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to remediate 0 Gibbs St. and to enter into associated agreements to accept grant funding and carry out the associated grant program activities.

Submitted by: Office of Climate and Sustainability

REPORT: **1661-03**

ADVICE: **Approve**

BACKGROUND

The New Haven Office of Climate and Sustainability will hire a licensed environmental professional to complete final environmental assessment of 0 Gibbs St, a city-owned parcel of 1.08 acres situated where Gibbs Street meets the Farmington Canal Greenway. The parcel has been the subject of Phase I, Phase II, and Phase III site investigations, resulting in a preliminary remedial action plan. Funding from the Brownfield Grant Program will enable the City to complete a final environmental assessment and final remedial action plan with the aim of remediating the site completely and creating a new public park space. This park space will be contiguous with the Farmington Canal Line Greenway and reconnect Gibbs Street with the Greenway. Grant funds will also be combined with \$250,000 in funds available through the Winchester Green development to begin site remediation based on the final remedial action plan.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

This grant proposal is aligned with the City comprehensive plan from the standpoint of:

- Remediating brownfields and where appropriate, proposing interim uses for such sites;
- Building a continuous and inter-connected trail network within the city;
- Continuing to seek funding to remediate contaminated sites;
- Grow the image of all city parks to make them accessible, inviting, exciting, and well maintained;
- Creating compatible land use development with the character of the surrounding area;

ADVICE

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

ADOPTED: January 15, 2025
Leslie Radcliffe
Chair

ATTEST: _____
Laura E Brown
Executive Director, City Plan Department