

HPEG GRANT ACTIVITIES DRAFT WORKING DOCUMENT

RE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR, EXECUTE, ACKNOWLEDGE, IMPLEMENT AND DELIVER ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE CONSIDERED NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE FOR THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICES GRANT: HISTORIC PRESERVATION ENHANCEMENT GRANT

The grant funds will be used towards conducting an adaptive reuse study on the River Street NHD. It is in the interest of the city to preserve the area's historic urban fabric, and the way to do so is through adaptive reuse. Such a study would consist of two components:

- a. A community engagement process designed to center those who work and live in the surrounding area in the discussion about the different development scenarios and generate a dialogue to identify local needs that future plans should address and assets off of which any further development could build. A fruitful dialogue will help foster positive attitudes toward historic preservation in general, provide an opportunity to highlight the benefits of preservation, and create a space to discuss the future of light industry in the Fair Haven neighborhood.
- b. An economic feasibility study focusing on the different redevelopment possibilities of historic industrial sites in the River Street NRD. The study will help identify possible models for the rehabilitation of the existing historic buildings within the district boundaries while taking into consideration flood adaptation, contamination remediation, and the restoration and reuse of historic properties to meet the needs of the Fair Haven neighborhood as established through the engagement process.

The needs and assets established by the engagement process will inform the economic feasibility analysis, and will be used by city staff in other neighborhood planning processes. In turn, the proposed models will be discussed by the community participants.