

July 27, 2020

Honorable Tyisha Walker-Myers, President

New Haven Board of Alders

City of New Haven

165 Church Street

New Haven, CT 06510

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 DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GRANT: URBAN GREEN AND COMMUNITY GARDEN INITIATIVE

Dear Honorable President Walker-Myers:

I am pleased to submit for your consideration a grant application and resolution for the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection grant: Urban Green and Community Garden Initiative. The City Plan Department is submitting this application to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for a grant of up to \$65,206.00. The grant seeks to build a visible, accessible entrance to the Mill River Trail in Fair Haven by converting four blocks of degraded roadway and vacant land into a linear trail and green stormwater-capture park, improving resilience, restoring habitat, and supporting the health and wellbeing of Fair Haven residents. The project includes the transformation of a closed roadway into a nearly 14,000 square foot community greenspace, which will consist of a multi-purpose trail and a series of native pollinator gardens and bioretention areas. It will provide community access to the rest of the Mill River Trail constructed by the City to the north and recently upgraded Criscuolo Park to the south, providing much needed opportunities for walking, running, biking, and other outdoor recreational activities—as well as access to the Mill River. Partners in this grant include the City Engineering Department and Save the Sound.

Please let me know if I can provide you with any additional information or if you have any questions. I look forward to presenting this grant application to the Board of Alders.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Aicha Woods".

Aicha Woods, Exec Dir City Plan

cc. Giovanni Zinn, Dir. City Engineer