

## **GRANT SUMMARY**

### **Survey and Planning grant**

The City seeks the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) grant titled "Urban Green and Community Garden Initiative" to transform the road surrounding the John S. Martinez School playground into an accessible greenspace. To this aim, the City has partnered with Save the Sound.

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 site is currently a dead-end road that's blocked to vehicles and has collected garbage and illegally dumped materials. 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.