

Court of Common Council

CITY OF HARTFORD
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HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06103



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Public Works, Parks and Environment Committee Special Meeting Agenda

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Tuesday, January 8, 2019
5:30 P.M.
Council Chambers

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TOWN & CITY CLERK
HARTFORD

Items:

1. **MAYOR BRONIN, WITH ACCOMPANYING RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF HARTFORD TO ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE NATIONAL FISH AND WILDFISH FOUNDATION'S LONG ISLAND SOUTH FUTURES FUND. (MAYOR BRONIN) (ITEM 3 ON AGENDA)**



Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

December 10, 2018

Honorable Glendowlyn L.H. Thames, Council President, and
Members of the Court of Common Council
City of Hartford
550 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

RE: The Nature Conservancy

Dear Council President Thames:

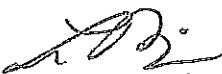
Attached for your consideration is a resolution authorizing the City of Hartford to accept a grant award of approximately \$180,000 from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Long Island Sound Futures Fund. The grant-funded work will include the implementation of green projects related to Hartford's Climate Action Plan, which had been drafted by the Climate Stewardship Council in 2017 and adopted by the City Council in January 2018.

The Long Island Sound Futures Fund "supports projects in local communities that aim to protect and restore the Long Island Sound," and Hartford was chosen as a critical area given its status as the second largest city on the Connecticut River, which is the largest source of freshwater into the Long Island Sound. In order to increase awareness about the importance of our waters as well as provide direct benefits and savings to residents, this grant will support the expansion of an existing residential stormwater management program known as Retain the Rain. The Retain the Rain program seeks to provide residents with green infrastructure materials at no cost, allowing them to save money and water and help the environment at the same time. Some of the proposed work may be subject to the prior review and approval of relevant regulatory agencies.

The City acknowledges the important role that the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation has played in the conservation of green space in Connecticut and across the country. We are proud to begin a new partnership in Hartford and will continue working towards our shared goal to protect, preserve, promote and maintain our natural resources.

Thank you for your favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,


Luke A. Bronin
Mayor

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INTRODUCED BY:
Luke A. Bronin, Mayor

COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL
City of Hartford, December 10, 2018

WHEREAS, The City of Hartford established the Office of Sustainability to address increasingly intense weather patterns, due to climate change, and increase the resilience of our neighborhoods to protect our most vulnerable residents, and

WHEREAS, The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Long Island Sound Futures Fund "supports projects in local communities that aim to protect and restore the Long Island Sound," in which Hartford is considered a critical area given its status as the second largest city on the Connecticut River, the largest source of freshwater into the Long Island Sound, and

WHEREAS, The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation has signified its intent to grant the City of Hartford approximately \$180,000 to reduce water pollution from stormwater runoff using resilience measures such as green infrastructure in the form of rainwater intervention efforts, and

WHEREAS, local nonprofit Keney Park Sustainability Project, the Mayor's Youth Service Corps, and the Office of Sustainability may provide in-kind match services to further efforts in community outreach and climate stewardship, and

WHEREAS, the intention of the City is to improve the water quality and health of its local waters and the Long Island Sound through the dissemination of green infrastructure materials within Hartford and potentially to other communities and municipalities in the Long Island Watershed, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Hartford Court of Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to accept the award of approximately \$180,000 from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to improve the quality of life and the environment, to implement projects related to the Climate Action Plan, and to support associated staff in the Office of Sustainability, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is authorized to accept such further sums as may be additionally awarded by the grantor under the same program, for the same authorized contract period, and for the same purposes, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Mayor is authorized to execute any and all manner of documents and to take such other actions as he and the Corporation Counsel may deem appropriate and in the best interests of the City in order to receive, contract and expend the above referenced grant funds, and be it further

RESOLVED, That local nonprofit Keney Park Sustainability Project and other partner organizations may receive a portion of the grant funds and/or green infrastructure materials to assist the Office of Sustainability in coordinating and engaging the Hartford community and neighboring municipalities in green infrastructure efforts and climate stewardship, and be it further

RESOLVED, That no person or entity shall be entitled to rely on, or otherwise claim any benefit by reason of this resolution should the Mayor fail to execute the aforementioned agreement or other documents, or to take any of the aforesaid actions, and be it further

RESOLVED, That all approvals and authorizations provided hereby are contingent upon, and only shall be effective on and by means of, the parties executing such documents, and taking such actions, all of which shall be, in form and substance, acceptable to the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel.