



Pedro E. Segarra
Mayor

INVESTING IN HARTFORD'S FUTURE
STARTING WITH HISTORIC PARKS
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(March 15, 2011) --- Hartford Mayor Pedro E. Segarra today announced a major investment in the City's historic park system as part of his long-term Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). At a news conference at Keney Park, the Mayor called for a \$5 million investment for parks throughout the city that would enhance playgrounds; be ADA compliant; manage, plan and update the forestry plan; update the Park Master Plan; and provide improvements for cemeteries and ancient burial grounds.

“Our parks are symbols of history; they are economic drivers and provide critical open space and play areas for children and families. By investing in them, they pay significant dividends for us,” said Mayor Segarra.

Joining the Mayor at this announcement was Minority Leader Luis Cotto, who chairs the Parks and Recreation committee, and Green Ribbon Task Force Co-Chair Tyler Smith, who will present the task force findings to the Mayor next week.

Hartford's Capital Improvement Plan begins in 2011-2012 and carries through the year 2016.

Other recommended items that are part of the CIP plan include making Hartford more energy efficient with an investment of \$1 million for City Hall energy efficiency & renovation projects.

Energy also translates to vibrancy. The Mayor wants to set aside \$1.25 million for traffic signalization and traffic calming **to make Hartford friendlier to businesses and pedestrians.**

Other priorities include:

- Significant commitments to the Colt Greenway Streetscape and for Albany Avenue road safety improvements.
- Making critical long-term investment in citywide streetscapes, street light and sidewalk replacement, street design and reconstruction.
- Investing \$200,000 for Citywide Bike Lanes.
- Making a more than \$300,000 investment to improve and upgrade Pulaski Mall.
- Investing \$1 million this year in the Lyric Theater for planning and preliminary restoration.
- Moving forward with the Parkville Municipal Development Plan.

In all, the total CIP plan – not including potential school construction--- which is yet to be determined – will be between \$20-\$25 million and will represent more than \$150 million worth of projects and work.