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**SWIFT FACTORY REVITALIZATION PROJECT AWARDED \$50,000
GRANT FROM
CT TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION
CITY ALSO RECEIVES GREEN DESIGNATION FROM HUD**

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(May 16, 2011) --- Today, Hartford Mayor Pedro E. Segarra applauded the news that the Swift Factory Revitalization Project received a \$50,000 Vibrant Communities Initiative Grant from the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation. The City and Northeast Neighborhood Partners, Inc., are partnering to transform the former M. Swift & Sons factory complex into a “green,” multi-use, economic engine and village center for Hartford’s Northeast neighborhood. The grant was awarded to the City of Hartford and will be used to help Northeast Neighborhood Partners create an action plan for the redevelopment of the property.

“Redeveloping the Swift Factory site is one of my nine key cornerstone initiatives that I have already shared with the Governor. Through strong partnerships, this vacant factory will be turned into a vibrant, multipurpose facility. It will draw critically needed investment, housing, and jobs to help rejuvenate this neighborhood. I want to thank the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation for this contribution and down payment on Hartford’s future,” said Mayor Segarra.

Green technology is one of the featured aspects of Hartford’s “*One City, One Plan*” for conservation and development. This groundbreaking endeavor with Northeast Neighborhood Partners, led by Common Ground, Inc., founder and President Rosanne Haggerty, fits in with this long-term sustainable green strategy.

The Mayor announced the grant on Saturday during his Keynote Address of the North Star Center for Human Development’s Spring Ceremony of Completion. These graduates take part in remediation projects to help spur economic development and further the application of green technologies.

This is in addition to recent news that highlighted the City of Hartford's receipt of a *Green Designation* from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This is in response to the City’s overall 100 out of 100 rating for HUD’s Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control assessment. This means Hartford meets or exceeds the primary benchmarks for completion of lead hazard control work. HUD calls Hartford’s work “Outstanding.”

Mayor Segarra commended the work of the City’s Department of Health and Human Services in making this essential progress to improve the quality of life and further the health and welfare of all of Hartford’s families.