

**NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT**

**RE:**           **ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** Authorizing the Mayor of the City of New Haven to execute and deliver a five (5) year ground lease by and between the New Haven Land Trust, Inc. and the City of New Haven for community gardens at various locations within the City of New Haven. (Livable City Initiative)

**REPORT:** 1541-08

**ADVICE:** Approval

**BACKGROUND**

The Livable City Initiative (“LCI”) is submitting an order to the Board of Alders to authorize the Mayor of the City of New Haven to execute and deliver a five (5) year ground lease by and between the New Haven Land Trust, Inc. (the “Land Trust”) and the City of New Haven for community gardens at various locations within the City of New Haven. The Land Trust has previously leased, and, or licensed land from the City of New Haven for terms of (1) to five (5) years for a rent of \$1.00 per annum and the current lease will expire on June 30, 2018. LCI proposes a five (5) year lease of City owned land to the Land Trust for urban farms at the following locations: 11-13 Ann Street, 117 Bristol Street, 211 Rosette Street, 145 Davenport Avenue, 216-220 English Street. 8-10 Arthur Street, 12 Arthur Street, 221—225 Shelton Avenue, 255 Shelton Avenue. 257 Shelton Ave, 138 Ivy Street, 24-26 Adeline Street, 28 Adeline Street, 36 Redfield Street, 358 Blatchley Avenue, 226 - 228 Starr Street, 242 - 248 Starr Street, 47 Stevens Street, 60-62 Truman Street, 64-66 Truman Street, 56 William Street, 280 Goffe Street. A companion order concerns the execution and delivery of a five (5) year ground lease between the City and New Haven Farms, Inc.


**PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS**

Since proximately 1982, the Land Trust has operated nearly 50 community gardens in New Haven on land owned by the City of New Haven. The Land Trust has used these sites to serve the residents of New Haven through gardening and offering educational opportunities regarding the environment, health, and social justice. The gardens enhance the surrounding neighborhoods by providing recreational and educational opportunities for community members and increasing local rain water absorption through the various permeable surfaces that exist throughout the sites.

**ADVICE**

The Commission finds the Order in the best interest of the City and recommends approval.

**ADOPTED:** February 21, 2018  
Edward Mattison  
Chair

**ATTEST:**   
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Michael Piscitelli, AICP  
Deputy Economic Development Administrator