

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** Approving the acceptance of \$20,950 from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Urban Green and Community Garden Initiative Grant for improvements to Beaver Ponds Park on behalf of the Urban Resources Initiative, Inc. (Director of Parks, Recreation, and Trees)

REPORT: 1554-18

ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND

In 2018, the City of New Haven and the New Haven Urban Resources Initiative, Inc. submitted an application to the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's (DEEP) Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Program for an Urban Green and Community Garden Initiative Grant for infrastructure improvements to Beaver Ponds Park's "Sherman Forest." On December 17, 2018, DEEP notified the City and the New Haven Urban Resources Initiative, Inc. that the grant, in the amount of \$20,950 with a fifty percent match requirement, had been approved for funding. The New Haven Urban Resources Initiative, Inc. will work on behalf of the City to remove an existing fence and improve trails in "Sherman Forest" along Sherman Avenue.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Funding from DEEP's Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Program will help the City achieve New Haven Vision 2025 goals of preserving, maintaining, and enhancing parks, dedicated open space, and active recreational spaces throughout the city.

ADVICE

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

ADOPTED: February 20, 2019
Edward Mattison
Chair

ATTEST: MDL.
Michael Piscitelli, AICP
Interim Economic Development Administrator