

**NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT**

**RE:** **ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** Authorizing the filing of an application with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for and acceptance of an environmental assessment grant in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 to support the environmental assessment of properties in The River Street Municipal Development Project Plan Area. (Submitted by: Acting Economic Development Administrator)

**REPORT:** 1563-13

**ADVICE:** Approval

**BACKGROUND**

The Economic Development Administration is preparing a grant application to the US EPA for a \$200,000 environmental assessment grant. Funding will be used to support the ongoing efforts to redevelop the River Street section of Fair Haven. Assessment funds cannot be used for cleanup but, as with prior grant awards, the program assists city staff, property owners and potential redevelopers to undertake the necessary environmental studies and clean up plans necessary to return dormant brownfields to productive use.

**PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS**

The River Street Municipal Development Plan dates back to the early 2000's. Over the years, the City has undertaken a number of projects to revitalize the 50+ acre industrial district. These include the acquisition and clean up of 100 River Street (a former oil terminal), renovations to 190 River Street (the historic Bigelow complex) and clean up of 46-56 River Street. As these properties are readied for redevelopment, there are additional opportunities for job growth at the corner of Poplar and River, namely vacant land east of the proposed Arts to Frames project and west of the New Haven self storage facility. The Regan metal yard is available; the City owns 112 Chapel and additional land may become available on the Arts to Frames site. If successful with this application, the City will have additional resources to conduct necessary due diligence to advance this opportunity (leveraging use of City capital funds).

**ADVICE**

The Commission recommends approval.

**ADOPTED:** November 20, 2019  
Edward Mattison  
Chair

**ATTEST:**   
Aicha Woods  
Executive Director, City Plan Department