

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** Approving the Parks Department to apply for and accept \$20,000 from the Arbor Day Foundation-TD Bank Green Streets Program for 25 additional trees and updating the city's tree inventory. (Director of Parks, Recreation, and Trees)

REPORT: 1515-08

ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND

The TD Bank Green Streets program supports innovative practices in community forestry. Through the program, municipalities are eligible to receive one of ten \$20,000 grants in support of local forestry projects in low- to moderate-income (LMI) neighborhoods.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The grant will allow the City and its partner, the Urban Resource Initiative (URI), to plant an additional 25 trees through the Community Greenspace volunteers program at Cherry Anne Park during phase two of the park improvement project. The grant would cover the cost of the trees, a series of training workshops including tree planting, and pruning young trees with the youth and ex-offender Green Skills participants. In addition, the majority of funding would be used to update the City wide electronic tree inventory. This inventory is a crucial tool in tracking diseases such as the emerald ash borer and ensuring a diverse tree canopy.

ADVICE

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

ADOPTED: February 17, 2016
Edward Mattison
Chair

ATTEST: 
Karyn M. Gilvarg, AIA
Executive Director