## NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

**RE: EAST SHORE PARKWAY/CONNECTICUT AVENUE**, Conveyance of Land From the Greater New Haven Water Pollution Control Authority (GNHWPCA), to be designated for Park Purposes in Exchange for the Conveyance to the GNHWPCA of a Parcel of Land previously designated for Park Purposes but Currently Utilized in Part by the GNHWPCA; Authorization for Conveyance of an Additional Parcel of Land to GNHWPCA (Chief Administrative Officer).

**REPORT:**1474-06 **ADVICE:** Approval

## BACKGROUND

Before the Board is an exchange of land between the City of New Haven Parks Department and the Greater New Haven Water Pollution Control Authority in the vicinity of East Shore Park and the East Shore Treatment Plant at 345 East Shore Parkway. These parcels were part of land acquired by the City to create what is known as East Shore Parkway to provide direct access to East Shore Park from points north. Portions of land were transferred to the GNHWPCA when it was established in 2005 as a regional water pollution control authority.

The Chief Administrative Officer has now proposed that the City convey two parcels of land to the GNHWPCA in exchange for a parcel and easement controlled by the GNHWPCA which when transferred will permit secondary access to East Shore Park. The City-owned parcels shown as Tracts 2A and 6 on the attached map are east of Connecticut Avenue, and Tract 2A is in use by the GNHWPCA today. Tract 6 was originally conveyed to the City "for park purposes" but is not suitable for park use.

The GHNWPCA-owned parcel of 44,294 square feet is a portion of Tract 3 as shown on the attached map, and is in City use today as a roadway cul-de-sac with grass island (the end of Connecticut Avenue). The easement area of 730 square feet to the south of the cul-de-sac will allow ingress and egress to East Shore Park to its south. THE GNHWPCA retains the right to create driveways off the cul-de-sac and to repair or maintain underground piping on the parcel. The GNHWPCA also agrees to mow the grass on the parcel while the City will plow and maintain the roadway.

## PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Tract 6 is a free standing parcel lying north of East Shore Park which is of no use to the City but is of interest to the GNHWPCA for the expansion of the East Shore treatment plant (see CPC 1471-03). Because of a "park purposes" restriction, Tract 6 was not transferred in 2005 when the GNHWPCA was established. This restriction has now been lifted by the Parks Commission and the parcel is ready for transfer. Tract 2A already contains a roadway in use by the GNHWPCA. There is no fiscal impact to the transaction resulting in the acquisition and disposition of parcels will be conducted at no charge to either party.

## ADVICE

The disposition of the two small City owned parcels to the GNHWPCA and the acquisition of the cul-de-sac street end area and rights to pass over the easement area into East Shore Park are definitely in the better interest of the City as the transaction will enable direct and continuous access from Connecticut Avenue and points north to East Shore Park and points south for pedestrians and cyclists. The Commission therefore advises approval.

ADOPTED: February 20, 2013 Edward Mattison Chair

ATTEST:

Karyn M. Gilvarg, AIA Executive Director



