



**Ned Lamont**  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

February 22, 2021

The Honorable Justin Elicker  
Mayor, City of New Haven  
165 Church Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New Haven, CT 06510

Nicole Davis, Watershed Coordinator  
Save the Sound  
900 Chapel Street, Suite 2202  
New Haven, CT 06510

RE: Mill River Trail Urban Green Space UGCG 33  
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Mayor Elicker and Ms. Davis,

Congratulations - we are pleased to inform you that the cooperative application, submitted by the City of New Haven and Save the Sound, for the Mill River Trail Urban Green Space, was approved for funding under the Connecticut Urban Green and Community Garden Initiative.

Funding for this open space enhancement project will be provided through the State of Connecticut's Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program that is administered by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP). Your application has been reviewed and approved for an amount not to exceed \$50,000, with an equal or greater match provided by the City of New Haven. This amount is based on verification of all material facts contained in the grant application and execution of a Grant Agreement, containing such terms as are acceptable to the Commissioner, in her sole discretion, and which conforms to the requirements of Section 7-131d of the General Statutes.

In the coming weeks, you will receive written instructions and background materials from DEEP on the next steps in the grant award process. We look forward to partnering with you to restore and enhance this important and valuable open space parcel. The Urban Green and Community Garden Initiative ensures that distressed municipalities and targeted investment communities are allowed the opportunity to develop and enhance their open space for public enjoyment and benefit.

If you have any questions, please contact Allyson Clarke at the DEEP Office of Land Acquisition and Management at (860) 424-3774 or [Allyson.Clarke@ct.gov](mailto:Allyson.Clarke@ct.gov).

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Ned Lamont in blue ink.

Ned Lamont, Governor  
State of Connecticut

Handwritten signature of Katherine S. Dykes in blue ink.

Katherine S. Dykes, Commissioner  
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection