

One City One Plan

City of Hartford

Week of the Parks

(July 28, 2010)--- Calling Hartford one of the most beautiful cities in the country, Mayor Pedro E. Segarra announced a comprehensive greening effort to clean, revitalize and sustain the Capital City's historic parks. The "Week of the Parks" will take place August 23-28th but the efforts that happen leading up to it are just as important.

"A strategy and vision are already in place as part of our 'One City, One Plan' conservation and development. What is essential is that we recognize the value of our parks which are huge assets to our city," said Mayor Segarra. "There are so many partnerships that are involved from Riverfront Recapture to Knox Parks, our libraries to city departments. But the most important and essential part of all of this, if it is to be a success, is to get the community involved."

There are several elements of this greening campaign including jobs, the physical clean-up and repair, health and recreational activities, and educational events. The hiring and re-hiring of 30 seasonal part time workers has already been announced and is underway. Clean-up efforts regarding tree-trimming, mowing and picking-up litter have begun as well throughout the city's parks and cemeteries. The Department of Health and Human Services, as part of the City's "Health Hartford" campaign, will sponsor a number of activities in the parks on these same days. Health screenings and recreational events will occur

and swimming pools will remain open this week (the week before school starts in Hartford) which is one extra week beyond what has already been scheduled.



Baseball field at Colt Park

The educational component will engage the newly created Green Ribbon Task Force. Mayor Segarra announced that neighborhood activist Bernadine Silvers and noted local architect Tyler Smith--- both Founding Directors of Riverfront Recapture--- are the Chairpersons. One of their many roles is to be part of panel discussions about the unique park system's past, present and future including exciting activities at the Pump House in Bushnell Park.

What will kick off on August 20th as a celebration at the Riverfront with the Dragon Boat and Asian Festival will culminate on Saturday, August 28th with a Community Clean-Up Day. All of this is

in conjunction with the long term vision of the "One City, One Plan" strategy for conservation and development (POCD 2020) that was adopted in June.

More information will be made available as the "Week of the Parks" approaches.

The Week of the Parks schedule will include a centralized focus on the following areas:

- Monday, August 23rd: Keney Park
- Tuesday, August 24th: Colt Park
- Wednesday, August 25th: Goodwin Park
- Thursday, August 26th: Bushnell Park
- Friday, August 27th: Keney Park

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U.S. DOT TIGER II Grant Application The Albany Avenue Street Improvement Project

(July 23, 2010) The City of Hartford in partnership with the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation and the Metropolitan District Commission has submitted a pre-application request for a \$24,595,302 grant request as part of the U.S. Department of Transportation TIGER II program. The Albany Avenue Street Improvement Project is a \$54,000,000, 1.1 mile arterial street project in Hartford, Connecticut. The project consists of a roadway reconstruction, major drainage improvement, water and sewer, streetscape

and pedestrian amenities including sidewalk repairs, curb bump-outs, cross-walks, and traffic signal equipment. Project includes complete street features. The Metropolitan District (MDC), City of Hartford, and State of Connecticut have collectively committed \$29,524,912 to the project.



Albany Avenue

U.S. DOT TIGER II Grant Application HUD Community Challenge Planning Grant

The City of Hartford is the lead on a \$675,000 Community Challenge Planning Grant that will create a unified Capitol Avenue/ Farmington Avenue Corridor Plan that will integrate ongoing "One City, One Plan" initiatives, including the iQuilt Cultural Connections Plan and the Hartford Transportation Pathways Strategy, for the area bounded by the south side of Capitol Avenue, Prospect Avenue, the north side of Farmington Ave/Asylum Street and Main Street. This includes the State Capitol, Bushnell Park, Union Station, and the Frog Hollow, Asylum Hill, West End and Parkville neighborhoods. It connects Downtown Hartford to West Hartford. The plan would include new zoning regulations and design guidelines

based on smart code principals, a green infrastructure plan, and pedestrian amenities. Such a plan would increase the efficiency and effectiveness of rail service and surface transportation operating out of Union Station, as well as the proposed New Britain-Hartford Busway, which will have a station located between Sigourney Street and Imlay Street in the Corridor. City of Hartford Director of Planning Roger J. O'Brien says "This grant provides us an opportunity to implement key projects within One City One Plan." It will also encourage new infill housing in areas currently used for surface parking, as well as around the new BRT stations.

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Roger J. O'Brien, Director of Planning



Hartford applies for Greening America's Capitals Program

(July 20, 2010)--- The City of Hartford is going all out to go green. The City has submitted its grant application for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) "Greening America's Capitals" program. Hartford is committed to sustainable and green development and has proposed the "Capitol Avenue Visioning" as the project for investment.

"Hartford seeks to become a symbol of being environmentally responsible and economically efficient. The 'Greening America's Capitals' program is an opportunity for us to further develop and showcase in a comprehensive manner the ideas and projects that have been in the works that will help grow and sustain us for years to come," said Mayor Pedro E. Segarra.

This is "big picture thinking" incorporates Hartford's 'One City, One Plan' for conservation and development that promotes livable neighborhoods, protects the City's natural environment, and enhances mobility through

public transit and citywide pedestrian and bike systems. It also encompasses the iQuilt project that is an arts-based economic development plan and the I-84 Viaduct planning process for the long-term reconstruction or replacement of the I-84 highway overpass.

The application is not for a monetary grant but for access to a consultant for services including conceptual design developed in conjunction with the stakeholders of the targeted area. In the case of the "Capitol Avenue Visioning," it would connect and cultivate as well as showcase and strategize the best and the brightest of assets along Capitol Avenue that help make Hartford so special; from Pulaski Circle to Columbia Street in the Frog Hollow National Historic District; from Holy Trinity Church to Sigourney Street in the Asylum Hill neighborhood.

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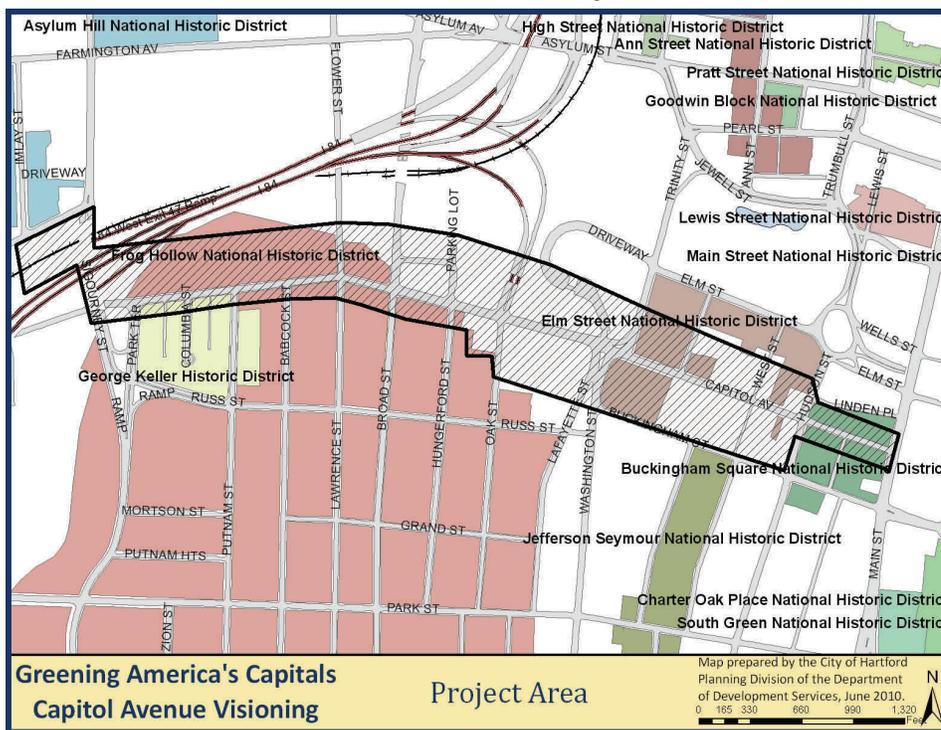
communities, governments, and all of our stakeholders in healthier, greener, and better connected Hartford," said David Panagore, the City's Chief Operating Officer and Director of Development Services.



Capitol Building

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Greening America's Capitals Project Area

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Pedro E. Segarra, Mayor

"Seeing the City of Hartford for what it is, visualizing what it can become"

Planning builds neighborhood-city connections through:

- Actively listening to and engaging with Hartford's citizens, leaders, developers and stakeholders.
- Working with neighborhood revitalization committees to plan the future and ensure the success of Hartford's communities.
- Using planning tools and best practices to make Hartford a better place to live and do business.

