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MEMORANDUM

TO: Hon. Mark D. Boughton via the Common Council
FROM: Dena Diorio, Director of Finances & Personnel *DD*
RE: **RESOLUTION-Recreational Trails Grant**
DATE: January 26, 2005

Attached for your review is a resolution, which would allow the City of Danbury's Health Department to apply for a \$26,500 grant for a Recreational Trails grant from the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection. The grant will be used for construction costs aimed at the creation of Ives Trail in Danbury. A local match of \$12,000 is required. Existing donations will cover the local match.

The Common Council is requested to consider this resolution at it February 2005 meeting.

If you have any questions, or require any further information, please contact my office at 203-797-4652.

Attach.

CC: J. Kozuchowski



RESOLUTION
CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:

WHEREAS, the City of Danbury is directing an effort to create a multi-municipal Greenway, known as the Ives Trail, that would connect Terryville Park, Wooster Mountain State Park, and open space areas in the Towns of Bethel and Ridgefield; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has appointed the "Ives Trail Task Force" to direct the effort toward creating the Ives Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Ives Trail Task Force has identified a Greenway corridor through southern Danbury, northeast Ridgefield and northwest Bethel and a trail that would be dedicated to Danbury's native composer Charles Ives; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the Ives Trail Greenway requires funding for trail surfacing, educational signs, audio display boards of the music of Charles Ives, and habitat mitigation measures to allow hikers to pass over sensitive environmental areas; and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection is soliciting proposals from municipalities for development of passive recreation trails, by its February 15, 2005 deadline.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Danbury authorizes the application for up to \$25,500.00 of funding to the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection's recreational Trails Grant program and authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with the State of Connecticut for the use and administration of these funds, if awarded.



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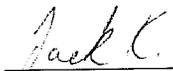
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January 20, 2005

To: Dena Diorio, Director of Finance
From: Jack Kozuchowski, Coordinator of Environmental & Occupational Health Services
Re: Impact Statement for Recreational Trails Grant

I have attached a financial impact statement for the application for a \$26,500 grant for a Recreational Trails grant from the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection for construction costs aimed at the creation of the Ives Trail in Danbury. Since the application deadline is February 15, I would like to submit this to the Council for their February meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about this grant application prior to next Monday. I will, at that time, request the Office of Corporation Counsel to prepare a Resolution for the Common Council's consideration.



Jack Kozuchowski

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Impact Statement

Tea 21 Recreational Trails Grant for the Ives Trail

This grant application is being submitted to the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for funding through the federal "Tea 21" National Recreational Trail Act program. The request is for a budget not to exceed \$30,000 for the construction of additional work to fund the initial construction costs for the Ives Trail for passive recreation, which includes the installation of habitat mitigation measures, trail clearing expenses, and environmental education educational trail sections for the Ives Trail in southern Danbury. This grant application is specifically for the construction costs of two short sections of trail, commemorating the Danbury composer, Charles Ives.

Financial Reporting Requirements. The grant manager from the DEP has indicated that there will be no financial reporting requirements for this grant.

Budget. The \$38,500 budget estimate, stated above is broken out as follows:

Environmental Survey of Ives Trail	<i>\$4,500</i>
Construction of habitat impact amelioration	\$5,000.
Sidewalk for Ives Home Museum :	\$4,000.
Sidewalk connector to Tarrywile section of Ives Trail	<i>\$5,500</i>
Environmental Education Kiosks	<i>\$ 2,000</i>
Ives music audio display board	\$ 7,500
Trail clearing expenses	<i>\$10,000</i>
TOTAL \longrightarrow	<i>\$38,500</i>

Financial Impact / Matching Share: DEP requires a 20% local match. The bold italicized portion of the budget (above) are the local matching shares which includes grants from HVCEO, the Meserve Foundation and Highway Department work that is already planned for sidewalk construction that would connect the Ives Birthplace Museum to the Tarrywile section of the Ives Trail on Mountainville Road. The \$12,000 match would provide a 31% local share for the grant.

Grant Administration / Audit Fees. The grant manager from the DEP has indicated that internal administrative costs, such as the audit and grant administration fees are ineligible expenses for this grant program.

Council Resolution. A resolution from the Common Council, authorizing our application for this grant and the execution of a Service Agreement with DEP is needed. Since the grant application is due February 15, a Resolution for the February meeting of the Council is requested. A sample resolution is attached.

Project Benefits. This grant application will help to provide momentum for the efforts to create the multi-municipal Ives Trail through southern Danbury, and to provide the public with the opportunity to establish a site for residents to learn about and appreciate the music of Danbury's native composer.