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April 2, 2009

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To the NOAA Fisheries:

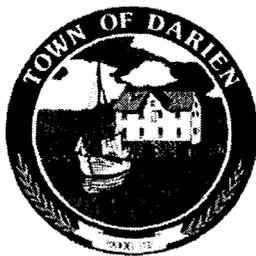
On behalf of the City of Stamford, Connecticut, I am pleased to support the attached application for funding under the NOAA Coastal and Marine Habitat Restoration Project Grant. Restoration of Holly Pond will remediate contaminated silt and re-establish eight acres of historic tidal marsh habitat. In addition to the construction and engineering fields, the planting of native vegetation will create jobs in local nurseries. These socioeconomic and ecological benefits are a perfect fit with the goals of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

The work site surrounding Holly Pond is public land owned by the City of Stamford. As Chief Executive Officer of the city, I am hereby granting access to this land in order to complete the project.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal. For further information regarding this application, I may be reached at 203/977-4150 or via email at dmalloy@ci.stamford.ct.us.

Sincerely,

Dannel P. Malloy
Mayor



TOWN OF DARIEN
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March 31, 2009

NOAA Office of Habitat Conservation
NOAA Fisheries
1315 East West Highway
Room 14853
Silver Spring, MD 20910

To Whom It May Concern:

As First Selectwoman of the Town of Darien, I am pleased to provide my support for the City of Stamford's application for funding under the NOAA Coastal and Marine Habitat Restoration Project Grant. The proposed project will restore eight acres of tidal marsh habitat in Holly Pond, a coastal embayment area between at the mouth of the Noroton River which forms part of the border between the Town of Darien and City of Stamford. Restoration of this significant natural resource has been a long time goal of area residents and state and local officials.

Stamford's proposed project combines dredging along with re-establishment of native vegetation and demonstrates an innovative solution to reversing the degradation of this fragile ecosystem. Federal funding will compliment significant state and local resources already dedicated to this project. The work will also yield economic and ecological benefits in accordance with the goals of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Sincerely,

Evonne M. Klein
First Selectwoman



Cove Island Wildlife Sanctuary

Stamford, Ct.

April 3, 2009

Mayor Dannel Malloy
Government Center
888 Washington Boulevard
Stamford, Ct. 06904

Mr. Mayor

On behalf of the Cove Island Wildlife Sanctuary board of directors I would like to extend my support for the proposed grant application to restore the habitat in Holly Pond.

Holly Pond is an integral part of the Cove Island IBA (Important Bird Area). The habitat of Holly Pond has certainly been degraded over many years of flooding and siltation buildup.

We are all aware that the restoration of degraded habitat is a multi-pronged effort.

Patience, research and baseline measurements lead to orderly corrective actions.

I believe the WPCA is exercising all due diligence in their handling of this matter, and the conceptual plan for the restoration is a great beginning.

Sincerely

David Winston
Board President
Head Steward

April 6, 2009

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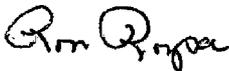
Dear Ms. Mosley,

As requested, this note explains the role of the Technical Services Section of the Office of Long Island Sound Programs of the CT Department of Environmental Protection in the Holly Pond restoration project. First, we are mandated by the CT Coastal Management Act to provide coastal towns and cities, in this case Darien and Stamford, technical assistance. Second, Technical Services had managed the Coves & Embayment Restoration Program when Stamford submitted an application in the early 1990's for construction funds. While this restoration program no longer exists, Technical Services still assists federal, state and municipal agencies in the arena of habitat restoration. To date, DEP has been assisting Stamford and Darien in attempting to find a funding source to address the shoaling of the upper pond and restoration of shallow water (embayment) habitat. Technical Services had arranged a meeting with the Corps of Engineers approximately 2 years ago and since Stamford had continued the discussion with their Congressional delegation in order to appropriate funds to begin the planning process with the Corps.

With the advent of stimulus funds for restoration, Technical Services has assisted in arranging pre-application meetings with the key DEP programs that would review or permit the dredging of the shoal and subsequent disposal of sediments. Dredging of a smaller shoal had been permitted by DEP in the 1990's but the permit was issued with a condition that material must be disposed at an approved landfill. Funds to cover the landfill disposal were not available. At this point, DEP staff are awaiting additional details such as design plans, construction details, dewatering and sediment testing to name a few.

If NOAA requires any further information, I can be reached at 860-424-3616.

Sincerely,



Ron Rozsa, Supervisor
Technical Services Section
79 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06278

The Waters Edge

At Giovanni's

March 31, 2009

NOAA Office of Habitat Conservation
NOAA Fisheries
1315 East West Highway
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Silver Spring, MD 20910

To NOAA Fisheries:

We are writing to express our support for the City of Stamford's application for funding under the NOAA Coastal and Marine Habitat Restoration Project Grant. The proposed project will restore an eight acre area of tidal marsh and open water habitat in Holly Pond, a coastal embayment area between at the mouth of the Noroton River. Restoration of this significant natural resource has been a long time goal of area residents and state and local officials.

Stamford's proposed project combines dredging along with re-establishment of native vegetation and demonstrates an innovative solution to reversing the degradation of this fragile ecosystem. Federal funding will compliment significant state resources already dedicated to this project. The work will also yield economic and ecological benefits in accordance with the goals of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Sincerely yours,

