

February 23, 2023

Ms. Kimberly Bradley, Trails & Greenways Program Coordinator
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
79 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106-5127

Re: DEEP Connecticut Recreational Trails Program 2023 Grant Application

Dear Ms. Bradley:

I am writing to offer the Capitol Region Council of Government's enthusiastic support for the CT DEEP Recreational Trails grant proposal being submitted by the Town of Coventry to seek funds for the design and construction of a section of the Nathan Hale Greenway on South Street in the vicinity of Silver Street and Woodbridge Road.

This project presents an exciting opportunity to initiate elements of the Nathan Hale Greenway, which was facilitated by a previous CT DEEP Recreational Trails Grant awarded in 2017.

This trail section would allow users to access Town open space property and the Skungamaug River. The trail construction would provide the Town of Coventry an opportunity to reach Plan of Conservation & Development goals for public access to green space, which closely aligns with the Grant's mission.

The proposed project aligns with regional policies and planning documents, including our Regional Plan of Conservation & Development and our Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

The Capitol Region Council of Governments strongly supports this project and I urge the Department to give strong consideration to this application. I am happy to address any questions you may have regarding our letter of support.

Sincerely,



Matthew W. Hart
Executive Director

cc: M. Gosselin, Coventry Wetlands Agent & Erosion Control Officer
J. Elsesser, Coventry Town Manager
CRCOG Policy Board & Transportation Committee
R. Aloise, Director of Transportation Planning
C. Radzins, Deputy Director of Transportation Planning