

October 23, 2023

Ms. Danica Doroski  
Urban Forestry Coordinator  
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection  
79 Elm St.  
Hartford, CT 06106

**Re: Town of Glastonbury Application to Urban and Community Forestry Planning Grant Program**

Dear Ms. Doroski,

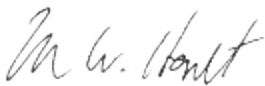
The Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) is pleased to endorse the Town of Glastonbury's application for an Urban and Community Forestry Planning Grant.

The Town is seeking funding to complete a comprehensive town-wide Forest Action Plan, which will be critical in preserving and managing its forest properties for a sustainable future. The plan will be modeled in part on the State of Connecticut's Forest Action Plan and will contribute to the state-wide goal of no net forest loss.

The Town of Glastonbury is committed to ensuring that the town's forests remain present, connected, healthy, and productive for both the people and its ecosystems. Additionally, due to the prevalence of paved and impermeable surfaces in our region, some of CRCOG's communities measure significantly warmer than their more rural counterparts; ensuring our tree canopy remains healthy is fundamental in combating these impacts. The Town's proposal aligns with the region's Plan of Conservation and Development goals to promote active stewardship of natural resources, protect open space, and connect our communities with tools and resources to address climate change.

We respectfully encourage you to support the Town of Glastonbury's application. Please do not hesitate to contact us at 860-522-2217 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director, Capitol Region Council of Governments

Cc: Caitlin Palmer, Director of Regional Planning and Development, CRCOG  
Jonathan Luiz, Town Manager, Town of Glastonbury  
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