

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 623

Effective ~~XXXXXXXX~~ *Approved* October 19, 1999

WHEREAS, the City of Providence is committed to developing the Woonasquatucket River Greenway (Greenway) as a vehicle for increased recreation, transportation and an improved urban environment;

WHEREAS, the City Council has approved the expenditure of \$2.9 million dollars of the Neighborhood Improvement Bond Funds for the development of the Greenway;

WHEREAS the City redeveloped the Donigian and Merino Parks that are both links in the Greenway;

WHEREAS the City continues to work with the Rhode Island Department of Transportation on the design and construction of a bike path as part of the Greenway;

WHEREAS the City continues to work with the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management on the identification, assessment and remediation of brownfield sites that are part of the Greenway;

WHEREAS the City has acquired key parcels for the development of the Greenway through the tax title process including the Riverside Mills site;

WHEREAS as outlined in the Woonasquatucket River Greenway Plan the Riverside Mills site will be re-used as part of a recreational greenway;

WHEREAS the State of Rhode Island Greenways Council and the Trailheads Advisory Committee have funding available for recreational greenways;

The City Council authorizes the submission of applications to the Rhode Island Greenways Council for \$500,000 and the Trailhead Grant Council for \$100,000, to match the City Bond, State, and federal EPA expenditures at the Riverside Mills site. The City Council agrees to operate and maintain this site in perpetuity as a recreational greenway and to record a conservation easement to that effect.

CITY COUNCIL
OCT 7 1999
READ AND PASSED

[Signature]
PRES.
[Signature]
CLERK

Effective without the Mayor's Signature:

[Signature]
Michael R. Clement, City Clerk

IN CITY COUNCIL

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FIRST READING
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON
FINANCE

Jan M. Caplan

THE COMMITTEE ON
FINANCE

Approves Passage of
The Within Resolution

Clare Brennan
Sept. 14, 1999 Clerk

Councilwoman Di Russo, By Request

Memo

To: Michael R. Clement, City Clerk
From: John F. Palmieri, Director
CC: Thomas E. Deller, Deputy Director
Date: August 27, 1999
Re: State Greenways Grant Applications
The Woonasquatucket River Greenway

The attached resolution approves the submittal of two grant applications to RIDEM, requesting funds for the development of the Woonasquatucket River Greenway project. The resolution is sponsored by Councilwoman Josephine DiRuzzo.

One application is to the State of RI Greenways Program for \$500,000 to match city, state and federal expenditures on the clean-up and re-use of the Riverside Mills site in Olneyville. The remediation costs for this brownfield site will total approximately 1.5 million dollars. The second application is to the Trails Improvements Grant Program for \$100,000 to match the City bond funds committed to improvements such as benches, signs and tables at the Riverside Mills site. The applications are due September 10, 1999 with decisions to be announced October 23, 1999.