



Friends of Stonington Crew 501 (c)3

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Ms. Danielle Chesebrough, First Selectman
Town of Stonington
152 Elm Street
Stonington, CT 06378

August 24, 2020

RE: Town of Stonington Brownfields Grant Application

Dear Ms. Chesebrough:

This letter is in support of the Town of Stonington's application for a Brownfield Grant to be used for remediation costs at the Mystic River Boathouse Park located at 123 Greenmanville Avenue, Mystic, CT. The funds are essential for the completion of the project and would be used for remediation and redevelopment of the site into a park, which is an existing brownfield site. The park project will provide improved water access and multiple passive and active recreational and educational uses for the public.

I am writing on behalf of the Friends of Stonington Crew. Our organization is very committed to Stonington's development of the Mystic River Boathouse Park. As you know, Stonington Crew is a non-profit organization formed in 1997 to support Stonington High School Crew. Since that time, Crew has grown into one of the largest sports at the high school with over 10% of the student body participating each season.

We have been truly fortunate to have the Mystic Seaport support our activities and allow us access to their facilities and waterfront to run our programs. Unfortunately, with our program increasing in size each year we are outgrowing the space they have provided us. There are no other facilities in Stonington we are aware of that can support the 90 or more kids that participate in the program and provide storage for our equipment.

The Boathouse Park will provide The Friends of Stonington Crew a location where we would be able to run our programs and store our equipment. It would allow us to continue to offer our award-winning program for the high school that has helped our students receive more scholarships than all other sports at the high school combined. It would also allow us to expand our program into community rowing for all residents of Stonington and surrounding towns. To that end FOSC has raised more than \$430,000 dollars in support of building a boathouse in the proposed park.

Once completed, this project is certain to enhance the area, providing residents and visitors with public waterfront access to the Mystic River, increasing walkable connectivity and desirable small event space, while offering additional economic, tourism, educational and coastal resiliency benefits to the area.

Sincerely,

Michael O'Neill

Michael O'Neill
Director of Rowing, Stonington Crew



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August 18, 2020

Ms. Danielle Chesebrough, First Selectman
Town of Stonington
152 Elm Street
Stonington, CT 06378

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Dear Ms. Chesebrough:

Avalonia Land Conservancy, Inc. (ALC) is pleased to provide this letter in support of the Town of Stonington's application for a Brownfield Grant to be used for remediation costs at the Mystic River Boathouse Park located at 123 Greenmanville Avenue, Mystic, CT. The funds are essential for the completion of the project and would be used for remediation and redevelopment of the site into a park, which is an existing brownfield site. The park project will provide improved water access directly to the Mystic River and multiple passive and active recreational and educational uses for the public.

Avalonia's organizational mission is "to preserve natural habitats in southeastern Connecticut by acquiring and protecting lands and communicating the value of these irreplaceable resources." The restoration of an upland property on the banks of the Mystic River riverside in order to establish public open space in a manner than enhances coastal resource through the construction of living shorelines, and provides direct access to the community aligns with our mission. The Mystic River Boathouse Park will provide both environmental and cultural value to the Stonington area.

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Avalonia Land Conservancy, Inc. preserves natural habitats in southeastern Connecticut by acquiring and protecting lands and by communicating the value of these irreplaceable resources. Avalonia Land Conservancy is a 501(c)3, non-profit organization. Your contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your financial donation. Please keep this written acknowledgment of your donation for your tax records.

Climate Change Task Force

Town of Stonington
152 Elm Street
Stonington, Connecticut 06378



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Cleanup of the brownfield and redevelopment into a park will lessen the chances that contaminants would leech into the Mystic River should a future flooding event occur. The living shoreline, pollinator gardens and marsh enhancement aspects of the project will be a demonstration area for town residents showing ways to address coastal resilience and climate change.

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Sincerely,

Richard Newton
Chairperson
Town of Stonington Climate Change Task Force



Our mission is to connect the local community and Denison descendants to the history, land, and environment of our 366 year-old farm.

August 17, 2020

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The Denison Homestead is solidly behind Stonington's application for a Brownfield Grant to support remediation on the banks of the Mystic River. There have been Denisons and Denison descendants occupying land in this area for over 300 years, with many of them living within walking distance to the river. Of George Denison's original 200 acre land grant in 1652, some 160 acres are today preserved by the Denison Society, with about 75 acres rented to the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center for \$1/year. With the Nature Center's addition of the Coogan Farm, the countryside and the river would once again be connected for the enjoyment of all. On a personal level, both my late wife and I have served on the Denison Homestead Board, she as President. I am confident that both she and her Denison and Wheeler ancestors would be delighted by this development.

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Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Evans", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David J. Evans, *Treasurer*
Denison Society Board of Trustees

Denison Pequotsepos / Coogan Farm Nature & Heritage Center

August 14, 2020

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152 Elm Street
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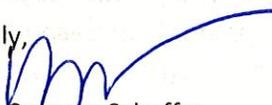
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The Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center owns and manages open space on both side of the river adjacent to property - the Coogan Farm property on east side of the river, and the Peace Sanctuary on the west side of the river. These two properties are part of an extensive greenway with over 10 miles of walking and hiking trails that are maintained free for the community. In addition, we maintain the historical boathouse (now a private residence) with a dock suitable for kayaks, canoes, and paddleboard on the west side of the river.

Both of these properties have been preserved for their ecological and historical significance. Flanking the river with two ridges, the properties protect the Mystic River watershed and provide critical habitat for many species of migratory birds, including nesting bald eagles and osprey. The Coogan Farm has received additional recognition as part of a federal US Fish and Wildlife conservation easement. Both properties also have great significance in the cultural heritage of not only Mystic, but the United States as a nation. From pre-colonial Pequot sites, one of the first European homesteads in Connecticut, to the Greenmanville era and the abolitionist and post-Civil War peace movements.

These plans provide a wonderful opportunity to tie these resources together creating a vital link in this greenway connection, that allows passive community access across the river and beyond. Educational opportunities in partnership with the Town of Stonington and other community organizations, the preservation of a significant part of Connecticut's history, and site remediation that enhances the ecological protection of the critical Mystic River watershed will all be resulting benefits. This project will enhance the area, providing residents and visitors with public waterfront access to the Mystic River, increasing walkable connectivity and desirable small event space, while offering additional economic, tourism, educational and coastal resiliency benefits to the area.

Sincerely,



Davnet Conway Schaffer
Executive Director

Groton Open Space Association, Inc.

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August 11, 2020

Ms. Danielle Chesebrough, First Selectman
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Groton Open Space Association, Inc. (GOSA) is a 501(c)3 conservation advocacy and land trust organization, with a local membership of approximately 650 individuals. GOSA supports protection and remediation of this riverfront property. GOSA has long advocated for protection of the waters of the Mystic River and Long Island Sound. We applaud the efforts of the Town of Stonington to remediate the site and to provide recreational access to the public.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joan H. Smith".

Joan Smith, President
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TOWN OF GROTON

TOWN COUNCIL

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August 24, 2020

Ms. Danielle Chesebrough, First Selectman
Town of Stonington
152 Elm Street
Stonington, CT 06378

RE: Town of Stonington Brownfields Grant Application

Dear Ms. Chesebrough:

The purpose of this letter is to show the support of the Groton Town Council for the Town of Stonington's application for a Brownfield Grant to be used for remediation costs at the Mystic River Boathouse Park located at 123 Greenmanville Avenue, Mystic, CT. The funds are essential for the completion of the project and would be used for remediation and redevelopment of the site into a park, which is an existing brownfield site. The park project will provide improved water access and multiple passive and active recreational and educational uses for the public.

The Groton Town Council is very supportive of the historical education aspects of the project as well as the environmental education and improvements. Once completed, this project is certain to enhance the area, providing residents and visitors with public waterfront access to the Mystic River, increasing walkable connectivity and desirable small event space, while offering additional economic, tourism, educational and coastal resiliency benefits to the area.

Respectfully,

Patrice Granatosky, Mayor
Town of Groton

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STEPHEN C. WHITE
President

September 15, 2020

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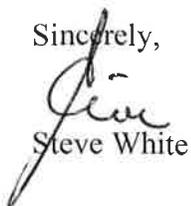
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In addition to providing public river access and a place for our visitors and community to enjoy, the park will enhance the historic character of the neighborhood in the Rossie Mill Historic District by helping to recreate a greenway between Mystic Seaport Museum and the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center's Coogan Farm. The Museum, situated on a 19-acre parcel adjacent to the Mystic River Boathouse Park, operates on the site of the historic Greenman houses and shipyard. The Greenman family once farmed part of the land at Coogan Farm and frequently traveled between the two historic sites. Enhancing this corridor will help to reconnect these two historic sites and allow the Museum and DPNC to strengthen the joint programming that will interpret the rich local history of this area. Further, it will send an important message to the public that Connecticut cares about green spaces for public use.

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Sincerely,



Steve White

Gillian Perry Millsom
67 Mystic Road
North Stonington, CT 06359

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TOWN OF STONINGTON
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September 8, 2020

Ms. Danielle Chesebrough, First Selectman
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Stonington, CT 06378

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Best Regards,



Gillian Perry Millsom



Mystic Garden Club
PO Box 326
West Mystic, CT 06388

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The Mystic Garden Club has been supporting the community in terms of grants and scholarships since 1924. Our club, with nearly 100 members, is an advocate for the cleaning-up of contamination and the creating of a living coastline as part of the Mystic River Boat Park project. The park would open up public access to the waterfront, a rare commodity in our area. The environmental cleanup will also help the whole river and its banks. In addition, the demonstration of a living shoreline will provide a positive example for others along the water's edge for addressing sustainability and climate change.

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Sincerely,

Catherine Alsop
President, Mystic Garden Club



MYSTIC HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

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August 20, 2020

Ms. Danielle Chesebrough, First Selectman
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This park will be a great supplement to our Mystic Harbor Management Plan which we authored and obtained approval for in May of 1995. This plan will allow us to work together to provide the structure to insure that the public may have greater use of our natural resources in an organized manner.

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Best,

David W. Carreau, Chairman MHMC



T H E N O A N K
A Q U A C U L T U R E C O O P E R A T I V E

August 22, 2020

Ms. Danielle Chesebrough, First Selectman
Town of Stonington
152 Elm Street
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As shellfish farmers, legacy point source pollution sites are always places of concern. We can upgrade sewage treatment facilities and improve storm water runoff collection, but to reach peak water quality all aspects and sources of contamination need to be considered.

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Best,

Steve Plant
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STONINGTON HUMAN SERVICES

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Recreation Administrator

Pete Christina
Program Coordinator

***"Recreation...
The benefits
are endless!"***

Danielle Chesebrough, First Selectman
Town of Stonington
152 Elm Street
Stonington, CT 06378

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Dear Ms. Chesebrough:

The Recreation Division within the Human Services Department serves as an advocate for meeting the recreation needs of all the residents within the Town of Stonington, providing youth and adults an abundance of seasonal and year-round recreational opportunities to participate in camps, clinics, leagues, open runs, trips and fitness programs.

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Sincerely,

Michael Crowley
Chairman
Stonington Recreation Commission

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As a rower who is on the river practicing a daily basis, I have witnessed the success of the region's youth rowing program. Area teenagers with little or no experience can learn a lifelong sport one that they can pursue in college or post-college. The program has achieved this success without an actual boathouse to store equipment. One can only imagine the potential if there was an indoor space strategically located next to the Mystic Seaport on the banks of the Mystic River. We cannot waste this golden opportunity.

Sincerely,



Robert Hannon
17 Washington St.
Mystic, CT 06355



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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I began working on this project when I was a selectwoman for Stonington, and it will be wonderful to see this project completed. This project will support our rowing program in the public schools and a new community rowing program. Public access to the waterfront will also contribute to our tourism and recreational industry which is vital to our economy.

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Best,

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RUSS BURGESS
213 Farmholme Rd
Stonington, CT 06378

September 14, 2020

Dear Ms. Danielle Chesebrough, First Selectman
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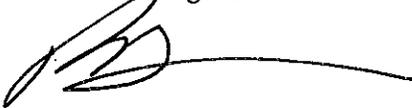
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The people of Stonington have a successful history of supporting projects that enhance the recreational and educational outlets for all to use. I think this project will be a great success and the private funds secured this far demonstrate the desire of the community to make this a success.

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Best,

Russ Burgess

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SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT CULTURAL COALITION

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August 24, 2020

Ms. Danielle Chesebrough, First Selectman
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RE: Town of Stonington Brownfields Grant Application

Dear Ms. Chesebrough:

The Southeastern Connecticut Cultural Coalition supports the Town of Stonington's application for a Brownfield Grant to be used for remediation costs that are essential to the completion of the redevelopment project at the Mystic River Boathouse Park, 123 Greenmanville Avenue, Mystic, CT.

Our mission is to improve the economy, vitality and quality of life in Southeastern Connecticut by supporting the arts, cultural and creative community. The park project elements that include, a riverside space for cultural and educational events and a public boardwalk with historic interpretive signage and markers, will benefit residents and enhance the visitor experience in the region.

We value properties and buildings with historical significance, which are integral to our heritage and part of our region's cultural landscape. Education about historic riverfront sites helps us define and distinguish our region and build a strong sense of identity. Public access to these areas maintains a connection between the past and present for the benefit of future generations.

Unique event spaces and options for passive recreation positively influence the tourism industry that drives our local economy.

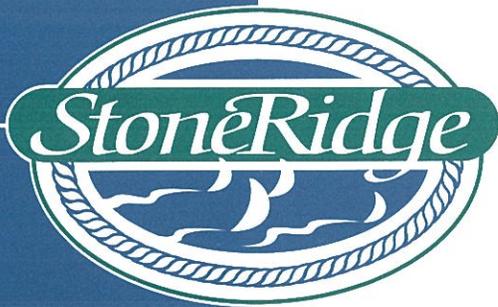
We support the completion of this project that is certain to enhance the area, providing residents and visitors with public waterfront access to the Mystic River, increasing walkable connectivity and desirable small event space, while offering additional economic, tourism, and educational benefits.

Sincerely,



Wendy Bury
Executive Director

*Our mission is to improve the economy, vitality and quality of life in Southeastern Connecticut
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August 19, 2020

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Residents of StoneRidge and members of our community's Conservation Committee have worked diligently to preserve open and public use space throughout Connecticut during their lifetimes. The passion and commitment for preserving these limited natural resources for the enjoyment of future generations is well-aligned with the philosophy of our community.

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Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if the StoneRidge Community can offer our support in any way to advance this important project.

Best wishes,

Kathleen Dess
Executive Director

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A Life Care Services Community



THE STONINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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August 28, 2020

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Re: Town of Stonington Brownfields Grant Application

Dear Danielle:

This letter is in support of the Town of Stonington's application for a Brownfield Grant to be used for remediation costs at the Mystic River Boathouse Park, located at 123 Greenmanville Avenue, Mystic, CT. The funds are essential for the completion of the project and would be used for remediation and redevelopment of the site into a park, which is an existing brownfield site. The park project will provide improved water access and multiple passive and active recreational and educational uses for the public.

The project will create a small event space along the river, allowing the town to partner with local nonprofits to provide cultural and educational events. We also appreciate the opportunity that it will provide to educate our community and visitors about the history of this land, building the context of local history throughout the Town of Stonington.

Once completed, this project is certain to enhance the area, providing residents and visitors with public waterfront access to the Mystic River, increasing walkable connectivity and desirable small event space, while offering additional economic, tourism, educational and coastal resiliency benefits to the area.

Sincerely,

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Aimee E. Newell, Ph.D.
Executive Director



8/13/2020

Ms. Danielle Chesebrough, First Selectman
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USRowing was excited to learn of the potential for this site to be developed into a park with a boathouse for the public high school and to give public access to the water and a rowing facility. Rowing is a lifetime sport, with participants ranging from pre-teen to into their 90s, meaning people of all ages could benefit from this boathouse. For middle school and high school youth in particular, rowing provides a great structure where they can learn teamwork, hard work, time management skills and other life lessons that carry on well beyond the boathouse and water. Rowing also provides the potential for kids to further their education through numerous college scholarship opportunities both in-state and across the country. In addition, rowing events and regattas can bring significant economic impact to a city and state.

Rowing already has a strong rowing history and footprint in Connecticut. The U.S. junior women's national team trains out of New London during the summer, several of the top rowing programs in the nation hail from Connecticut, and the state has a long tradition of producing rowing Olympians. This facility would provide a great opportunity to expand on that rich history at the grassroots level. USRowing wholeheartedly supports this project.

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Sincerely,

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Susan Smith
USRowing, Interim CEO

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September 28, 2020

Ms. Danielle Chesebrough, First Selectman
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Dear Ms. Chesebrough:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the support of the Stonington Public Schools Board of Education for the Town of Stonington's application for a Brownfield Grant to be used for remediation costs at the Mystic River Boathouse Park located at 123 Greenmanville Avenue, Mystic, CT. The funds are essential for the completion of the project and would be used for remediation and redevelopment of the site into the park. The park project will provide improved water access and multiple passive and active recreational and educational uses for the public. In addition, the funding will support our school crew team.

The Stonington Public Schools Board of Education is very supportive of the historical education aspects of the project as well as the environmental education and improvements. The project will benefit students from all schools in Stonington Public Schools District.

Respectfully,

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Frank Todisco
Board of Education Member Chair