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New London Project #1

Additional Infrastructure funding for Ft. Trumbull Municipal Development Plan (MDP)

Continue and complete development of the MDP relating to Ft. Trumbull Peninsula, specifically to provide necessary infrastructure for build-out to include housing, commercial/office/retail and additional tourist facilities including museum and hotel. An estimated 400+ new jobs will be created upon project completion with an estimated rise in New London grand list between \$80-120 million. To date \$73.1 million has been spent with an estimated \$10 additional to complete. This project is critical for advancing job and tax growth in the urban center and in its consistency with infill development in older urban community.

Griswold Project #1:

Triangle Wire & Cable Brownfield Remediation and Redevelopment.

Remediate environmental issues at the Triangle Wire & Cable site on East Main Street and prepare site for Commercial/Professional redevelopment. This project will create 15 +/- acres of prime waterfront commercial/industrial property. \$500,000 in funding has been received from EPA and additional funds are requested from State DECD for this project. The project is underway and is consistent with all CEDS goals.

Ledyard Project #2:

Development of a new village center at existing crossroads.

Provide infrastructure additions and improvements, and enhance the appearance of village center with façade improvements. By expanding public utilities to this area, particularly public water, and by improvement of existing facades, the “Center” of Ledyard will have increased land value and will attract investors – retail, commercial, public and residential – to this currently underused business district/town center. The project will include a much-needed turning lane on Rte. 117 in Ledyard Center improving safety. The total cost of this project is \$13.1 million of which \$6 million in private funds and \$5.8 million in non-federal govt. funds will be leveraged. (\$1.3 million in local government funding already invested).

East Lyme Project #1:

Exit 74 Realignment & Access road to Gateway Planned Development District.

The re-alignment of Exit 74 is recommended in the East Lyme 1999 Plan of Conservation and Development and the area has been designated in the Zoning Regulations as the Gateway Planned Development District. The project is consistent with goal to preserve the region’s natural resource base by concentrating future development in areas with the fewest natural resource development limitations and the greatest access to existing public facilities and it supports land use policies designed to concentrate new intensive development in areas served by public utilities. With improved access the site could also support a transit center to be used as a SEAT regional hub and/or a park and ride for the casinos consistent with goals to develop a balanced regional transportation system that strives to meet the needs of all segments of the population, including visitors, regardless of age, income or disability.

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Ledyard Project #1-1A:

Rte. 12 Sewer Extension and Development of adjacent land for Business/Industrial Park.

This project would extend public utilities in an area that is designated “existing and proposed mixed suburban uses.” The project will also include a detailed corridor development plan. Public water is already available along the corridor and sewer extension from Groton will create “turn key” site opportunities that would otherwise not be available. The availability of infrastructure will also allow regional employers to expand by introducing new processes that would otherwise not be feasible to conduct with existing facilities. The estimated cost is \$8 million of which \$3,000,000 in non-federal government funds will be leveraged.

Colchester Project #3:

Increase town water capacity.

Increase water treatment plant capacity, including aeration tower to the full 600 gpm available to Town through recently acquired DEP Diversion Permit. This project will upgrade the Town's water system to meet the needs of the current population as well as its projected growth within the service area. It will encourage higher density development in areas suitably served by public utilities. A Town Referendum approved this project on September 27, 2005.

NOTE: Colchester projects 1, 3 and 4 are underway. All are ranked as Priority Projects. It is important to note that there is synergy among these three projects, all of which involve water/sewer system capacity expansion necessary to stay abreast of and expand commercial and residential growth in the Town.

Stonington Project #1:

Riverfront Mill Site Reuse Initiative

Develop and implement reuse plan for 5 underutilized/vacant mill sites comprising 40 acres along the river in Pawcatuck's center. Establish a new “Industrial Heritage” overlay zone. The revitalization of these mill buildings for expanded uses adds to potential mix of commercial and industrial enterprise in the area as well as providing reasonably priced downtown housing and removal of centuries of environmental hazards. The mill reuse is estimated to cost \$2 million for public infrastructure. \$15 million in private development funds are currently committed. A 700% increase in property tax revenue is anticipated from the early stage development, currently underway, which is primarily residential.

NOTE: This Stonington project is concurrent with Stonington's Project # 2, the development of a public riverfront greenway from Pawcatuck Point to North Stonington, which is ranked as a Low Priority Project.

Preston Project # 1:

Norwich State Hospital Site.

In order to make this site attractive to developers, improvements are critical to roads, electric, broadband and water and sewer facilities. Cost, including site environmental cleanup is estimated at \$20-60 million. Between 500-22000 jobs may be created and local property taxes estimated to increase \$4-20million with full build-out.

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New London Project # 3 –

Thames River Maritime Heritage Park (W/ Groton City)

The Heritage Park is an educational, cultural and destination tourist development in New London and Groton City. The project calls for design and development of signs for self-guided walking and auto tours; docks for tour boats and water taxis linking NL and Groton (Ft. Trumbull, City Pier, Nautilus and Ft. Hill); and procurement of water taxi. The need for additional funds to provide visitor center and park supervision will be addressed in later phases of project. The dock in Groton City will be completed in 2006, and the tourist dock at Nautilus is likewise underway. Total project costs estimated at \$4 million of which \$2.5 million has been received for completed projects. Additional private tourism sector investment will follow as infrastructure is completed.

NOTE: This is an inter-municipality project with City of Groton project #6, which is also ranked as a Priority Project.

Griswold Project #2:

Economic Development of 164 and I-395 Corridor

Actively pursue the development/redevelopment of those properties in the vicinity of the Rte. 164/I-395 interchange for Commercial/Industrial/Professional land uses.

Norwich Project #3-

Transportation Center

Implement plans to construct a multi-modal transportation center on Hollyhock Island to promote downtown pedestrian traffic and transit connections between casinos and intermodal terminal in New London. This construction adds to infrastructure needed to support region's economy, will alleviate congestion, and provide transportation options to workers living in Norwich. The total cost is estimated at \$14,058,000. To date the City of Norwich has appropriated \$800,000 and the CT-DECD, \$1,060,000 million towards the transportation center.

Colchester Project #1:

Extension of Water and Sewer off Rte. 2/16 for proposed business park

The proposed Business Park Zone will permit large "campus" style office development that has been identified as lacking in Colchester. The Business Park Zone limits the size of retail on a "per-zone" basis to 200,000 square feet, which will allow the focus to remain on other uses such as office, R&D, hotel, and distribution. A recent business study completed by Garnet Consulting for the Town of Colchester, indicates that Colchester "*needs one or more well-planned, good quality, mixed use business parks of substantial size to allow a clustering of these uses*". Public hearings have commenced and will continue through Sept. 2005 for public comment on this project.

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Groton Project #1:

Flanders Road Utility Extension

The Flanders Road area is zoned IP-80-B (Industrial Park) and currently has some existing businesses but no water or sewer. The extension of water and sewer to these existing businesses in the Flanders Road area is critical to their retention and future expansion. The Town also needs to extend these utilities for potential new business development. At this time funding would be used for study of feasibility and costs. The town has appropriated \$100,000 for the study to date.

Norwich Project # 1:

Business Park Expansion

NCDC's highest priority is to expand the at-capacity business park and to find new land for industrial and commercial development. Land is available in adjacent Franklin and expansion in that direction could result in a tax-sharing partnership between the City and Town. Land acquisition and infrastructure funding will be required to accomplish this project. Infrastructure (Roads and utilities) will need to be extended into Franklin, as land is made available. Preliminary conversations have taken place and a partnership will be pursued. Expansion of the park will provide jobs and increase tax base for both communities. Cost is estimated at \$20 million.

***NOTE:** This is an inter-municipality project identified by Franklin as their Project #1, which is also ranked as a Priority Project.*

Colchester Project #4:

Extend Sewer to Planned Development Sites.

Extend sanitary sewers to retail and transitional business zoned areas south of Rte. 2 and east of Rte. 354 along with a sewer pump station at Rte. 85 and 637. This project will upgrade the Town's water system to meet the needs of the current population as well as projected growth within the service area.

***NOTE:** Projects 1, 3 and 4 are underway. There is synergy among these three projects, all of which involve water/sewer system capacity expansion, necessary to stay abreast of and expand commercial and residential growth in the Town.*

Groton Project #3:

Upgrade & Enhancement of "Downtown" Groton -- Rte. 1 Commercial Corridor.

"Downtown" Groton has been an important part of the region's retail economy for years. As major regional centers continue to be built in other communities, the role of existing smaller commercial centers, providing locations for independent stores, remains critically important to their host communities. "Downtown" has also been a major contributor to transit ridership in the region as the town has promoted, and is now receiving, higher density development in the area. A study of "Downtown" Groton is planned soon to determine the role of the commercial corridor to the local and regional economy. Streetscapes and pedestrian enhancements are needed to maximize the integration of the retail centers in this area and to enhance "Downtown" Groton by transforming it into more visible town center. This project will promote development in the region's core to meet the needs of all segments of the population. Some improvements by private

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developers are underway; the study effort has received local approvals and some funding (for study and design work). Project is envisioned as the implementation steps that will come from the recommendations of the study.

Franklin Project #1:

Expansion of Norwich Business Park

The Norwich Business Park spans the border between Norwich and Franklin. At this time, there is no further developable land on the Norwich side of the park, but expansion is possible in Franklin. This expansion requires the extension of utilities and roadways from Norwich to Franklin. The project would require an inter-town agreement and would raise the possibility of this being a tax-sharing project, which is consistent with Goal 1 of the CEDS.

NOTE: The expansion of the Park is also Norwich Project 1. Both are in Priority Rankings.

North Stonington Project #1:

Exit 92/93 Water and Sewer Improvements

Addition of water and sewer systems at the I-95 interchanges of exits 92/93 to encourage economic development of the industrial, office research and commercial zone. Recent potential development was deterred from the area by high cost of existing water/septic improvements needed. Not including land purchases, this project is estimated at \$375,000-500,000 for water and \$500,000-750,000 for sewer. Private developers will pay cost of piping infrastructure from sewer package plan. Additional work will be required by the Federal DOT on ramp improvements to provide improved access management and traffic regulation. The total development could encompass 1500 acres and full build out would add substantial amount to town grand list and number of new jobs.

Griswold Project #3:

Economic Development of Route 201 and I-395 Corridor.

Actively pursue the development and redevelopment of those properties in the vicinity of the Rte. 201 / I-395 Interchange for Commercial/Industrial/Professional land uses. There is no funding request attached to this project at this time.

New London Project # 5:

Downtown Revitalization

Support and expand development of residential, commercial, retail and the arts in the City's urban center. This project involves public/private sector projects and use of New London revolving loan funds. Some projects by private developers are already underway. Full build out will add substantial value to grand list and to sales tax revenues, as well as to job creation for residents.

New London Project #4:

State Pier

This project is intended to put additional property on New London's grand list by building enhanced facilities at Admiral Shear State Pier including a warehouse, additional parking, office building, flex-industrial building and possibly oil storage and distribution. The

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project presupposes returning to the City a land parcel adjacent to *Logistec*, which was cleared as part of MDP and is now controlled by the State. Improved facilities will support the maritime cluster and increase maritime traffic through the Port of New London, and has potential to alleviate tractor-trailer traffic on I-95. Estimate of cost is \$5-15 million

Norwich Project #4:

Riverfront Recreation

Development of the waterfront from downtown Norwich to the harbor and south to Trading Cove is a high priority for the City. A preliminary suggested plan is in place for a mixed-use development that combines residential, retail and marine related commerce, water-related tourism and recreational uses. The entire waterfront area of Shipping Street and surrounding areas, which are in close proximity to transportation center, has been re-zoned from industrial to mixed-use to accommodate and encourage such development. Cost of cleanup and preparation of property for development is estimated at \$15 million of which most will be private funding. \$2 million in State Funds and up to \$1.5 million in City Funds are anticipated

Sprague Project #1:

Remediation and Redevelopment of Baltic Mill Site.

This former industrial site has been vacant for almost 4 decades. Its cleanup and re-use will improve the economic diversity and health of Sprague and will provide synergy with the revitalization of Baltic Village. The Town EDC is proceeding with re-zoning from Commercial/Industrial to Commercial, is in the process of securing option to acquire the property, and has funded a Phase I EA, which is complete. The EPA has recently (October) agreed to undertake a detailed assessment of the property to determine level of pollutants and cleanup requirements. The \$100,000 study will be complete in 10 months time.

NOTE: This project is concurrent with and supports Sprague Project #3, the Revitalization of Baltic Village, which is in the Medium Priority Ranking group.

New London Project # 2:

Improvement to Parade

Reconfigure the “Parade” at foot of State Street to allow improved access to and linkage among downtown, Waterfront Park, and transportation center. Upgrades will include lowering Parade berm and installation of traffic calming and pedestrian enhancements improving vehicle site lines and pedestrian safety. The overall improvement will enhance and strengthen New London’s urban, and will improve usability of downtown for residents, employees, tourists, and travelers at a cost of approximately \$2-2.5 million. To date \$420,000 in TEA-21 funding has been received.

Stonington Project #4:

South Pier Extension 300 feet at Town Docks.

The pier extension will accommodate and preserve the regional commercial fishing fleet, CT’s last commercial fishing fleet. The value of 2003 landings in Stonington was logged at \$9.4 million. Stonington Scallops appear on upscale menus in New York, Boston and Providence, among other places. Better facilities for fishermen will ensure continued progress in high value

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catches by encouraging the basing of modern boats in Stonington, and will also enhance the attractiveness of town to tourism. The South Pier extension in the Harbor is more than an economic development initiative; it is also a cultural and historical project. Cost is estimated at \$3 million of which STEAP has contributed \$175K to date, and preliminary design and state environmental permitting is complete.

Preston Project #2:

Second span on Pequot Bridge

Improve access to Foxwoods and between Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun casinos and access to any development at Norwich State Hospital site. \$40 million project which will solve an identified transportation system weakness and will assist in economic development and diversification of region by efficiently opening up Hospital site and relieving traffic stress on local roads to casinos.

Groton City Project #6:

Thames Street Improvement and Continued Development of Thames Heritage Park.

This project will require a comprehensive planning effort for riverfront development, building on recent projects to enhance existing streetscape improvements and redevelop vacant and underutilized property along historic Thames Street (Groton Bank). The project will be in concert with the Thames Maritime Heritage Park Project, now underway. The Thames St. revitalization area is part of the park. The project will enhance and promote the tourist experience by building on the Heritage Park Project, a joint project with the City of New London. The goal of the project is to continue to diversify the regional economy by extending tourism activity beyond the Mystic area and the casinos. The first phase of the project, the Heritage Park, has received many municipal, state and federal approvals. Proposed improvements that are identified as part of a study/planning effort would also have to receive municipal approvals. The project involves an estimated \$3,475,000 of State DEP and DECD funding of which \$1.3 million is designated for Groton Projects.

***NOTE:** This is an inter-municipality project with the City of New London Project #3, and both are ranked in Priority Group.*

Groton Project #4 (Town and City combined):

Bikeway/Trailway Plan

This project will implement the multi-use trail and bikeway recommendations that have been identified in Town-wide Groton Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Master Plan. The project complements the recreation and tourism sectors of the local economy. The town appropriated funds in the amount of \$50,000 for the original study of this project and grants are in place for portions of plan. Additional matching funds for the Thomas Rd. Bikeway portion of the project have been procured through the FY 2006 Capital Budget. This is an on-going process.

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Franklin Project #2:

Commercial Development on Rte 32.

Promote the development of commercial enterprise on Rte. 32 corridor through zoning changes.

Stonington Project #3:

Mystic Transportation Center and Mystic Shuttle

Develop bus parking facility and public shuttle connecting Mystic area tourist attractions, Amtrak, marinas, downtown and regional tourist connectors. Part of project also involves pedestrian walkways connecting Coogan Blvd, to Downtown Mystic and train station. This project will enhance tourism in Mystic and mitigate its adverse effects on traffic and parking downtown. The parking and shuttle will bolster the area's convenience - to attract more tourists, reduce local traffic and strengthen the region's intermodal transportation options. Total costs estimated at \$2-10 million, of which \$2.175 million in STEAP and T-21 funds are available.

NOTE: This project supplements the proposed Regional Intermodal Transportation System-Regional Project #4, which is in the Regional Priority Ranking group.

Bozrah Project # 1:

Rte. 82 Infrastructure

Project proposes extending Water and Sewer connections on Rte. 82 (Salem Turnpike) in Bozrah between the Norwich and Montville borders. This would open up the possibility of commercial and/or industrial development along Rte. 82 in Bozrah. Property is available on the corridor and the area is identified in Regional Plan of Conservation and Development as appropriate for mixed suburban uses. Water and Sewer is available from Norwich Public Utilities; however, their service does not at this time extend all the way to Norwich / Bozrah line along Rte. 82. Making extension and connection would be consistent with CEDS Goal 1B2 –“identify and implement service sharing projects,” and Goal 3B1- “expand availability of appropriate sites with necessary access and utilities.”

Norwich Project #5:

Downtown Revitalization

Taking advantage of burgeoning multi-cultural population by supporting development of restaurants, retail and residential projects in Downtown. This, like New London's Downtown Revitalization, will require a mix of public and private sector initiatives and funding. Assuming full build-out property values are estimated to increase 100-150% and annual sales tax revenue from successful businesses could average in excess of \$10 million. Rose City Renaissance, the Norwich Main Street program, has recently been put in place economic incentives for businesses downtown.

Colchester Project #2:

Creation of a full, four-way interchange on Rte. 2 at Exit 17.

The current interchange only has one exit from eastbound lanes. There is a need both for an exit from the westbound lanes and entrances onto both east and west lanes. At present west

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bound traffic on Route 2 must either exit the highway 1 1/2 miles before at Exit 16 or travel to Exit 18 and loop back to the Exit 17 area amounting to approximately an extra 4 mile drive out of the way. This full interchange would allow more efficient access to commercial locations for distribution, delivery and overall trade purposes. This area has substantial economic potential: for example, a hotel is considering locating near the interchange, however due to the lack of full accessibility in both directions economic growth in this area has been minimal.

Sprague Project #3:

Baltic Village Downtown Revitalization

Designate Downtown Baltic as a “Village Center District” with pedestrian circulation enhancements, new signage, and overlay zone with historic protections, marketing and tenancy and commercial infill development. A preliminary \$5000 concept plan has been completed and a master plan is estimated to cost \$20K. Several small Federal Grants have been received for village street/infrastructure upgrades. The master plan will include connections via pedestrian bridge to planned development of Baltic Mill and development of recreational opportunities at a riverfront park/canoe lunch in village center. The revitalization with all its components is anticipated to encourage retail, lodging (B&B), and restaurant development in the Village.

***NOTE:** This project is concurrent with and supports Sprague Project #1, the Redevelopment of Baltic Mill, which is ranked in Priority Group and Sprague Project #4 the Outdoor Recreational Initiative, which is ranked in Low Priority Group.*

Sprague Project #2:

Business Park Development

Investigate, develop and implement Municipal Development Plan for a Business Park off Inland Rd, adjacent to Rte 163/Lisbon Town Line. This large-scale industrial site could provide economic diversity to the region and will expand business park potential possibly in conjunction and coordination with Lisbon and Norwich. The cost of 100-acre property acquisition from *Crestar* is estimated at \$600K - \$1million. Roads and utility costs to be determined.

Norwich Project # 6:

Ponemah Mill Restoration

Reuse of Ponemah Mill and other vacant mill sites in City for housing and retail. Project is to provide planning and marketing/feasibility studies to identify specific projects.

Groton Project #2:

Study regarding redevelopment of Mystic Education Center

This facility, which is owned by the State of Connecticut, is substantially underutilized. Groton has a limited inventory of available business space. Proximity to I-95 suggests that redevelopment of the site would be an excellent growth opportunity for the town and region. The study of the facility and identification of necessary infrastructure improvements there would begin the process of redevelopment for a business incubator, small campus or other similar uses. At this time, no funding source has been identified or requested for this study.

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Griswold Project #4:

Jewett City Façade Improvements and Enhancement Program

Rehabilitation of our Central Business District ensures the continued vitality of the downtown area. This project will establish a program for the improvement and enhancement of commercial building facades in the Jewett City Central Business District. (CBD). At this time funding sources are unknown as is amount required. However, creation of a Main Street type program is a possible direction in which to proceed.

Town and City of Groton Project # 5:

Linear Park along Military Highway

Create a linear park along the Military Highway (Rte. 12) designed to provide increased public access to the waterfront and a connection between the USS Nautilus Museum and the Thames Street Gateway area. The Project will expand intermodal and open space linkages by connecting the future Heritage Park water taxi dock at the Nautilus Museum and Goss Cove Park to the coastline, and will upgrade the proposed Regional Bike Route between the Town and the City. This project will enhance recreational and tourism opportunities in the community and improve connectivity between town and SUBASE New London.

Franklin Project #3:

Rte. 32 Bridge Reconstruction

Rte. 32 Bridge over Yantic River required study on feasibility and cost of reconstruction. This reconstruction would enhance accessibility to Norwich Business Park and potential senior housing.

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Waterford Project #1:

Revitalization of Rte. 1 Commercial District from Rte. 156 to New London.

Project calls for study to establish feasibility of renewal of Greyfield developments and installation of pedestrian walkways and traffic planning. Anticipate improved public transportation and infill with affordable residential projects as well as additional commercial/retail business. Such a plan would guide town in providing transportation and services to the adjacent population of which up to 20% is below poverty line and dependent upon public transportation and in need of affordable housing. Initial study will be \$75K.

Stonington Project #2:

Pawcatuck Greenway Project

Establish a public riverfront walkway from Pawcatuck Point to North Stonington line through the preservation of existing open space and development of walkways through developed areas and connections to existing parks. Urban planners have cited extension of a greenway from the Village Center to currently underused mill sites on the river as crucial to the town's overall redevelopment strategy. Connection with a planned footbridge joining Pawcatuck with Westerly will draw tourists and shoppers to the renewed mill area. The project enhances mill area making sites more attractive to residential and commercial development; and provides enhanced access to water-based recreation in both the Village Center and downriver. Cost is estimated at \$2-8 million.

NOTE: This project supports Stonington Project # 1, the Riverfront Mill Reuse Initiative, ranked in Priority Group.

Norwich Project # 2:

Downtown Circulation and Parking

Improve Traffic flow and circulation patterns, and increase/enhance parking downtown to support retail, restaurant and entertainment activity envisioned in project #5. Action must be taken on this front to support successful development of downtown. Good traffic flow and easily accessible parking will encourage tourism and entertainment growth and support increased residential development.

NOTE: This supports Norwich Project #5, the Revitalization of Downtown, ranked in Medium Priority Group.

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Sprague Project # 4:

Outdoor recreation/tourism initiative

To foster dispersal of tourism activities throughout the region and beyond the shoreline, a CEDS goal for the Tourism Cluster, the town proposes development and promotion of the outdoor recreational opportunities available in Sprague. This would involve acquiring additional park and waterfront land/easements along Shetucket River; development of Baltic Reservoir Park; and a Greenway link to the newly acquired Mukluk Club Property. This latter property will require some environmental remediation. Project would include canoe and kayak launch areas, and clearing areas for access to trout fishing, cross country skiing and hiking, among other initiatives.

Note: This project is synergistic with development of Baltic Village, Sprague Project #3, which is ranked in Medium Priority Project Group, and anticipates the possible opening of service businesses such as bike/canoe rentals, outfitters, and lodging facilities.

Franklin Project #4:

Senior Housing

Build senior housing.

Franklin Project #5:

Construction of New Senior Citizen Center

This project is underway and funding has been secured.

New London Project #6:

Support Downtown Housing

The project is not defined; however, New London projects # 5 and 6 are intertwined and this project may be considered part of project #5, which is ranked in Priority Group.

Waterford Project #2:

Mago Point Business District upgrade

Develop a strategy for enhancing the experience of visitors and residents to the Waterford waterfront including building of pedestrian walkways, public parking and anti-blight program. Possible connection to recently completed East Lyme Boardwalk project will provide opportunities for businesses to capitalize on increased recreational activity in the area. The area currently hosts charter/party boat fishing enterprises, boat storage and repair, seasonal restaurants, and a state boat launch. It is an integral piece of Waterford's participation in the regional tourism and maritime clusters. Planning estimated at \$75K; \$1 million for anti-blight program; \$1.5 million for parking lot and walkway improvements

Old Lyme Project:

Construction of bike/pedestrian path along Rte. 156

The town proposes to build a three-mile bike/trailway along Rte. 156 to enhance safety and accessibility to year round and summer residents. The community experiences a dramatic surge in population in the summer and such a path is urgently needed for safety reasons. It

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would also enhance recreational activities for all residents year round. Funding amounts are not known at this time.

Stonington Project #5:

Undergrounding of Utilities in Stonington Borough

This project will improve navigation of village streets for emergency personnel among other things. It, and associated streetscape improvements, will enhance the attractiveness of borough to tourists and residents, but more importantly will upgrade the safety of the village. The recent Monsanto Mill fire was a reminder of the vulnerability of the borough's infrastructure and the difficulties inherent in protecting property, residents, and visitors in the event of a catastrophic event including but not limited to fire, hurricane or blizzard. The total costs of this project are unknown at this time, but funding will be requested for study to determine costs, feasibility and design.

Stonington Project #6:

Re-use of Velvet Mill

No project needs identified. Velvet Mill currently is being leased to local small businesses and artists.