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STATE BONDING APPROVED FOR HARTFORD STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS

MDC to receive \$3M for infrastructure to aid in Hartford's Bushnell South area development

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(HARTFORD, CT) The Metropolitan District (MDC) announced a \$3 million allocation from the State Bond Commission, approved Friday, August 1 for stormwater improvements to the area south of Bushnell Park in Hartford. The grant will aid in the development of previously underused buildings and parking lots in the neighborhood by addressing increased stormwater runoff resulting from current and future planned development of the vacant parcels.

The MDC has worked closely with the Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) for the past two years on an agreement regarding the installation of a large stormwater drainage pipe. Upon finalizing the agreement, the MDC is tentatively scheduled to begin design of the project in the fall of 2025.

While the MDC typically cannot pay for stormwater-only infrastructure for a specific development, special agreements like this with CRDA allow the developer to share in the cost for projects that benefit the overall MDC system with increased capacity.

“We are grateful to partner with CRDA and the City of Hartford on this grant-in-aid from the State Bond Commission supporting the stormwater improvements,” stated MDC Chairman Donald Currey.

Scott Jellison, MDC CEO added, “This investment will significantly improve local infrastructure by eliminating combined storm and sewer piping, helping to reduce flooding and protect water quality. As Hartford continues to grow and develop, especially on previously vacant parcels, this project ensures that stormwater systems are prepared to meet future demands while enhancing environmental resilience.”

About MDC: The MDC is a nonprofit municipal corporation chartered by the Connecticut General Assembly in 1929. The MDC provides water, wastewater treatment and other services to its member towns: Bloomfield, East Hartford, Hartford, Newington, Rocky Hill, West Hartford, Wethersfield and Windsor. In addition, the District supplies treated water to portions of Glastonbury, South Windsor, Farmington, East Granby and Portland.

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