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The Honorable Mayor Mark Boughton and Members of the Danbury City Council
155 Deer Hill Avenue
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Dear Mayor Boughton and Members of the City Council:

The Still River Alliance (SRA) was established by the Danbury Health Department in 1996 to guide the planning, design and construction of the Still River Greenway. The Still River Greenway was completed in 2010. After a four year period of dormancy the SRA was reorganized in 2010 with a new mission of maintaining the Greenway and promoting it to the Danbury community.

Our new mission will be achieved through events and programs involving passive recreation, nature appreciation and environmental education.

This new mission will actively promote SRA by sponsoring events and community outreach which will be aided by financial donations that have been received by the Health Department. The level of activity that will be sponsored by the SRA raises the question of personal liability of SRA members.

Recently, Mr. Ed Siergiej, the current Chairman of the SRA, and Jack Kozuchowski, the City's greenway consultant met with Deputy Corporation Counsel Les Pinter to discuss the liability issue. Mr. Pinter recommended a City Department associated with the SRA request formal recognition of the organization by the City Council.

As one of the City's representatives on the SRA, I respectfully request that the City of Danbury recognize the Still River Alliance as a City based organization with representation from the City's Recreation and Health and Human Services Department.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this request.

Respectfully Yours,

Nicholas Kaplanis
Director of Recreation

cc: Scott LeRoy, Health Director
Ed Siergiej, Chairman of the Still River Alliance
Jack Kozuchowski

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RESOLUTION

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DANBURY

WHEREAS, the Still River Alliance ("SRA") was established by the Danbury Health Department in 1996 to guide the planning, design and construction of the Still River Greenway; and

WHEREAS, the Greenway was completed in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the SRA continues to be active, in furtherance of various events and programs in the Danbury community, including the maintenance of the Greenway, passive recreation, nature appreciation and environmental education; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Danbury and the Still River Alliance, that the SRA is formally recognized as a City-based organization, with representation from both the City's Department of Parks and Recreation and the Department of Health and Human Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Danbury Still River Alliance be and hereby is recognized as an established City-based entity performing essential functions related to nature conservancy and community outreach in a variety of capacities on behalf of City departments and citizens, and that the "SRA" be so designated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT membership on the SRA shall be determined, designated and appointed by the Mayor.