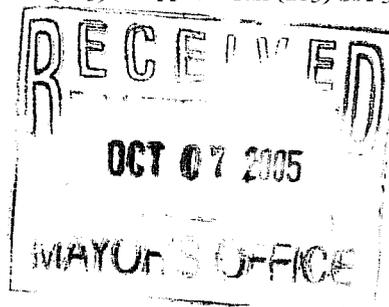


October 6, 2005

Honorable Mark Boughton and Members of Common Council
City of Danbury
155 Deer Hill Avenue
Danbury, CT 06810



RE: Donation from AvalonBay Communities, Inc. to City of Danbury for the Still River Greenway Project

Dear Honorable Mayor Boughton and Members of Common Council:

Please accept this letter as an offer by AvalonBay Communities, Inc. to donate \$100,000.00 to the City of Danbury for construction of the Still River Greenway, the pedestrian component of the Still River Restoration Project.

From Danbury's settlement in 1684, this significant watercourse has played a key role in the development of Danbury and its economy. While changes to the River and its wetlands and uplands have occurred over time, the City should be applauded for its determination and success in returning this significant environmental resource to a condition wherein it can be used for environmental education and open space purposes.

AvalonBay Communities, Inc. recently completed Avalon Danbury, a 234-unit luxury multifamily rental apartment home community located off of Mountainview Terrace adjacent to the Still River and its associated wetlands. Working in cooperation with City staff, AvalonBay was diligent in the planning and construction of this community to protect this valuable and sensitive natural resource. This donation is intended to enable the City, through the continued laudable efforts of Mr. Jack Kozuchowski and Mr. Scott LeRoy and other City departments, to realize its long-term plan for public access along the Still River.

We are also submitting to you a preliminary design plan, prepared by Milone & MacBroom Engineers, that would facilitate the second crossing of the River at the existing White Turkey Road extension bridge. This crossing will complete the walking path from Commerce Park to Brookfield. The plans for this crossing were discussed with Jack Kozuchowski, who identified this as a feasible alternative to construction of a second structure.

If there are any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (203) 801-3327.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon B. Calitro".

Sharon B. Calitro, AICP
Development Director

Enclosure

C: Mr. Jack Kozuchowski, Department of Health and Housing, without map