



February 1, 2024

Cameron Clegg  
Department of Energy & Environmental Protection  
79 Elm Street  
Hartford, CT 06106-5127

Dear Mr. Clegg:

I am writing to support the City of Bristol's application for grant funding under the Community Land and Water Conservation Fund, Outdoor Recreation and Legacy Partnership Program. This is an historic opportunity to revitalize Rockwell Park, the largest park in Bristol and one that serves individuals living in the lowest income census tract of the City. This Park includes a large trail system, lagoons, playgrounds and a swimming pool, and is one of the most vibrant recreational areas in the Central Connecticut area. The 18-hole Disc Golf Course draws players from around New England for many tournaments, and is a popular destination for new and serious followers of that sport.

The City of Bristol's Department of Parks, Recreation, Youth, and Community Services (PRYCS) has dedicated itself to improving ADA access to all Park facilities, and expanding the services of the programs in all of our properties. The proposed upgrades to Rockwell Park will further improve access to all and enhance the experience of users with upgraded facilities throughout the Park.

We are very proud of Bristol's Park system. As with most aspects of municipal government, the work is never done to maintain facilities and improve services, especially to those most in need. We support the Parks and Recreation staff's application to this grant program, and appreciate your consideration of this proposal.

Please feel free to contact me if there are any questions about this application. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Caggiano  
Mayor



State of Connecticut  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
STATE CAPITOL  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106-1591

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Dear Mr. Clegg:

As members of the Bristol Delegation to the General Assembly, we are pleased to support the City of Bristol's application for grant funding under the Community Land and Water Conservation Fund, Outdoor Recreation and Legacy Partnership Program. The proposed project will revitalize the historic Rockwell Park, which is located in the lowest income census tract of Bristol and features one of the most vibrant recreational areas in the Central Connecticut area.

The City of Bristol's Department of Parks, Recreation, Youth, and Community Services (PRYCS) is committed to improving ADA access to all Park facilities, and expanding the services of the programs in all of our properties. As part of our Master Plan, upgrades to Rockwell Park will renovate facilities, extend the hours of operation by adding new lighting in some areas, and enhance the experience of users with upgraded trails and playing fields for ball games and disc golf.

If nothing else, COVID showed residents the unlimited opportunities available in our park systems for walking and outdoor recreation, whether it be solo or in groups, organized activities or individual practice. Most of the activities in the public parks are free or low cost, including swimming or cooling off in the splash pads. We are proud of Bristol's Park system, and believe that the work is never done to improve its outreach and offerings to our residents, especially those most in need. We support the PRYCS staff as they endeavor to reach new heights through the application to this grant program, and appreciate your consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Sen. Henri Martin  
31<sup>st</sup> District

Rep. Joe Hoxha  
78<sup>th</sup> District

Rep. Mary Fortier  
79<sup>th</sup> District

Rep. Cara Pavalock-D'Amato  
77<sup>th</sup> District



Dr. Joshua T. Medeiros, Ed.D., CPRE

2/5/24

City of Bristol Superintendent of Parks, Recreation, Youth & Community Services

51 High Street

Bristol, CT 06010

This letter is to express our support for the Bristol Parks, recreation, youth & community services application for a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant to support outdoor recreation improvements at Rockwell Park. The West End Association is a neighborhood association of business owners, property owners and residents. The mission of the West End Association is to help create and maintain a safe, friendly, and family oriented neighborhood, filled with thriving businesses, convenient public transportation, and attractive amenities and activities. We envision that people in our neighborhoods will demonstrate their pride by taking responsibility for the ongoing care of their homes and businesses, the parks and river, and one another.

We have had the good fortune of working with the Parks department when we run our annual Rockwell Park Summer Festival held in August of each year. Having done the festival for over 12 years, we can attest to the benefits of having a beautiful park like this that all the residents of Bristol can enjoy. The proposed improvements that will be covered by the grant will go a long way to making the park more accessible and ADA compliant with improvements to the trails and other activities. The city of Bristol is lucky to have a strong parks system in place and we support efforts to make our parks even better, safer and more enjoyable for our citizens.

Sincerely,

Hilary Stoudt – President

Jesse Jablon – Vice President

David Habermeld – Vice President

Sammy Vasile – Treasurer

David Hamelin – Secretary



**BRISTOL CT LITTLE LEAGUE  
PO BOX 2524 | BRISTOL CT, 06010**

**02.07.24**

To the members of the Land and Water Conservation Grant Fund Committee,

I am writing to you in support of the Bristol Parks and Recreation Departments pursuit of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant for potential funding of ADA upgrades at the McCabe Waters complex and Fraser Field. Our little league as co-tenant of one of the oldest continuous use youth sports facilities in the city of Bristol would benefit greatly from these upgrades. We serve upwards of 400 players annually where approximately 1,000 members of our community visit the park to watch their children learn and play. We strive to be an inclusive community and improving access for all in and around the fields and facility will help greatly in that endeavor. People with disabilities and elderly family members have to traverse uneven terrain to access our fields from the parking areas. These challenges can make it inaccessible for those to appreciate and participate in these events. In addition, upgrades in and around the fields themselves will improve playing conditions and make for a safer environment.

I greatly appreciate Dr. Medeiros and his team for acknowledging these challenges and working to improve them without having the leagues bear the burden of such expenditures. As a 100% volunteer run league we wouldn't otherwise have the finances to make these needed improvements. Their partnership and support is amazing and I hope you will see fit to supporting them in their goal.

SINCERELY,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Lodge".

Scott Lodge  
President, Bristol (CT) Little League  
[president@bristolctl.org](mailto:president@bristolctl.org)

Bristol (CT) Little League is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization. All resources are volunteers working towards a greater good for our local youth!



## Bristol Girls Little League Softball

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February 8, 2024

Dear Dr. Medeiros,

I would like to take a moment to thank you for your continued support of Bristol Girls Little League Softball and the surrounding facilities our league relies upon. We are excited and encouraged by the master plan supporting the parks and its impact on our community of ballplayers, their families and a host of spectators. As our league has grown to support approximately 350 girls locally over the course of the Spring and Fall seasons, our growth in spectators has been noticeable as well.

Additionally, we play host to more than 40 different softball teams of all ages groups from the surrounding towns and cities, and have proudly hosted the state championship game for several age groups over the last five years. Our foot traffic has increased significantly over the last 5-10 years in particular.

Those that are able-bodied continue to find creative ways to squeeze in watch their daughters play ball. However, those in need of wheelchair assistance, or those that are older have been somewhat challenged to view games as many of our pathways have become uneven and narrow between each of the fields. The ADA improvements you have recommended are very much welcomed and appreciated by all. The lower areas of the complex which inevitably have become synonymous with drainage challenges will also benefit from these improvements, as will the surrounding park areas, which we also enjoy before and after each game or practice.

The erosion of field materials has noticeably impacted the 3rd base dugout at Greenleaf Field, so we are equally excited to see the stability of that structure, along with the other dugouts, has been captured within the master plan as well.

Bristol Girls Little League Softball strongly supports your application for the Land and Water Conservation Fund, Outdoor Recreation and Legacy Partnership Program grant. The proposed improvements at Rockwell Park will have a lasting impact. Thank you for all that you and your team are doing to revitalize the area our greater community. We are especially grateful for all that you do in support of the children and families in Bristol!

Thank you,

Adam Whitlock  
President  
Bristol Girls Little League Softball

Jordan Scheiner  
General Manager  
Bristol Blues  
02/08/2024

### Letter of Support

As the General manager of the Bristol Blues organization, I am writing to express our wholehearted support for the proposed improvements at Rockwell Park through the Land, Water, and Conservation Fund.

The Bristol Blues, operating as a non-profit summer collegiate baseball team in Bristol, Connecticut, are deeply invested in providing family-oriented, affordable entertainment to the city and its surrounding areas. We recognize the significance of Rockwell Park, particularly Muzzy Field, as vital components of our community's recreational and cultural landscape. Therefore, we fully endorse the efforts to secure funding for the enhancement of these spaces. Over the years, we have witnessed the transformative power of targeted improvements at Muzzy Field and Rockwell Park, coinciding with the inception of the Bristol Blues in 2015. These enhancements have aligned seamlessly with the City of Bristol's broader vision for urban renewal and community development. The proposed renovations reflect a continued commitment to creating a vibrant and welcoming environment for residents and visitors alike. We believe that the planned improvements will not only enhance the physical infrastructure of Rockwell Park but also contribute significantly to the overall well-being of our community. By providing accessible, high-quality recreational spaces, we aim to foster a culture of health and vitality among Bristol's diverse population.

Furthermore, we recognize the broader impact of these renovations on the West End of Bristol, facilitating its evolution into a hub of outdoor recreation and community engagement. While we acknowledge that not all residents may directly utilize these amenities, we are confident that the collective benefits will be far-reaching, enhancing the overall livability and attractiveness of our city.

In conclusion, we urge you to consider our enthusiastic endorsement of the proposed improvements at Rockwell Park. We firmly believe that investing in our parks is an investment in the future of Bristol, fostering a sense of pride and unity among its residents. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to seeing the positive impact of these enhancements on our beloved community.