

## Murphy Announces Over \$3.2 Million in Funding for Waterbury Priorities

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, the House of Representatives passed a collection of annual appropriations bills that included \$3.286 million Congressman Chris Murphy (CT-5) secured for economic priorities in the greater Waterbury area.

"Waterbury is poised to make some great progress on projects that will improve the city's economy and way of life, and I'm thrilled to play a part in making it happen. From bringing the intermodal transportation station from the drawing board to reality, to cleaning up contaminated sites and turning them into taxpaying, job-creating businesses, this funding will help our city for years to come," said Murphy.

The legislation includes:

- \$500,000 for the Waterbury Intermodal Station to house commuter rail service, local and regional bus service, taxi service and shuttle services, as well as tourism, retail and other public service amenities. This is a priority for Murphy, Mayor Jarjura and other elected officials in the city.

- \$487,000 for Waterbury brownfields remediation, to identify the types and concentrations of contaminants in a variety of areas that need to be cleaned to allow for the redevelopment of several sites to attract businesses and jobs. In 2008, Murphy secured \$15 million to clean-up the Waterbury Industrial Commons, a brownfield site in the city that has the potential to generate additional economic development in the city.

- \$200,000 for the Women's Business Development Center, which provides training and technical assistance to women owned businesses in Connecticut.

- \$500,000 to help relocate and/or soundproof homeowners' residences in the Runway Protection Zone at the Waterbury-Oxford Airport. This funding will be used in conjunction with the \$1.2 million that Murphy previously secured for this effort. Murphy continues to fight for funding for this effort and last week, sent a letter to the Administration asking that it include funding for the project in its FY2011 budget request.

- \$974,000 for the Naugatuck River Greenway, an urban trail and alternative transportation corridor along the Naugatuck River stretching from Torrington to Derby, Connecticut.

- \$325,000 for St. Mary's Hospital, to renovate the hospital and add beds that will allow the facility to increase needed healthcare services to area patients.

- \$300,000 for Watertown's Emergency Communications System, to upgrade the town's outdated and unreliable Town Emergency Console in order to ensure the local police, fire, public works, and emergency 911 communications have the ability to communicate seamlessly.

This funding package is expected to be approved by the U.S. Senate and signed by President Obama in the coming weeks.

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