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HAMDEN DELEGATION SECURES BROWNFIELD FUNDING

Thanks to the efforts of Hamden's delegation and the Governor, Hamden has been awarded a \$600,000 grant as part of a 14 town remediation and brownfield revitalization program.

The \$600,000 grant to the Hamden Economic Development Corporation is for abatement and demolition of a portion of the Michael J. Whalen Middle School at 560 Newhall Street to prepare the site for private mixed-use redevelopment.

"The old Middle School has been vacant for too long," Rep. D'Agostino said. "This grant will allow the town to move forward with the economic development of southern Hamden, benefitting the entire neighborhood and the town as a whole."

"I want to thank Governor Malloy for this grant and ensuring that Hamden will receive a portion of the \$6.9 million allocated for his statewide remediation and brownfield clean-up program," **Rep. D'Agostino** said.

"This grant will allow for the vacant Middle School to be transformed into a development that has a real long-term potential benefit for the district," **Rep. Josh Elliott (D-88)** said. "While I disagree with much of the current budget, I want to thank the governor for the funds needed for transforming this site as it will spur vibrant new economic developments, new investments and new jobs for residents in the community."

"One of the ways to spur the economy and create jobs is transform and remediate brownfield sites into something that will benefit the community," **Rep. Robyn Porter (D-94)** said. "I am very thankful that Hamden has received this grant as it will prepare the long vacated middle school to be turned into a mixed used development that will prove useful to the town."

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