



Grant Awarded to Stabilize and Support South Norwalk Neighborhoods Program Supports Equitable, Transit-Oriented Development in Region

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NORWALK CITY HALL--Today, the Tri-State Transportation Campaign (TSTC) and One Region Funders' Group awarded a grant of \$48,000 to the Norwalk Redevelopment Agency to support efforts to promote equitable, sustainable development near the South Norwalk Metro-North Railroad station.

The grant will support a market study and case study review that will result in design and financial tools aimed at stabilizing and revitalizing the area around the station, as well as supporting other transit-oriented development efforts in Norwalk.

"The One Region Funders' Group is excited to support an innovative, forward-thinking project that will promote transit use and spur investment in South Norwalk, while stabilizing and preserving the neighborhoods near the train station which are critical sources of affordable housing," said Karen Brown, vice president of programs for the Fairfield County Community Foundation, a member of the One Region Funders' Group.

"This project takes direct aim at the both the challenges and opportunities facing South Norwalk. We believe the project will bolster the community, while also supporting the City's continuing efforts to develop around this important transit hub," said Nicole Chevalier, program director for the Emily Hall Tremaine Foundation, also a member of One Region.

"Mixed-use development around existing transit service is good for the economy, environment and quality of life," said Ryan Lynch, policy director of the Tri-State Transportation Campaign, a regional transportation policy and advocacy organization. "The Norwalk project is an ideal opportunity for successful, community-driven, transit-oriented development and can serve as a model for redevelopment statewide."

“On behalf of the City of Norwalk I wish to express thanks for the generous support of the Tri-State Transportation Campaign and One Region Funders’ Group. This study will provide substantial support to our transit oriented development effort to make the most of the strategic location advantages, historic fabric, proximity to our waterfront and the richly diverse community which define our South Norwalk Neighborhoods,” said Norwalk Mayor Richard A. Moccia.

“The Norwalk Redevelopment Agency adds its expression of appreciation to Mayor Moccia’s and wishes especially to point out the ongoing partnership of the Fairfield County Community Foundation and Emily Hall Tremaine Foundation, each of which has committed its resources to a future of smart development in the areas surrounding the South Norwalk train station,” said Timothy Sheehan, executive director of the Norwalk Redevelopment Agency.

TSTC and the One Region Funders’ Group also awarded the following grants:

- \$44,500 to the Town of Brookhaven, on Long Island, for a sewer infrastructure study which will support private redevelopment proposals for the area around the Bellport Long Island Rail Road station.
- \$38,500 to the Village of Mamaroneck, in Westchester County, for a transit-oriented development zoning study to support affordable housing, public space, and mixed-use development around the Mamaroneck Metro-North Railroad station.
- \$14,000 for the Flushing-Willets Point-Corona LDC in Queens, New York, for a market analysis to support proposals for affordable and senior housing near the Flushing Long Island Rail Road station.

The four grantees were chosen from over forty applicants throughout the region. The grant award marks the second year of the transit centered development grant program. In 2009, the program awarded \$50,000 to the Town of Stratford for a transit-oriented development study around the town’s Metro-North station.

The One Region Funders’ Group is a partnership of private funders from Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey learning and working together to advance and support transportation planning and reform in the Tri-State region. Foundations participating in the One Region Funders’ Group and contributing toward this initiative include Fairfield County Community Foundation, Emily Hall Tremaine Foundation, Long Island Community Foundation, New York Community Trust, Rauch Foundation, Surdna Foundation, Westchester Community Foundation, Fund for the Environment & Urban Life, Rockefeller Foundation, and Ford Foundation.

The Tri-State Transportation Campaign (TSTC) is a non-profit organization working towards a more balanced, transit-friendly and equitable transportation system in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut.

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