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September 27, 2012

Mr. Dimple Desai  
Community Development Director  
Office of Policy and Management  
Intergovernmental Policy Division  
450 Capitol Avenue, MS #54ORG  
Hartford, CT 06106-1379

Dear Mr. Desai:

We are applying for a Main Street Investment Fund grant to develop a "Shared Street" at the heart of the Village of Ivoryton.

Please find attached to this letter, one original, and one complete copy of the application materials and supporting documentation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Norman M. Needleman

First Selectman

NMN/mpl

Enclosures

# Application

## Main Street Investment Fund

### 1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Municipality: Essex

Mailing Address: 29 West Avenue, Essex CT 06426

Name of Authorized Official: Norman Needleman Title: First Selectman

Telephone #: 860-767-4340 Fax #: 860-767-8509

Email: nneedleman@essexct.gov Municipality FEIN number: 06-6002017

Municipal population as per the latest federal decennial census: 6,683

STEAP Municipality  Yes  No

Grantee's Fiscal Year: From July 1 To June 30

Total Project Cost: \$480,000 Amount of Funding Requested: \$435,000

Name of Project Contact: John Guskowski Title: Town Planner

Telephone #: 860-455-8251 Fax #: 860-767-8509

Email: planner@essexct.gov

### 2. LOCAL APPROVALS

- a. Submit a certified resolution adopted in the last 60 days by the municipality's legislative body:
- Authorizing submission of this grant application;
  - Identifying the individual who can sign the grant application and administer the grant.

The certified resolution should be signed by the City or Town Clerk and embossed with the corporate seal. See **Appendix A** for sample resolution.

- b. Submit a certified statement from the town manager or town engineer that the work performed or to be performed has received proper building permits and that the work has been or will be inspected by the town.

### 3. PRIVATE OWNER INFORMATION (APPLICABLE ONLY if the applicant is seeking funds to reimburse owner of commercial private property)

Owner Name: N/A

Project Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Business Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Project Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Funding Requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### 4. PROJECT INFORMATION

Is there a "plan" that is previously approved by the governing body of the municipality to develop or improve town commercial centers to attract small businesses, promote commercial viability, and improve aesthetics and pedestrian access?  Yes  No

If no, your municipality is not eligible for funding under this program. If yes, please submit a copy of the plan including the approval of the governing body.

In 1000 words or less, summarize how the project will attract small businesses, promote commercial viability, and improve aesthetics and pedestrian access: SEE ATTACHED

#### **Municipal Project**

Project Title: Ivoryton Village Intersection - A Shared Street for the Arts

Is property owned by the municipality?:  Yes  No

If no, who is the property owner and does the applicant have proper authorization/access agreement from the owner to enter the property or work on the property? \_\_\_\_\_

Is project ready to be implemented  Yes  No.

What is the total project cost? 480,000. Provide a copy of the estimates.

Source of these estimates: Architect/Engineer  Contractor  Municipality

Are there other sources of funds for this project:  Yes  No Amount: \$45,000

Is the project consistent with the State Conservation and Development Policies Plan?  Yes  
 No Explain Main St., Ivoryton is a Rural Community Center Area.

Eligible activities to be funded by this grant: Sidewalk and roadway renovation, landscaping

**Owner/s of the commercial private property** (APPLICABLE ONLY if the applicant is seeking funds to reimburse owner of "commercial" private property)

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the project complete?  Yes  No

Has the town reviewed the invoices for the costs to be reimbursed?:  Yes  No

Provided/attached invoices for reimbursement?:  Yes  No

Has the town conducted final inspection of the project?:  Yes  No

Who performed the work? Explain.

Is the project consistent with the State Conservation and Development Policies Plan?

Yes  No Explain \_\_\_\_\_.

Provide reasons for town recommendations for eligible activities to be reimbursed by this grant:

\_\_\_\_\_

Are there other sources of funds for this project:  Yes  No Amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_

### 5. PROJECT PLAN

Submit a detailed project plan which describes (1) the proposed use of the grant funds; (2) the way in which the use of the funds will develop or improve town commercial centers to attract small businesses, promote commercial viability, and improve aesthetics and pedestrian access; (3) a schedule for (a) the use of the funds; and (b) completion of the project; AND (4) project drawings/plans. *SEE ATTACHMENTS*

### 6. PROJECT BUDGET (see Appendix B for a sample budget)

*SEE ATTACHMENTS*

ELIGIBLE PROJECT EXPENDITURES	TOWN SHARE	STATE SHARE	OTHER SOURCE* _____
1.	\$_____	\$_____	\$_____
2.	\$_____	\$_____	\$_____
3.	\$_____	\$_____	\$_____
4.	\$_____	\$_____	\$_____
5.	\$_____	\$_____	\$_____
6.	\$_____	\$_____	\$_____
7.	\$_____	\$_____	\$_____
8.	\$_____	\$_____	\$_____
9.	\$_____	\$_____	\$_____
10.	\$_____	\$_____	\$_____
<b>Total Project Expenditures</b>	\$_____	\$_____	\$_____

\* Identify other source – such as Private owner or Federal, etc. Use this column to show the reimbursement to commercial private owner.

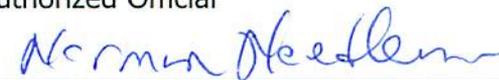
My signature below, for and on behalf of TOWN OF ESSEX, indicates  
Name of Grantee

acceptance of the following and further certifies that:

1. I have the authority to submit this grant application;
2. I will comply with the General Grant Conditions and Special Conditions, if any;
3. I understand that funding associated with this grant application is one-time in nature and that there is no obligation for additional funding from the Office of Policy and Management or the State of Connecticut;
4. I understand that should this grant application be approved, such state funds shall be expended within the time frame specified in the Notice of Grant Award (NOGA);
5. I understand that requests to extend the grant end date shall be submitted in writing to the Office of Policy and Management no later than thirty (30) days before the grant end date as specified in the NOGA;
6. I understand that unexpended funds shall be returned to the State of Connecticut within sixty (60) days of the grant end date;
7. I understand that if this organization meets the requirements of the State Single Audit Act, Sections 4-230 through 4-236, as amended, of the Connecticut General Statutes, the organization is required to submit a State Single Audit, at its own expense, no later than six (6) months after the end of the audit period. If this organization is not required to submit a State Single Audit, the organization is required to submit a final accounting of the grant expenditures within sixty (60) days of the grant end date; and
8. I hereby certify that the statements contained in the responses to this application and accompanying documents are true to the best of my knowledge and belief and that I know of no reason why the applicant cannot complete the project in accordance with the representations contained herein.



Authorized Official



Print Name



Title



\*Date:

\* The application must be signed subsequent to the adoption of the resolution by the local legislative body.

**MAIN STREET INVESTMENT FUND**  
**2012 Project Application**  
**“Ivoryton Village Intersection – A Shared Street for the Arts”**

#### **4. Project Information**

Over the past five years, the Town of Essex, led by its Planning Commission, has undertaken a number of related studies and development of plans to assist in the revitalization of its village centers and commercial areas. Pursuing implementation of the goals of the 2005 Plan of Conservation and Development (PoCD), the Planning Commission convened studies on revitalizing Ivoryton Center (2007-2009), a town-wide Transportation Study (2009-2011), a Safe Routes to School Plan (2009), and Architectural Design Review options (2010-2011). Each of these studies focused on structural and regulatory improvements that the Town could make to promote redevelopment and revitalization of the historic villages of Essex, Centerbrook, and Ivoryton, the multi-modal connectivity between these areas as well as the commercial hub in Bokum, promote pedestrian and bicycle accessibility, and enhance and support the existing community and architectural character of these areas.

The work conducted in support of these studies and plans has already resulted in a number of implementation steps, including:

- Adoption of “Ivoryton Center” Supplement to PoCD, approved 2009;
- Creation of “Ivoryton Center Zone” mixed-use District, 2009 – still pending before Zoning Commission;
- Development of historic property survey for three Villages, funded by 2010 “Historic Preservation Survey and Planning” grant from DECD;
- Development of nomination of Ivoryton Village to National Register of Historic Places, funded by 2012 “Historic Preservation Survey and Planning” grant from DECD (currently in process);
- Safe Routes to School implementation grant to improve pedestrian access to Essex Elementary School and better connect sidewalks from Centerbrook to Ivoryton (currently in process);
- Creation of ad-hoc subcommittee, entitled Transportation Options Promoting Public Safety (TOPPS), seeking opportunities to implement traffic-calming measures in key areas within the three Villages (2012 and ongoing);
- Ivoryton Village Community Wastewater study (2011), seeking to explore opportunities for shared wastewater management for business and residential expansion; and
- Participation in EPA’s “Sustainable Communities Building Blocks” pilot program.

The current project proposal most specifically seeks to enact the implementation recommendations of “Volume III – Implementation Plan” of the Town-wide Transportation Study adopted by the Planning Commission in 2011 and the Town in 2012. In Part II of this Volume (pages 2-12 through 2-16), the Plan recommends specific changes to the streetscape and infrastructure to better create “A Village for the Arts.” Home to the historic Ivoryton Library, the iconic cultural center of the Ivoryton Playhouse, the vibrant Ivoryton Farmers’ Market, and a number of active shops and eateries, the center of Ivoryton

Village suffers from a number of traffic problems. The calming of traffic and creation of an iconic, shared “Village Center” intersection at Main Street and Summit Street will dramatically improve the recognition of Ivoryton as a unified “place” to visitors and residents as well as promote a more active cultural and economic presence. Specific elements of the implementation of this Plan to be undertaken through the Main Street Investment Fund (MSIF) include:

- Creation of “shared street” through the addition of stamped and colored concrete (to appear as brick) from Summit Street at Fire Station to Main Street intersection and then along Main Street to Ivoryton Library;
- Renovation of existing crosswalks on Main Street west of Summit Street and on Summit Street just north of Main Street;
- Narrowing of Main Street at Summit Street in front of Ivoryton Playhouse through the expansion and landscaping of new pedestrian area;
- Installation of new crosswalk from primary parking area for Ivoryton Playhouse (Echtman lot) across Main Street to new, expanded curb area on north side of Main Street; and
- Installation of at-grade “Village Seal” in stamped concrete at center of Main Street/Summit Street intersection.

Future placemaking enhancements, to be undertaken by the Town of Essex, include installation of additional streetlights on both sides of Main Street eastward to intersection of Ivory Street; addition of landscaping elements along Echtman property on south side of Main Street; and repaving/formalization of parking area owned by Echtman and Ivoryton Playhouse on south side of Main Street.

The improvements included in this MSIF proposal have been endorsed the Ivoryton Village Alliance, whose members include representatives of many key business owners and cultural keystones of Ivoryton Village. The proposed improvements will have the effect of slowing vehicular traffic in Ivoryton Village, improving pedestrian safety, providing strong inter-connections between businesses, cultural centers, entertainment opportunities, recreation, and parking areas throughout the core of Ivoryton Village, and reinforcing a “sense of place” for Ivoryton that will serve to promote economic and civic activity from residents and visitors alike.

This proposal represents the culmination of numerous formal studies and plans, hundreds of hours of analysis and planning by municipal officials, volunteers, and stakeholders, and countless conversations of residents, business-owners, and visitors to Ivoryton. It represents the best opportunity to create an iconic central hub for Ivoryton Village and enhance the special sense of place and history that has shaped Ivoryton for decades.

**CONNECTICUT MAIN STREET INVESTMENT FUND**  
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**5. Project Plan**

This project, as described in Application Item #4 (“Project Information”) is a direct implementation step of the 2011 Town-Wide Transportation Study seeking to continue to enhance the Village of Ivoryton as a “Village for the Arts.” The core of Ivoryton is home and host to the historic Ivoryton Library, the iconic and vibrant Ivoryton Playhouse, and the active Ivoryton Farmers’ Market. The intersection of Summit Street and Main Street is a true crossroads, bringing together the Village’s largest parking area, it’s primary cultural attraction, a public park, a library, and numerous shopping and dining establishments. It is also currently a relatively unfriendly place for the numerous pedestrians crossing Main Street or Summit Street.

The project is detailed visually in Attachment 7 (Project Drawings – 2 pages). Simply put, this grant proposal will create a “shared street” at the core of the Village of Ivoryton through the installation of colored, stamped concrete along approximately 18,000 square feet of Main Street and Summit Street, the extension of a curb to narrow the crossing distance of Main Street from the primary parking area to the Playhouse area, and to install new crosswalks across Main Street and Summit Street. The existing planted island at the mouth of Summit Street will be removed and replaced by a new, iconic Village Seal to be installed at grade. The specific design of the Village Seal will be developed as part of a design competition hosted by the Ivoryton Village Alliance as a keystone of community pride, outreach, and development efforts and will raise awareness and support for businesses and attractions in Ivoryton.

Specific project components include:

- Milling, preparation, and installation of stamped concrete street on approximately 18,000 square feet of Main Street and Summit Street, Ivoryton;
- Removal of curbed, planted island at mouth of Summit Street;
- Design development and installation of at-grade Village Seal at intersection of Main Street and Summit Street;
- Installation/establishment of four concrete crosswalks (approximately 10’ x 30’ each) along Main Street and Summit Street;
- Extension/bump-out of curbing along northeast corner of Main Street/Summit Street intersection to narrow crossing distance of Main Street from primary Playhouse parking area to Playhouse;
- Installation of landscape plantings between sidewalk and Echtman parking area.

The project seeks to accomplish a number of goals simultaneously that will improve conditions in the Ivoryton Main Street area. First and foremost, the addition of the shared street elements will assist dramatically in slowing traffic through Ivoryton Village and improving the pedestrian environment. Because so many of the key uses (parking, library, playhouse, farmers market, dining) require the crossing of either Main Street or Summit Street, the installation of a shared street component will help unify the Village for visitors and residents, tying together these key elements visually and with a strong pedestrian network. The curb extension and installation of a new crosswalk will solve the primary pedestrian problem of the current 60-70’ uncontrolled pedestrian crossing between the Echtman parking area and the Playhouse. From a planning standpoint, the

Village of Ivoryton has identified this intersection as a critical one from an economic and community development. A unified, iconic central intersection helps to establish and reinforce the sense of place for the Village and gives the center a focal point of activity.

The economic development advantages derive directly from the enhanced sense of place and knitting together of the pedestrian, business, cultural, recreational, and parking resources in the core of Ivoryton Village. The 2009 Ivoryton Village Study, the 2009 Ivoryton Center supplement to the 2005 Essex Plan of Conservation and Development, and the 2011 Transportation Study all speak to the need for complete and shared streets in the core of Ivoryton being critical to vitality and continued economic growth. The shared street, slowing traffic and encouraging increased pedestrian and civic activity, will lend to the sense of Ivoryton as a preferred destination not only for visitors and incoming businesses, but also for existing residents and business owners.

**Timeframes and Management Plan**

Month:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Notice to proceed	X											
Contracting with State	X	X										
Final engineering drawings/specs	X	X										
Convene Design competition team		X										
Roadway project bidding			X	X								
Contractor selection/contracting					X	X						
Design competition			X	X	X							
Street demolition/project preparation						X						
Project installation							X	X				
Closeout									X	X		

As is demonstrated in the above timeframe, it is anticipated that, given reasonable contracting expectations and weather conditions, the entire project will be completed within 10-11 months of notice to proceed.

The project will be managed through the office of the First Selectmen, with the Town Planner providing primary contract administrative coordination and support, and the Public Works Director and Town Engineer acting as construction contract administrators. The design competition for the Village Seal will be managed by the Town Planner and an ad-hoc committee of the Ivoryton Village Alliance.

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**6. Project Budget**

<b>Eligible Project Expenditures</b>	<b>TOWN SHARE</b>	<b>STATE SHARE</b>	<b>OTHER SOURCE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
1. Engineering fees/final project design drawings	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
2. Roadway excavation and preparation	\$25,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$125,000
3. Shared Street concrete stamping	\$0	\$225,000	\$0	\$225,000
4. Village Seal template design	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
5. Village Seal stamping/install.	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000
6. Crosswalk concrete stamping	\$0	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000
7. Curb expansion/bump-out improvements	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000
8. Landscaping along Main Street	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000
<b>Total Project Expenditures</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>	<b>\$435,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$480,000</b>

**Explanation of budget breakdown**

Applicant is seeking funds to mill and re-surface the central intersection of the Village of Ivoryton to create an iconic downtown shared street. Current roadway asphalt and chip-seal will be replaced with stamped concrete colored and textured with appearance of red brick. Approximately 17,000 square feet of roadway will be re-surfaced. Four intersections (approx. 15' x 30') will be established. A section of curb will be added, approximately 1,250 square feet, to narrow the crossing distance at the eastern edge of Summit Street at Main Street. The existing raised, curbed planting island in the intersection will be removed and replaced with a larger, at-grade Village Seal. Cost estimates were developed by: John Guskowski, AICP, Town Planner; Charles Eaton, PE, consulting engineer; David Caroline, Essex Public Works Director; and Artistic Stamped Concrete, LLC (potential bidding vendor).

## Checklist of required Documents

Identify documents submitted with the Application:

- Attachment 1: Legislative Body Resolution
- Attachment 2: Certified Statement
- Attachment 3: Project Location Map and a map of the Town Commercial Center
- Attachment 4: A copy of approved Plan with a copy of the resolution adopted by the Governing body approving the Plan
- Attachment 5: Cost estimates
- Attachment 6: Contracts with architect/engineers and contractors, if applicable *N/A*
- Attachment 7: Project drawings/plans, if applicable
- Attachment 8: Invoices from the commercial private owner for reimbursement, when available *N/A*



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## Special Town Meeting September 19, 2012

A Special Town Meeting was held on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. and adopted a resolution by a vote of Yea 6 Nay -- which:

Authorizes submission of the funding application for Ivoryton Village Center Intersection under the Main Street Investment Fund Program referenced in Section 78 and 79 of the PA 11-1; and

Identifies, Norman M. Needleman, First Selectman as an individual authorized to sign the Main Street Investment Fund Application and administer the project. Such application is attached to and made a part of this record.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Town Seal of the Town of Essex this 20th day of September, 2012.

  
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Frances D. Nolin, Town Clerk



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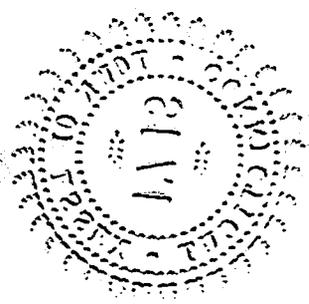
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## Certified Statement from the First Selectman

I, Norman M. Needleman, do hereby certify that I am the First Selectman of the Town of Essex, located at 29 West Avenue, Essex, Connecticut.

I further certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief that the work to be performed will have proper permits and that the work will be inspected by the Town.

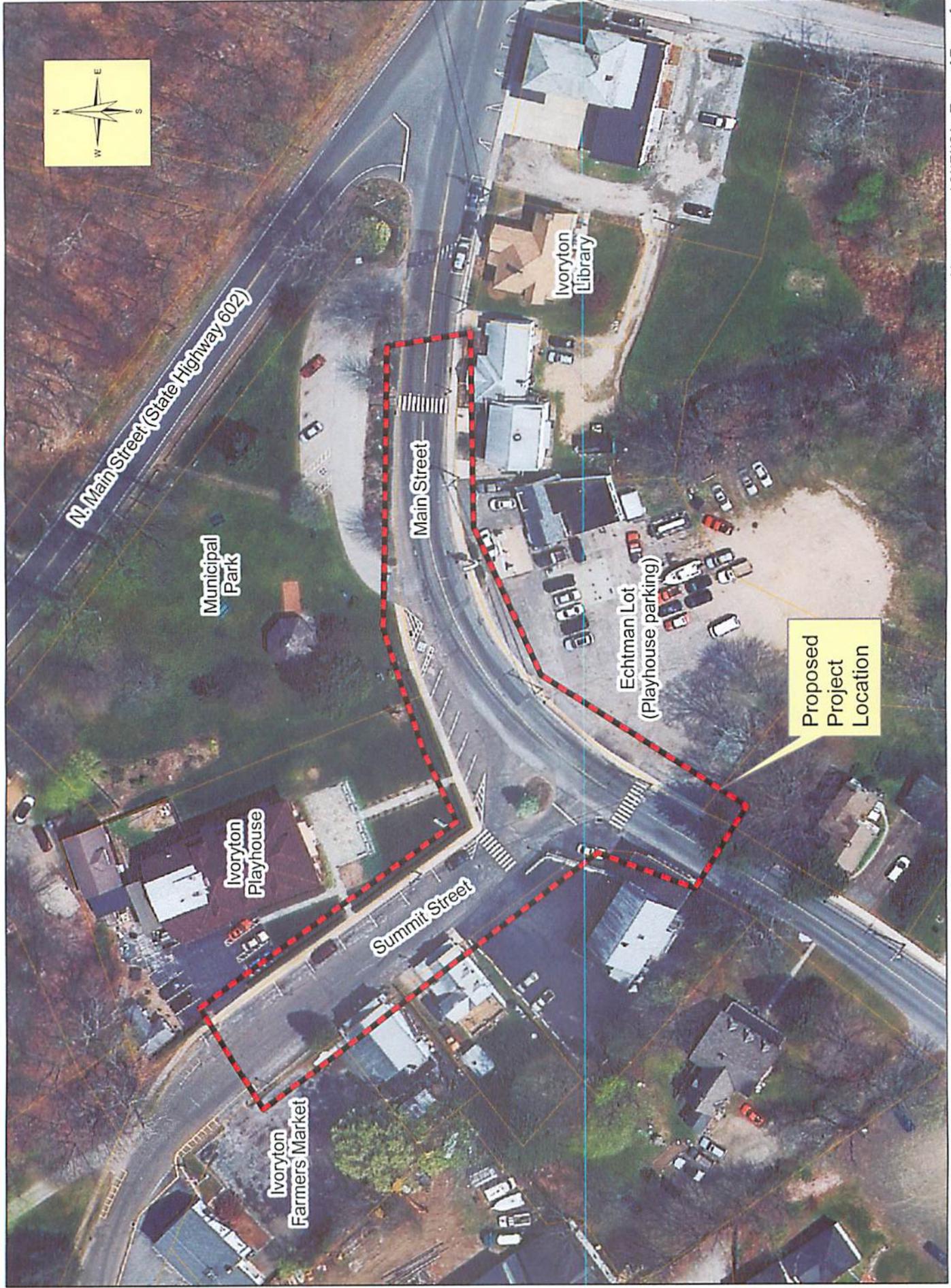
Executed this 19<sup>th</sup> days of September, 2012 at Essex, Connecticut.

Signature of Declarant

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Norman M. Needleman  
First Selectman

Connecticut Main Street Investment Fund Grant 2012 - Ivoryton Village Intersection: A Shared Street for the Arts  
Attachment 3: Project Location Map/Town Commercial Center





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### Signatory Authorizing Resolution

I, Frances D. Nolin, the duly qualified and Town Clerk of the Town of Essex, a municipality organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut, do hereby certify that the following is a full and true copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Essex, duly held on the 5th of September, 2012, and is on file and of record, and that said resolution has not been altered, amended or revoked and is in full force and effect.

**Resolved** that the Governing body of the Town of Essex approves the 2011 Essex Town-Wide Transportation Study and endorses the recommendations, contained in Volume III - Implementation Plan, that seek to develop or improve town commercial centers to attract small businesses, promoted commercial viability, and improve aesthetics and pedestrian access.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the Town of Essex this 6th day of September, 2012.

Frances D. Nolin  
 Town Clerk





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**ATTACHMENT 5 – Cost Estimates**

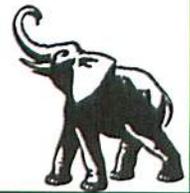
<b>Item Description</b>	<b>Unit Costs</b>	<b>Units Required</b>	<b>Total</b>
Roadway milling/preparation	\$4/sq. ft.	18,000 sq. ft	\$72,000
Colored concrete installation and stamping	\$12/sq. ft	17,000 sq. ft	\$204,000
Village Seal template development and stamping	\$25,000	1	\$25,000
Crosswalk concrete installation and stamping	\$14/sq. ft.	1,200 sq. ft.	\$16,800
New curbing for curb extension	\$45/lf	225 lin. Ft.	\$10,000
New concrete sidewalk for extended curb	\$90/sq. yd	40 sq. yd	\$3,500
Pavement marking	\$1000	1	\$1,000
Remove existing bituminous; loam/seedling	\$10/sf	400 sq. ft.	\$4,000
Landscape plantings- material and installation	\$100/sq. ft.	150 sq. ft.	\$15,000

Cost estimates prepared and reviewed by:      John Guszowski, AICP (Town Planner)  
    David Caroline (Public Works Director)  
    Charles Eaton, PE (Consulting Engineer)  
    Artistic Stamped Concrete, LLC (Vendor)



# IVORYTON VILLAGE ALLIANCE

P.O. Box 214, Ivoryton, Connecticut 06442



John P. Guskowski, AICP, LEED-AP  
Director of Planning Services  
CME Associates, Inc.  
32 Crabtree Lane, PO Box 849  
Woodstock, CT 06281

September 21, 2012

Dear John,

On behalf of all of the members of the Ivoryton Village Alliance, please accept this letter of support for the "shared street" project for the Village of Ivoryton.

The Ivoryton Alliance is an active coalition of shops, businesses, restaurants, and services with a mission to create a sense of community for the residents living in Ivoryton village. We produce three special events annually including a July 4th parade, a Pumpkin Festival and a large scale Holiday Light exhibition featuring over 200,000 lights that attracts over 5,000 people to the village. In 2012 we started a weekly Farmers Market that has been very successful in attracting people of all ages to Ivoryton.

We whole heartedly support the Town of Essex application to make changes to the streetscape and infrastructure to better create "A Village for the Arts." This area will encompass the Ivoryton Library, the Ivoryton Playhouse, Six Summit Art Gallery, the Ivoryton Farmers' Market, and a number of businesses and restaurants in the center of Ivoryton. We see great value in tying together all of these assets of our village and creating a sense of community that will benefit residents both economically and commercially.

We believe this application will be the best opportunity to create a central hub for Ivoryton and enhance the special sense of place and history that has shaped our village for decades. Please support this grant and give the Town of Essex the means to complete this project.

Yours sincerely,



Jim Crowell  
President  
Ivoryton Village Alliance



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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

September 27, 2012

To Whom This May Concern:

Please accept this letter in support for the for the "shared street" project for the Village of Ivoryton.

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I believe this application is a terrific opportunity in order to create a central hub for Ivoryton and will enhance the special sense of place and history that has shaped our village for decades.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Philip J. Miller".

Philip J. Miller  
State Representative 36<sup>th</sup> District