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REP. McGEE ANNOUNCES FUNDS FOR STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS AND YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION

State Representative Brandon McGee (D - Windsor, Hartford) applauds recently approved funds for street scape improvements and youth violence prevention in Hartford.

“I am very pleased to see the multifaceted streetscape project that I have worked on since its inception 6 years ago when I approached Development Services about establishing a new vision for the commercial portion of Main Street moving forward,” **Rep. McGee** said. “Under the official name of [ReImagine, Revitalize and ReAssert Main Street](#) - The Northeast Neighborhood Project, we worked toward a vision of a complete transformation of Main Street that will revitalize and promote economic activity in the area.”

\$3,400,000 was approved for the City of Hartford to finance streetscape improvements along Main Street from Earl Street to the Windsor town line.

“Violence prevention, especially in our youth population, has always been high on my priority list for action and support,” **Rep. McGee** said. “The work of the Police Athletic League and Boys and Girls Club in conjunction with the Neighborhood Security/Fellows project is a great step forward in our work at addressing violence before it has a chance to take root and manifest. I am looking forward to seeing this important work unfold.”

\$50,000,000 was approved to finance the renovation of the former Thomas J. Quirk Middle School in Hartford for use by the Police Athletic League as a Boys and Girls Club and for use by the Hartford Police Academy. The project will create classrooms for homework, reading, tutoring, vocational training and computer arts programs, athletic and recreation facilities and restoration of the pool for community use.

This project is designated as a Neighborhood Security/Fellows project, a pilot program designed to foster neighborhood safety in urban environments and serve as a blueprint to reduce neighborhood gun violence state-wide. It will support job training and hiring programs for youth at risk of being perpetrators or victims of gun violence.

The funding for both projects was recently approved by the State Bond Commission.

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