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REP. McCARTHY VAHEY HAILS FUNDS FOR FAIRFIELD

State Rep. Cristin McCarthy Vahey (D-Fairfield) applauds the approval today by the State Bond Commission of funds she championed for a Rooster River Study and the Center for Family Justice.

“Flooding has been a problem for years around Rooster River with residential and commercial structures susceptible to flooding and evacuations during heavy downpours,” **Rep. McCarthy Vahey** said. “Safety has also been a major concern during periods of flooding. Here in Fairfield we saw tragedy in 2006 when one of our own residents died due to the flooding of the Rooster River. The proposed project will ultimately improve the inland flooding along the river, protect properties, and improve our ability to develop properties and promote business. These initial funds will allow the town to get this important project off the ground and moving forward.”

\$30,000 will be allocated to finance a new study of Rooster River in Fairfield. This study will update the 2003 Rooster River Flood report to reflect the current conditions within the watershed.

The Center for Family Justice serves victims of domestic violence and sexual assault from Fairfield, Bridgeport, Easton, Fairfield, Monroe, Stratford and Trumbull. Many Fairfield volunteers work together with the Center’s staff to break the cycle of abuse and violence by providing [services](http://centerforfamilyjustice.org/about-us/what-we-do/services/) that create hope, restore lives and drive social change through education and community collaboration. For more info on the services they provide see <http://centerforfamilyjustice.org/about-us/what-we-do/services/>

“These funds will provide important safety upgrades for the state’s first Family Justice Center. The Center follows national best practices of allowing survivors to receive services and support in one location. I applaud the staff of the Center and the Governor for his commitment to survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. These funds will improve the safety of all those who receive services and those who work to support survivors,” **Rep. McCarthy Vahey** said.

\$479,018 will be allocated to provide a supplemental grant-in-aid to The Center for Family Justice to assist with renovations and improvements to its building at 753 Fairfield Avenue in Bridgeport to establish a Family Justice Center.

Cristin McCarthy Vahey represents Fairfield’s 133rd Assembly District. She serves on the Appropriations, Education and Transportations Committees.

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