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Honorable City Council Members
The City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, NY 10550
(Through the Office of the Mayor)

RE: Legislative Referral – Acceptance of Grant for the Revitalization of Fourth Street Park

Dear Honorable City Council Members,

I am pleased to submit this legislative referral for your consideration regarding the acceptance of a grant awarded by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) under the Environmental Protection Fund grant program for the revitalization of Fourth Street Park.

The City of Mount Vernon has been awarded funding in the amount of **\$675,000**, under **Project #241972**, which will support the reimagining and redevelopment of Fourth Street Park. This initiative aligns with the City's commitment to improving recreational facilities, increasing green space access, and promoting community engagement through upgraded amenities.

Additionally, this project is **strategically associated with the Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP) grant**, awarded by the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) for the South Fourth Street Park Green Infrastructure Project (Project No. 2152). The City of Mount Vernon has been awarded up to **\$1,790,000 in funding** under the GIGP program, which will support the integration of green infrastructure elements, including porous pavement, stormwater street trees, bioretention systems, and a green wall. The combined impact of these two grants will not only modernize Fourth Street Park but also introduce environmentally sustainable solutions to enhance stormwater management and climate resilience.

Key Grant Requirements and Next Steps:

- The City must submit a **signed authorizing resolution** to accept the grant and enter into a contract with OPRHP, once available;
- Compliance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) and other regulatory requirements must be met prior to the commencement of work;
- The City must provide essential documentation, including a **boundary map, property deed, and an opinion of municipal counsel**, to finalize the grant agreement;
- Coordination with OPRHP's Regional Grant Administrator (RGA) to develop an implementation plan, project scope, and budget allocation.



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Request for Council Action:

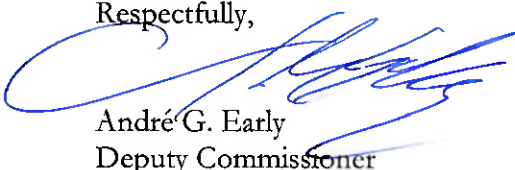
To ensure the City of Mount Vernon can fully leverage this grant opportunity, I respectfully request that the City Council:

1. **Adopt a resolution authorizing acceptance of the grant** and execution of the necessary agreements with OPRHP.
2. **Approve the submission of all required documents** to OPRHP in a timely manner.
3. **Support the allocation of resources and administrative coordination** necessary to advance the revitalization project in compliance with state guidelines.

The revitalization of Fourth Street Park represents a significant investment in our community's recreational infrastructure, promoting a more vibrant and accessible public space for our residents. Should you require further information, department leadership is available to discuss any aspects of this grant opportunity.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,


André G. Early
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cc: Office of the Mayor
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