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Town of Mansfield Receives \$450,000 Grant for Storrs Center

March 28, 2012 – Governor Dannel P. Malloy recently announced that the Town of Mansfield was the recipient of a \$450,000 grant from the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) as part of \$16 million in loans and grants awarded throughout the state for brownfield projects. The funding will be used for investigation and soil remediation as part of the construction of Storrs Center, as identified in the Storrs Center Municipal Development Plan.

Storrs Center is a mixed-use, pedestrian-oriented downtown currently under construction in Mansfield, adjacent to the University of Connecticut campus and across the street from key civic uses, including E. O. Smith High School, Mansfield Town Hall, and the Mansfield Community Center. The downtown will combine restaurant, retail, services, offices, and residential spaces in a compact, walkable neighborhood accessible to existing commercial buildings and residential neighborhoods as well as public outdoor recreational facilities.

Town Manager Matthew Hart expressed his appreciation of the grant. “We were very pleased to be one of the few communities to receive this Brownfields grant. This grant will assist our efforts to develop Storrs Center in an environmentally responsible and sustainable manner.”

The first phase of Storrs Center is scheduled to open in August 2012. For more information about Storrs Center, visit www.storrscenter.com.