



# TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD

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### **Mayor Wong and Senator McCrory Applaud Historic Award of Rockwell Park Funding of \$4 Million**

**BLOOMFIELD, CT** – The State of Connecticut Community Investment Fund 2030 Board announced its fourth round of projects on Tuesday morning and amongst these awards was a \$4,000,000 grant for improvements to Bloomfield's Rockwell Park.

Town of Bloomfield Mayor Danielle C. Wong and Connecticut State Senator Douglas McCrory have been working in tandem on funding for this project, which was developed to address the need for park improvements and the revitalization of the Blue Hills neighborhood.

"This has been the culmination of over four years of intentional work and advocacy. I want to thank the Community Investment Fund Board, along with Senator McCrory and our State Legislative Delegation, for providing the Town of Bloomfield with the funding it needs to help revitalize Rockwell Park and the Blue Hills neighborhood," said Wong. "This announcement will help us bring new light to Rockwell, transforming a well-known park into a new gathering place by bringing the community and surrounding communities together through both active and passive recreation."

"I also want to thank our Director of Parks, Recreation, & Leisure Services Dave Melesko, as well as our Rockwell Park Planning Committee, chaired by Lynette Easmon, and includes members James Jenkins, Kimberly Dunbar, Renae James, and Gail Nolan," Wong added.

Located on the eastside of Bloomfield, this project will have a direct impact on the neighborhood in which there are nearly 700 homes within walking distance and who are the primary target population, but it will also serve and attract the greater community of 21,535 residents bringing in needed investment and spending to the neighborhood.

"This grant from the Community Investment Fund is a clear win for kids and families from the Blue Hills neighborhood who will benefit from a revitalized Rockwell Park," Senator McCrory said. "Thanks to the combined efforts of the Bloomfield Legislative Delegation and Mayor Wong, our residents will have access to safe and well-lit sports facilities, giving members of our community more opportunities to engage in active, healthy activities."

This project addresses the needs of the community by adding new outdoor basketball courts coupled with lighting, park gathering space and structures, additional community gardens, dedicated safe space walking paths and safety lighting, exercise stations, a playscape, and more.

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A groundbreaking ceremony for the project will take place later this spring.

### **The State of Connecticut Community Investment Fund 2030**

The CIF will award up to \$175 million each fiscal year. It will be awarded across two or more application periods per year. The fund is a statewide program authorized in Section 32-285a of the Connecticut General Statutes

### ***About the Town of Bloomfield***

Bloomfield is a picturesque Connecticut town, graced with rural beauty, abundant land, quality schools, dynamic commercial building projects, and a highly educated work force. Located just 10 miles west of the state capital of Hartford, the Town encompasses 26.4 square miles and has a population of 21,000 residents. Visit: [www.bloomfieldct.gov](http://www.bloomfieldct.gov)