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New Haven Green Fund, Inc.
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President's Report

The Greater New Haven Green Fund continues to serve the Greater New Haven community by issuing grants for projects that address environmental and public health in our communities through a competitive grant application process. New Haven, East Haven, Hamden and Woodbridge agreed to establish an environmental fund to address environmental and public health initiatives in distressed areas of the region when the City of New Haven sold their Water Pollution Control Authority to the newly established quasi regional authority, the Greater New Haven Water Pollution Control Authority. The New Haven Green Fund is that environmental fund; the endowment is part of the Greater New Haven Community Foundation's corporate fund.

We completed 5 years of granting this year and are initiating efforts to develop outcome measures and metrics for our funding; how do we measure our impact in the community? We have several new board members that have joined us recently; we are excited to move forward with another strategic planning session to revisit our mission, goals, values and areas of interest and plan how to develop and grow. We welcome input from the public on what you think are important ways for us to support environmental and public health initiatives in our region and help us identify important issue areas of interest.

Since inception of our grant making in 2012, we have awarded 60 grants totaling \$225,000 to 27 community organizations ranging in size from grassroots to large non-profits. Approximately half of our grants have funded projects by five local organizations: Solar Youth, New Haven Land Trust, Urban Resource Initiatives, Connecticut Fund for the Environment and Common Ground High School while the other half has gone to 22 other organizations representing diverse community environmental and public health efforts. Due to the activities of organizations that we have funded, the Greater New Haven Community has benefited from: air and water clean-up activities, sustainability development; environmental education to create future leaders; better community tools, community planning and education; and increased public access to natural resources. The list of past grant awardees and their projects can be viewed on our website, www.gnhgreenfund.org.

Respectfully submitted by Lynne Bonnett, President, New Haven Green Fund, Inc.