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### Alberts Welcomes \$500,000 Grant to Brooklyn



The town of Brooklyn has landed a \$500,000 state road repair grant to improve access for area residents, property owners and emergency vehicles on Paradise Drive.

"I am very pleased that Brooklyn has been awarded funds necessary to make critical repairs to Paradise Drive," said State Rep. Mike Alberts (R-Woodstock). "The state of

Connecticut continues to recognize the enormous cost of major enhancements to our rural road system as evidenced by this grant".

The \$500,000 will go toward repairs on Paradise Drive. A drainage system will be installed, and the gravel road will be widened and paved, making it more accessible to emergency vehicles, snow plows, and delivery vehicles.

It was one of 28 small cities grants recently approved by the administration of Gov. M. Jodi Rell.

"Our small towns are often first to feel the financial impact during tough economic times, and local governments are forced to scale back important capital projects. However, the Small Cities program is an invaluable resource that allows the state and federal governments to assist these communities," said Governor Rell.

The state Department of Economic Development administers the Small Cities program, which is funded by a federal block grant. In the 2008 round of funding, 14 grants will be used for affordable or senior housing projects.

"It is essential that our most vulnerable citizens have safe, secure housing options," Governor Rell said. "These grants will go a long way in assisting our elderly residents and others struggling during these tough economic times."

Small Cities grants will also be used for senior centers, town halls, a library and several street repair projects.

Rep. Mike Alberts serves the 50<sup>th</sup> assembly district of Brooklyn, Eastford, Hampton, Pomfret and Woodstock in the state House of Representatives.