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Rep. Bacchiochi: STEAP grants will benefit towns of the 52nd District



State Rep. Penny Bacchiochi is pleased to announce \$800,200 in STEAP grants for the towns of Somers, Stafford and Union. Gov. M. Jodi Rell and the state bonding commission approved the funds at their meeting on March 28.

The following projects were awarded funding:

- \$380,000 for streetscape and traffic flow improvements in Somers.
- \$300,000 for reconstruction of a portion of Prospect Street in Stafford Springs.
- \$120,200 for a salt storage building in Union.

“I’d like to thank Gov. Rell, state Sen. Tony Guglielmo (R-Stafford) and John Kissel (R-Enfield) for their support of these projects,” said Rep. Bacchiochi. “All of these projects are necessary and will benefit the residents of Somers, Stafford and Union. Any funding we can provide from the state will also help ease the local tax burden in these difficult times.”

The state funded STEAP grants provide funds to eligible towns for economic development, community conservation and quality of life projects. To be eligible, a town must have a population of less than 30,000 residents, not be designated as a distressed municipality or a public investment community, and not have an urban center. The state Office of Policy and Management administers this program, and individual projects are managed by several state agencies including DECD.

More than \$19.7 million in STEAP funds for 72 towns were approved by the Bond Commission on March 28. The funds will enable 83 projects across the state to move forward.