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Rep. Noujaim: Bond Commission Approves Grant for Waterbury Association for Retarded Citizens



Grant will Fund Repair and Replacement of Sanitary Sewer Pipes at WARC's East Main Street Facility

The State Bond Commission has approved a \$30,826 grant for the repair and replacement of sanitary sewer pipes at the Waterbury Association for Retarded Citizens (WARC) facility at 1929 East Main Street at its meeting Friday, state Representative Selim G. Noujaim announced today.

The Bond Commission approved the funding at its regular monthly meeting Friday at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford.

“This grant will enable WARC to undertake major repairs to sewer pipes that run from its East Main Street facility to the municipal line in the middle of the street,” said Representative Noujaim, R-Waterbury. “The work this grant will pay for is critical to the continued health and safety of WARC’s staff and clients as well as the preschool students who attend classes at the facility. I’d like to thank Governor Rell and the Bond Commission for approving this funding.”

“Our building’s sewer pipes have deteriorated to the point that we were constantly calling in technicians to perform emergency repairs to keep them functioning,” said WARC Director Deborah Vitarelli. “Our request for the grant has been pending for some time now, so I was overjoyed to hear that it is up for approval by the Bond Commission this Friday. The timing is perfect because spring is upon us. That means the work can get underway during good weather and, after the new pipes are installed, the road can be patched up without causing major traffic problems or inconveniencing people entering and exiting the building.”

One of the sewer pipes is partially collapsed and the other has several cracks. If the sewer pipes had continued to deteriorate and become unusable, sewage could have backed up into the basement, forcing the facility to close, Ms. Vitarelli said.