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Rep. Fontana & Sen. Fasano: North Haven Awarded \$281,000 from State

State Representative Steve Fontana (D-North Haven) and State Senator Len Fasano (R-North Haven) announced that the State Bond Commission has approved two STEAP (Small Town Economic Assistance Program) grants totaling \$281,370 for North Haven. North Haven will receive \$188,000 for the design and construction of a new playground at Clintonville Elementary School and for drainage improvements. A second grant for \$95,370 has also been awarded to offset the cost of replacing and refurbishing the sidewalks on Skiff Street.

"I'm pleased to have worked with Senator Fasano and the administration to make the STEAP grant for Clintonville School a reality," Rep. Fontana said. "When I helped to create the STEAP program several years ago, I hoped that it would help to fund important projects in North Haven like this one. I congratulate the Clintonville children, parents, and teachers who worked really hard to raise their part of the project's funding, and look forward to celebrating the project's completion with them."

"I am delighted the Town of North Haven has been selected to receive two STEAP grant awards in 2011," said Sen. Fasano. "I commend the parents of the students at Clintonville School and the Town for working diligently on the grant application, and I was pleased to support their efforts to renovate the playground at Clintonville School. I am also pleased that funds will be available for much needed new sidewalks on Skiff Street. Both these grants give North Haven an opportunity to make our community safer and better for every resident, young and old.

"I'm also glad that the town pursued a STEAP grant to make sidewalk improvements on Skiff Street," Rep. Fontana added. "As a kid, I walked up and down Skiff Street for many years to get to and from my home on Crestview Drive. Fixing the street's sidewalks will make it that much easier for people who live in that part of town to get home without worrying about their safety."

STEAP is a state-funded program that provides money for projects that encourage economic growth without changing the character of a town, and was created by the General Assembly in 2001 to fund economic development, community conservation and quality of life projects for smaller non-urban municipalities. To be eligible for the grant, a town must have fewer than 30,000 people, 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 (OPM) administers and oversees STEAP funded programs.

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