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BRISTOL- U.S. Congressman John B. Larson (CT-1) and Bristol Mayor Gerard Couture today announced that the City of Bristol had been awarded a \$1.2 million federal grant from the Economic Development Administration to help fund the Southeast Bristol Development Park.

"This is a great opportunity for the City of Bristol to lay the groundwork for a stronger economic future," said Larson. "This grant will help create 400 permanent, quality, high paying jobs which will give city a boost from the series of closures and layoffs that it has suffered over the past couple of years. Similar projects have brought a great deal of success to surrounding communities. We all worked very hard to secure this grant to provide new opportunities for Bristol and its residents."

"This is another example of the accomplishment we reach when our local officials work with our Congressional representatives," said Mayor Couture. "Congressman Larson's satellite office within Bristol's City Hall gives our community the direct link we need to receive crucial benefits that improve our quality of life. Bristol couldn't ask for finer representation. Congressman Larson truly cares about Bristol."

Specifically, the federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) funds will be used to meet the following infrastructure needs:

- 1) Site investigation, surveying, and subdivision of the parcel
- 2) Construction of a 2,000 ft. concrete access road
- 3) Construction of underground utilities along the access road including water, sanitary sewer, telecommunications, electric supply and gas service
- 4) Installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Middle Street and the new access road
- 5) Construction of a closed storm drainage system

The funding will pay for 50% of the costs associated with the construction which will provide for the development of a 32.25 acre business park aimed to bring new industries into the area.

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