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Rep. John Piscopo, Sen. Rob Kane applaud \$498,300 state grant for Thomaston



State Rep. John Piscopo (R-Thomaston) and state Sen. Rob Kane (R-Watertown) announced today that the town of Thomaston has been awarded a \$498,300 grant for Phase 2 of the sidewalk improvement program from the State Bond Commission.

Thomaston will receive a Connecticut Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) grant of \$498,300 for the continued improvements and updates via the sidewalk improvement program in Thomaston.

“This is a significant project for Thomaston,” said Rep. Piscopo. “I am pleased Gov. Rell and the bond commission approved these much-needed funds. This grant will aid the town in maintaining and improving the sidewalks in town and will further contribute to the quality of life that Thomaston residents enjoy.”

“I would like to thank Gov. Rell as well for her support of this important Thomaston project. This funding is good news for the people of Thomaston,” said Sen. Kane.

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.