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Restoration of The Munson House in the Watertown Downtown Business District

Watertown, CT - October 2, 2023 – The Town of Watertown is thrilled to announce that it has secured \$500,000 from the State Bond Commission, a significant progress in the restoration of the historic Marion William Munson Memorial Park now known as, the Munson House. A valuable asset at the heart of the community's economic development vision.

Built in 1933, the Munson House is a symbol of Watertown's rich history and heritage. Originally named the Terrace, it has been lovingly preserved over the years. The Town of Watertown is committed to honoring its legacy and creating a functional space for community use and or a public private space.

The restoration project's primary objective is to preserve and restore the historic significance of the Munson House while simultaneously providing a functional space for community use. The Town of Watertown is dedicated to maintaining the historical integrity of the building while enhancing its utility for the local community.

The Town of Watertown extends its gratitude to Governor Ned Lamont for moving the bond package forward which has made this project possible. We also wish to thank Representative Joe Polletta and Senator Eric Berthel for their invaluable collaboration in advancing this endeavor. The approval of the bond package opens the door to a potential public-private partnership that may have the potential to significantly boost economic development in the downtown area.

Mark A. Raimo, Town Manager stated that “he applied for the bond package in April 2023 and the restoration project represents the Town of Watertown's commitment to preserving its history while propelling its vision of connectivity and inclusion in the community. We look forward to the continued progress and ultimate transformation of the Munson House into a hub for economic development opportunities in Watertown.”

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