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Congressman Larson and MDC Break Ground on Hartford's First Recovery Act Construction Project

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Hartford, CT- Since its passage a little more than 100 days ago, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act has provided essential financial relief for American families and businesses and helped fuel technology and infrastructure investments that create jobs and economic

stability.

Today, U.S. Congressman John B. Larson (CT-01), Chairman of the Democratic Caucus, spoke at the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) Homestead Avenue Interceptor Extension Project Groundbreaking Ceremony in Hartford. As part of the MDC's Clean Water Project, this \$22.5 million major construction project will protect our environment and keep our rivers clean by reducing sanitary and storm water overflows into the Connecticut River and neighborhoods in Hartford. The first major project in Hartford to proceed with funding from the Recovery Act, The Homestead Avenue project will create over 70 jobs and provide a significant boost of business to minority and women owned businesses in the city.

"Congress and President Obama, with the passage of The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, demonstrated the important role infrastructure will play in our nation's economic recovery. With these funds the MDC will create much needed jobs and make essential clean water improvements in Hartford to guarantee our water is safe and our environment is protected," said Congressman Larson.

"We are meeting our nation's greatest economic challenges head-on. The Recovery Act has made an immediate impact in providing economic relief to our families and small businesses, and funding to enhance the quality of our schools and public safety."

As the peak of the construction season approaches in the Northeast many of the shovel-ready projects funded by the Recovery Act in the state will begin. In the first district, in addition to the MDC project, the Town of East Hartford, with funding from the Recovery Act, will begin pavement rehabilitation construction on portions of Main Street and School Street. The project will provide a safe and pedestrian friendly roadway on highly traveled streets in the town.

The construction project, will involve the milling and resurfacing of the existing pavement, as well as installing ADA compliant sidewalk ramps and repairing the storm drainage systems in the project areas. The Federal Highway Administration, as allocated in the Recovery Act, will provide 100% of the project's construction costs, which is approximately \$2,260,000 dollars.

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