

WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Joe Courtney today announced that the Town of Preston secured a \$964,250 grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Economic Development Administration (EDA) for demolition of the buildings and site preparation of the former Norwich Hospital site. The funds will also be used for redevelopment of the proposed multi-use Preston Riverwalk Development project. The project will diversify and energize the region’s economic base with new business construction expected to supplement the area’s bioscience and defense industry clusters.

“The Town deserves tremendous credit for demonstrating to EDA that they have a credible plan,” **said Congressman Courtney**. “I am pleased that our joint efforts succeeded in this highly-competitive environment, and that Preston can move ahead. The demolition of the buildings and redevelopment of the former hospital complex will allow a once-blighted site to spur economic growth and opportunity for our region.”

On March 27 of this year, Congressman Courtney sent a [letter to the EDA](#) , lending his strong support to the Preston application.

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