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FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THREE NASHUA COMMUNITY PROJECTS GIVEN FINAL APPROVAL BY CONGRESS AND WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) today announced that following last week's Presidential approval of the Fiscal Year 2003 Omnibus Appropriations bill, three community initiatives for the City of Nashua will receive a total of \$1.44 million in federal funding. Senator Gregg, a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, secured funding in the measure for the following projects: \$900,000 for the combined sewer overflow project; \$360,000 for the continued restoration of Mine Falls Park; and \$180,000 for continued development and investment in the downtown area. *Descriptions of the three Nashua projects that are receiving funding is attached.*

Senator Gregg stated, "The City of Nashua continues to make tremendous strides in enhancing its reputation as one of the best cities in America. As the 'Gate City' to New Hampshire and the second largest city in our state, the demands on Nashua to meet the needs of its residents and visitors are great. These three projects will enhance the quality of life in Nashua by preserving beautiful and historic areas while encouraging economic growth."

Nashua Mayor Bernie Streeter stated, "The City of Nashua applauds the efforts of Senator Gregg. We are thankful to have him in Washington working for the citizens of Nashua. His help in securing these funds will have a direct impact on the citizens of Nashua."

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**FY03 Omnibus Appropriations Conference Report
U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH)
Member, Senate Appropriations Committee**

\$900,000 – Combined Sewer Overflow, Nashua

The funding will be used to assist the city in constructing infrastructure that separates sewers from storm drains and helps Nashua comply with federal CSO mandates. The mandate by the Environmental Protection Agency, which calls for the separation of five miles of combined sewer lines each year, will help protect the Merrimack River and ensure the public health and safety of Nashua residents.

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\$360,000 – Mine Falls Park Restoration, Nashua

The City of Nashua has developed a \$6 million master plan to upgrade Mine Falls Park, the crown jewel of Nashua's public park system. Phase I was undertaken with \$400,000 in federal funding secured by Senator Gregg in Fiscal Year 2001. This year's award will help initiate Phase II, focusing on restoring the historic gatehouse and the development of an education resource center.

Mine Falls is a two-mile long canal built in 1825 to power the City's mills. Nashua acquired 325 acres of land surrounding the canal and turned it into the park. The restorations will help provide the community with a gathering place to enjoy the outdoors, study Nashua's industrial history and take classes in environmental education.

Contact: George Crombie, Director of Public Works, 589-3140 or Kathy Hersh, 588-3095

\$180,000 – Nashua Downtown Public Investment Initiative

This award will fund the development of a comprehensive facade restoration and preservation program for Nashua's historic downtown structures and include the development of a downtown public space design program to focus on decorative lighting, sidewalk trees and flowers, and interpretive historic signs. It will also allow for the creation of a special events/arts/street performance program in the downtown district.

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