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VERNON'S BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GETS BIG BYTE FROM DECD APPLE

Vernon— Mayor George F. Apel today announced that Kaplan Mill Works, LLC, will receive a \$2,000,000 loan from the State of Connecticut for the remediation and reuse of the Hockanum Mill in Rockville. The former mill will serve both commercial and light industrial use, including a Tech Center and quarters for other small businesses. The awarded funds are part of the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development's (DECD) Brownfield Development Fund, the goals of which are to prompt economic development in local communities.

"The Town of Vernon has had the good fortune to work with Mr. Kaplan for over a year on the reuse of the former Hockanum Mill site" said Mayor Apel. "Thanks to the leadership of Senator Tony Guglielmo, our Administration and Economic Development Offices were able to quickly connect with the appropriate contacts at DECD and secure these beneficial funds. Mr. Kaplan's commitment to remediating and renovating this complex is another step towards returning the Rockville section of town into a thriving part of our local economy. We thank Governor Malloy and DECD for their consideration of this project, and wish Mr. Kaplan the best in this new venture. As always I invite other local businesses to consider how Vernon can assist them in their business pursuits."

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