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North Adams City Council clears path for grant-funded Greylock Works parking lot

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NORTH ADAMS — Work at the Greylock Mill on State Road will charge ahead thanks to City Council support and state funding.

The city was awarded a \$2.18 million MassWorks grant in November to provide a boost to the Greylock Mill's developers as they look to renovate the massive former manufacturing complex into event, commercial, residential and hotel spaces.

But in order to access the funding, per state regulations, the developer must grant the city a 10-year easement and control of the portions of the property that will be renovated using the MassWorks grant.

The City Council on Tuesday voted to sign off on the easement.

Purchased by New York City-based developers Latent Productions under the names Greylock Works LLC and Greylock Flume LLC, the mill is one of several ongoing multi-million dollar projects in the city, including construction of a new Redwood Motel and phase three of renovations to the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art.

The state-funded work will focus on the long-neglected southeastern portion of the property, not the mill building itself. The grant will fund a renovated parking area with increased access between the Alcombright Athletic Complex and the Greylock Mill, substantial improvements to the landscaping in the area, and new loading areas.

Under the agreement, city residents would be able to utilize the new parking lot behind the mill for access to events at the Alcombright Athletic Complex, usually on weekends. The mill and its patrons would use the lot on a more regular basis.

The work is scheduled to be completed by July.

The length of the agreement is also stipulated by the MassWorks grant, hence its 10-year term.

In less than two years of ownership, the mill's developers have quickly made a habit of partnering with government. Greylock Works was awarded \$173,900 in U.S. Department of Agriculture grants, signed a special tax agreement, and won \$200,000 from Environmental Protection Agency to address environmental contamination — all in the span of a few months last year.