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Special Program on Open Spaces and Public Planning

Hartford, Connecticut (May 8, 2013) — A discussion on public planning, open spaces and parks will be hosted at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 13, in the Center for Contemporary Culture at the Downtown Branch of Hartford Public Library. This special program is part of *Hartford Matters*, a series of public programs on community issues of major importance to those who live or work in Hartford and the region.

Moderated by Dr. Robert Painter, M.D., this forum will address the urban spaces Hartford enjoys and will examine what other cities are doing. Dr. Painter is the policy assistant at the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy (IMRP) at Central Connecticut State University.

Panelists will include David Panagore, who has 20 years of experience in managing major municipalities and city development organizations; Nancy Macy, president of the Garden Club of Hartford, which beautifies Hartford's public spaces, and president of The Pope Park Designated Fund Board; and Max Grinnell, an urbanologist, geographer and historian.

This *Hartford Matters* program is brought to you by the Hartford Public Library Center for Civic Engagement. Light refreshments will be available at 5:30 p.m.; the program begins at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

About Hartford Public Library

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