



Connecticut Department of
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ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION**

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Dear Mr. O'Brien:


The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection has reviewed the Notice of Proposed Land Transfer involving 47 acres of land and several buildings, formerly the Mystic Oral School in Groton. The Department has no objection to the proposed transfer. Given the property's location and the existing buildings, it would not serve as a useful addition to the state's system of parks, forests, wildlife areas and other natural open spaces nor provide high quality active or passive recreation opportunities. As you know, the Department previously acquired, pursuant to section 4b-21 of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS), approximately 63 undeveloped acres of the former campus, east of this property and along the Mystic River, that became part of the Mystic River Water Access Area.

The Department has reviewed the remaining property pursuant to section 4b-47(b) of the CGS and does not recommend that any portion of the property should be preserved through land transfer, conservation easement or the imposition of restrictions or conditions. This comment letter does not require a response from OPM under section 4b-47(a) of the CGS, and we understand it will be included on the OPM website listing properties for which comment periods have expired.

In addition, the Natural Diversity Data Base, maintained by the Department, contains no records of extant populations of Federally listed endangered or threatened species or species listed by the State, pursuant to section 26-306 of the CGS, as endangered, threatened or special concern at the property. This information is not the result of comprehensive or site-specific field investigations.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this proposed land transfer. If there are any questions regarding these comments, please contact David Fox of the Office of Environmental Review at 860-424-4111 or david.fox@ct.gov.

Yours truly,


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