



STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



January Open Space Report
to the
Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee
and the
State Bond Commission
Public Act 98-157: ACC Open Space and
Watershed Land Acquisition

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Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program:

The DEP has received twenty-six requests from twenty municipalities and six private nonprofit land conservation organizations proposing to spend \$20,791,502 to acquire 1,886 acres in open space projects. Nine of the proposals will directly protect water quality and five will provide for continued agricultural use. The deadline for submission of grant applications was November 19, 1999. The DEP has coordinated review of the grant applications by various DEP management divisions and other state agencies and has reviewed the applications and preliminary scores with the Natural Heritage Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Review Board. The Review Board has made funding recommendations to the Commissioner, DEP. Grant awards are expected to be announced in February 2000.

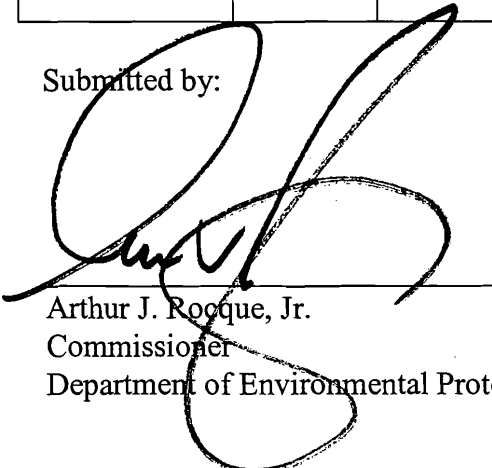
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The following acquisitions occurred during the month of January.

Property Name Date Purchased	Location	Cooperator	Match Share	Fee Acreage	Easement Restriction, or R.O.W. Acreage	State Purchase Price	Purpose of Acquisition
Keegan	Plymouth			54.85		\$110,000	Addition to Mattatuck State Forest
DOT Transfer	Union	DOT		19.2		-0-	Addition to Nipmuck S.F.
DOT Transfer	Old Saybrook	DOT		4.04		-0-	Baldwin Bridge Boat Access
Griswold Airport, Inc.	Madison			.23		-0-	460'+/- frontage along Hammonasset River
Everett	Hamden			4.11		\$55,000	Addition to Sleeping Giant State Park

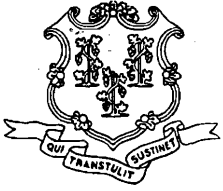
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February Open Space Report
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Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program:

Twenty-six requests from twenty municipalities and six private land conservation organizations for the acquisition of 1,886 acres of open space land were awarded based upon the recommendations of the Natural Heritage Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Review Board. The following projects were funded:

Project	Sponsor	Acres	Grant Amount
Platt Farm	Southbury Land Trust/Town of Southbury	119.00	\$450,000.00
The Bingham Property	The Nature Conservancy	184.00	\$193,500.00
Wallace Estate	Town of Woodbridge	200.00	\$450,000.00
Nature Center Addition	City of Ansonia	42.00	\$117,000.00
Shenipsit Forest Impact Area	Town of Ellington	151.00	\$130,325.40
Kreis Property	Essex Land Conservation Trust	8.00	\$100,350.00
Stockmal Woods	City of Shelton Conservation Commission	39.00	\$202,500.00
Rambling Ridge	Town of Vernon	104.00	\$157,500.00
Meeker Swamp	Steep Rock Association, Inc.	238.00	\$450,000.00
Pisgah Mountain	Town of Durham	76.00	\$225,000.00
Scalo Property	National Audubon Society - Connecticut	93.00	\$192,375.00
Rose Farm	Town of Bolton	88.00	\$389,302.20
Traprock Ridge Protection	Town of Wallingford	52.00	\$131,062.50
Webb Mountain Park Extension	Town of Monroe	20.00	\$138,150.00
Hammonasset Greenway Project	Town of Madison	29.00	\$450,000.00

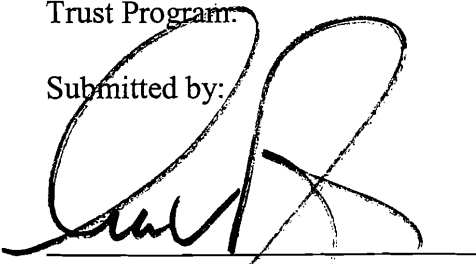
Bridgeport Diocese-Mill Hill Property	Town of Fairfield	38.00	\$450,000.00
United Illuminating Company Property	City of West Haven	19.00	\$175,950.00
United Illuminating Property	Town of Stratford (D)	7.00	\$87,750.00
Hockanum River Linear Park - Dart Hill Entrance	Friends of the Hockanum River Linear Park	2.00	\$13,500.00
Laudano Property	Town of Andover	145.00	\$135,000.00
320-324 Baldwin Avenue	City of Meriden (D,T)	13.00	\$153,270.00
Ruby Cohen Memorial Open Space Preserve	Town of Colchester	111.00	\$200,710.80
Johnson's Pond	Hamden Land Conservation Trust, Inc.	3.00	\$31,500.00
Erickson Property	Town of Ledyard	3.00	\$90,000.00
Class I & II Water Supply Land	Town of Wallingford	47.00	\$427,500.00
Hoffman Farm	Town of Cromwell	55.00	\$427,500.00
	TOTALS	1886.00	\$5,969,745.90
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No acquisitions occurred during the month of February under the Recreation and Natural Heritage Trust Program.

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March Open Space Report
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Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program:

The Department of Environmental Protection has mailed a notice to all Connecticut municipalities, nonprofit land conservation organizations and water companies to solicit grant applications for the "Spring" grant round to allocate \$6 million approved by the State Bond Commission in February 2000. The deadline for the submission of grant applications is April 28, 2000. The DEP anticipates continued strong interest in the program.

Recreation and Natural Heritage Trust Program:

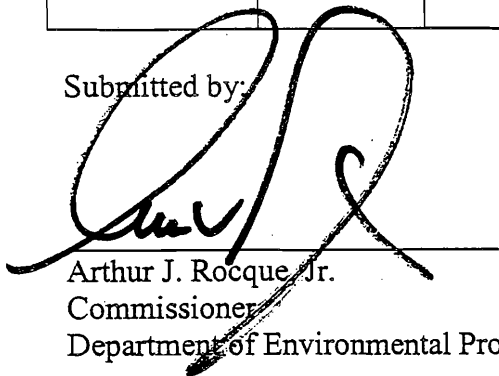
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The following acquisitions occurred during the month of March.

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Scantic Glade	Enfield			3.58		-0-	Addition to Scantic River State Park

Perkins	Killingworth			55.95		\$175,000	Addition to Chatfield Hollow State Park
Young Estate	Portland			6.5		\$6,500	Inholding at Wangunk Meadows
Camp Columbia	Morris & Bethlehem			591.0		\$2,100,000	Frontage on Bantam Lake; stand-alone facility
Oscar Richard	Goshen			1.5		\$4,000	Addition to Mohawk State Forest
Blodgett	Canaan			43.0		\$35,000	Addition to Robbins Swamp Natural Area

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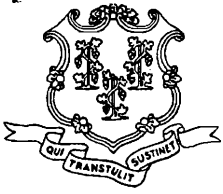


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April Open Space Report
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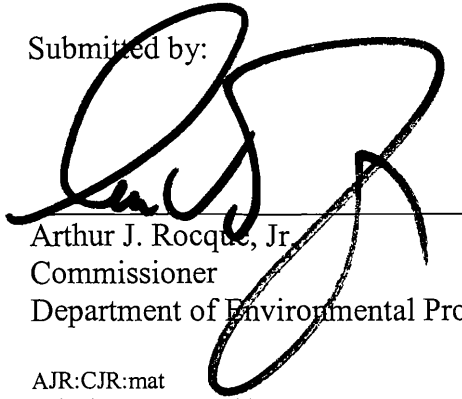
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The following acquisitions occurred during the month of April.

Property Name Date Purchased	Location	Cooperator	Match Share	Fee Acreage	Easement Restriction, or R.O.W. Acreage	State Purchase Price	Purpose of Acquisition
Holcombe	Marlborough			157.77		\$290,000	Addition Salmon River State Forest: frontage on Black Ledge River

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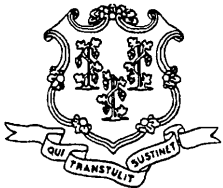


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May Open Space Report
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Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program:

The Department of Environmental Protection received 21 applications from 14 municipalities and 7 nonprofit land conservation organizations. The requests submitted were for the acquisition of approximately 995 acres. The DEP, together with other state agencies and the Natural Heritage Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Review Board, will be evaluating the project proposal. Grant awards are expected to be announced in July 2000.

Recreation and Natural Heritage Trust Program:

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No acquisitions occurred during the month of May.

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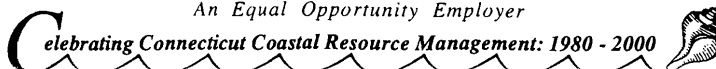
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June Open Space Report
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Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program:

The Department of Environmental Protection completed the review of 21 project proposals submitted from 14 municipalities and 7 nonprofit land conservation organizations. The projects, analysis, scores and ranking were reviewed by the Natural Heritage Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Review Board. The Review Board met on June 22, 2000 and made funding recommendations to the Commissioner of Environmental Protection. The DEP anticipates announcing the grant recipients in early August 2000.

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During FY 2000, the Department of Environmental Protection acquired 42 properties totaling 3,432 acres located in 36 towns. The acreage acquired during FY 2000 was the second highest total for any one year in the past twenty years. It was second only to the 3,550 acres acquired in FY 1999. This is the first time the State has acquired over 3,000 acres two years in a row. The 42 parcels acquired during FY 2000 was the highest number of acquisitions in any one year and represents a 91 percent increase over the 22 acquisitions of FY 1999.

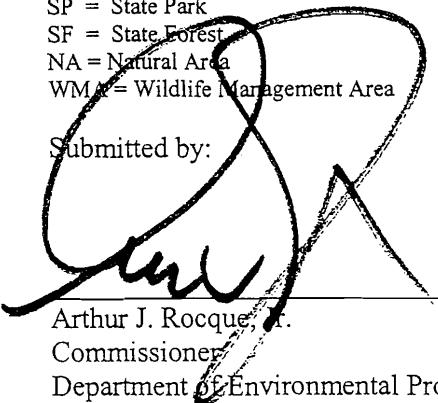


The following acquisitions occurred during the month of June.

Property Name	Location	Cooperator	Match Share	Fee Acreage	Easement Restriction , or R.O.W. Acreage	State Purchase Price	Purpose of Acquisition
Kemble	Hebron			101.84		\$215,000	Addition to Meshomasic SF
Buckley	Sharon			203.53		\$460,000	Addition to Housatonic SF
Tierney	Canaan	The Nature Conservancy		537.00		\$290,000	Addition to Robbins Swamp/Canaan Mt. NA
Robinson	Killingly			6.32		\$10,000	Addition to Old Furnace SP
Skinger	East Lyme			.34		-0-	Pattagansett River Frontage
Lockey	Hamdem			6.00		\$16,000	Addition to West Rock Ridge SP
Department of Public Works	Preston			53.00		-0-	Addition to Rose Hill WMA
Jones	Hebron			59.02		\$275,000	Addition to Airline Trail
Ellsworth	Portland			6.00		\$8,400	Addition to Meshomasic SF
Mumford Cove	Groton			.05		-0-	Addition to Haley Farm SP
Masters	Lebanon			57.24		\$110,000	Addition to Camp Moowen SP
Connelly	Westbrook/Deep River			4.15		\$60,000	Addition to Meschersmidt
Worthington	Somers			311.00		\$450,000	Addition to Shenipsit SF
Cantele	North Canaan			.23		\$61,000	Addition to Beckley Furnace
Department of Transportation	Putnam/Killingly			95.1		-0-	Access to Quinebaug River for 1.6 miles

SP = State Park
 SF = State Forest
 NA = Natural Area
 WMA = Wildlife Management Area

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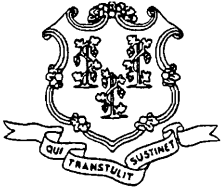


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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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August Open Space Report
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Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program:

On August 8, 2000, Lieutenant Governor M. Jodi Rell and Commissioner Arthur J. Rocque, Jr. announced the awarding of twenty-one grants to assist municipalities and private nonprofit land conservation organization's to acquire 995 acres of open space for Connecticut's communities. Attached is a summary list of the grants awarded.

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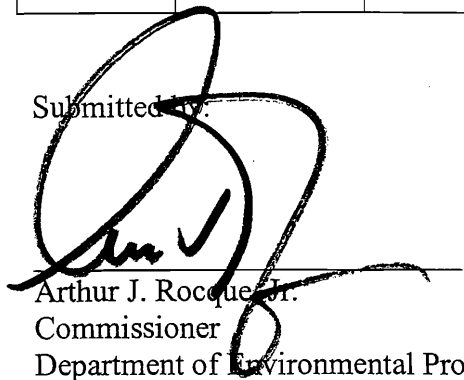
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The following acquisitions occurred during the month of August.

Property Name	Location	Cooperator	Match Share	Fee Acreage	Easement Restriction, or R.O.W. Acreage	State Purchase Price	Purpose of Acquisition
Nelson	Voluntown			22.3650		\$75,000	Addition to Pachaug SF
Nissen	Eastford			8.1568		\$14,000	Inholding in Natchaug SF

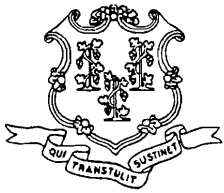
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STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



September Open Space Report
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Since grants were first awarded in the Fall of 1998 through the Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Program to municipalities, land conservation organizations, and water companies, 92 of the 153 projects proposed have received funding to preserve 7,084 acres. To date, eleven project sponsors have completed their acquisition proposal placing 1,577 acres in public open space. The sponsor, project and acreage acquired for the completed projects are as follows:

East Granby; Metacomet Ridge Farm; 411 acres
Old Saybrook and Old Saybrook Land Trust; Gleason Property; 267 acres
Oxford; Birmingham Utilities Land; 415 acres
Orange; Racebrook Tract; 230 acres
Manchester Land Trust; Risley Reservoir Frontage; 5.2 acres
Branford Land Trust; Medlyn Property; 48 acres
Bethany; Monument Stables Property; 87 acres
Durham; Fitzgerald Property; 158 acres
Farmington; Suburban Park; 20.5 acres
Hebron; Jagger Lane; 31.6 acres
Farmington; Waterville Road; 2.62 acres

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



October Open Space Report to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee and the State Bond Commission

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During the month of October, the town of Seymour project to acquire 195 ± acres was completed.

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McFadden	East Haddam			.29		\$15,000	Addition to Gillette Castle SP
Norwich Hospital Surplus	Ledyard			86.70		-0-	Addition to Rose Hill WMA
Mellon Scenic Easement	Lyme				29	-0-	Protection of CT River view shed
Dudek	Scotland			25.50		\$35,000	Addition to Spignesi WMA
City of Groton	Town of Groton				1.6	-0-	Portion of trail R-O-W connecting Haley Farm SP with Bluff Point
Abraham	Goshen			118.50		\$296,367	Goshen WMA expansion

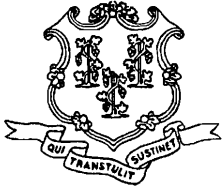
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The deadline for submission of grant applications for the "Fall 2000" grant round was November 16, 2000. Fifty-two grant applications were submitted by municipalities, private nonprofit land conservation organizations and water companies. The combined acreage proposed for acquisition is approximately 2,560 acres at a combined acquisition cost of over \$26 million. The applications will be evaluated by resource experts, scored and reviewed with the Natural Heritage Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Review Board. Announcement of grants awarded is anticipated in January or February, 2001.

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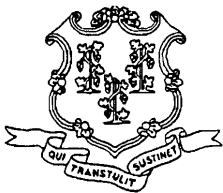
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Dudek	Scotland			25.05		35,000	Addition to Spignesi WMA
Wile	Canterbury			10.07		45,000	Frontage on Little River
Porter	Stonington				.12	-0-	Coastal Access
Arrigoni	North Canaan			8.34		46,000	Addition to Beckley Furnace

Submitted by:

Arthur J. Rocque, Jr.
Commissioner
Department of Environmental Protection

Date:



STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



December Open Space Report to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee and the State Bond Commission

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Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program:

Currently fifty-two grant applications are being reviewed. The combined acreage proposed for acquisition is approximately 2,560 acres at a combined cost of over \$26 million. Since grants were first awarded in the Fall of 1998, 92 of the 153 projects proposed have received funding to preserve 7,084 acres. To date, 18 projects have been completed placing 2,238.45 acres in public open space.

The following grant projects have been finalized:


Seymour; Seymour Forest; 195 acres
Vernon; Tankerhoosen River Preservation Area; 17 acres
Canton; Sun, Wind and Woodland Preserve; 145 acres
Manchester; Bailey Property; 21.37 acres
Milford; Housatonic River; 37 acres
Monroe; Great Hollow Lake; 43.16 acres
Vernon; Rambling Ridge; 104 acres

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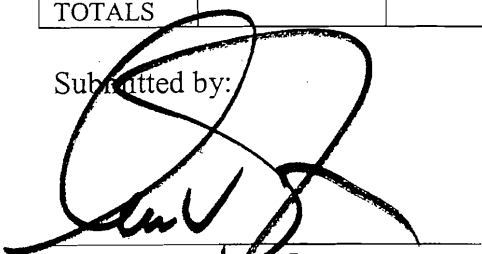
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Hathaway	E. Haddam			.01		\$3,500	Expansion of upper Moodus Reservoir Boat Launch
Squire Lane Hutchinson	Hamden	Sleeping Giant Park Association	\$95,000	5.00		\$45,000	Addition to Sleeping Giant State Park
Bunker Hill	Waterbury			3.63		\$230,000	Acquisition of inner City Park
Melon	Lyme				29.00	-0-	Donation of scenic easement and development rights
Easton	New Hartford			6.7		\$112,000	Addition to Nepaug State Forest
Mary Hall	Norfolk	Norfolk Land Trust	\$2,500	8.09		\$17,500	Expansion of greenway
Whitehead	Eastford			1.31		-0-	Addition to Halls Pond
TOTALS			\$97,500	24.74	29.00	\$408,000	

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December 29, 2000
 Date: