



## CONNECTICUT PARTNERSHIPS IN PARKS INITIATIVE NOTICE OF NEW REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

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The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) through the Partnerships in Parks initiative is seeking ideas for potential partnerships with the private sector to achieve the following goals:

- Elevating outdoor recreation and visitor experiences,
- Increasing access to the outdoors,
- Expanding tourism destinations in Connecticut State Parks.

Following the success of the Initiative's first Request for Information (RFI) released on January 11, 2024, DEEP is now **re-issuing an RFI** to welcome additional ideas on a rolling basis.

### 1. PARTNERSHIP IDEAS FROM BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS

DEEP is issuing a standing RFI to invite businesses, non-profits, and other interested stakeholders to submit ideas for potential partnerships in Connecticut State Parks. This RFI is intentionally broad to encourage creativity and innovation. DEEP will review submissions for viability on a quarterly basis. View the RFI and supporting documents at the [Office of Outdoor Industry & Experiences webpage](#).

### 2. FEEDBACK FROM PARK VISITORS

DEEP is seeking feedback from park visitors regarding the types of experiences, services, and amenities they would like to see in State Parks. To provide feedback, complete [this questionnaire](#).

### 3. PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

DEEP will host an Informational Webinar about the new RFI and welcomes all businesses, organizations and individuals who are considering submitting ideas to join. The informational meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 9, 2025**, from 10:00 to 11:00 am via Zoom. To join the webinar, [register here](#).

DEEP will post the recorded presentation on the Office of Outdoor and Industry & Experiences webpage.

#### **4. ACCOMMODATIONS NOTICE**

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