

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



January 1999 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

Overview:

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Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program:

The grant application deadline was October 30, 1998. Fifty-nine applications were received proposing to acquire approximately 5,000 acres of open space land at a total estimated cost of \$40 million. These applications are being evaluated, scored, and prioritized by DEP staff and a subcommittee of the Natural Heritage, Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Review Board. The review process is nearly completed and awards will be announced in January 1999.

No acquisitions have yet occurred pursuant to this program.

Recreation and Natural Heritage Trust Program:

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During the month of December, 1998 the following acquisitions occurred:

Property Name Date Purchased (AG Sig. or Recording Date)	Location	Cooperator	Match Share	Fee Acreage	Easement Restriction, or R.O.W. Acreage	State Purchase Price (Allocation or Estimate)	Purpose of Acquisition
Ashton	Cornwall			359 ac		\$1,075,000	Connects portions of Mohawk State Forest and Wyantenock State Forest
Stevens	Haddam			7 ac		-0-	Inholding in Cockaponset State Forest.
Strom	Durham and Killingworth			45 ac		\$ 78,000	Connects portions of Cockaponset State Forest
Middlesex	East Haddam			300 ac		\$ 950,000	Addition to Babcock Pond Wildlife Management Area

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February 1999 Open Space Report
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Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program:

On February 3, 1999, nineteen grant awards were announced providing \$4.97 million dollars to nineteen municipalities and private nonprofit land conservation organizations for the acquisition of approximately 2,800 acres of open space land. The following projects were funded:

SPONSOR	PROJECT	ACREAGE	GRANT AMOUNT
Woodbury-Flanders Nature Ctr	Whittemore Sanctuary	686	\$450,000.00
East Granby	Metacomet Ridge Farm Acquisition	411	\$175,725.00
Glastonbury	Cider Mill Property	21.8	\$337,500.00
Vernon	Tankerhoosen River Preservation Area	17	\$171,000.00
Essex Land Trust	Falls River	21.65	\$135,000.00
Old Saybrook/Old Saybrook LT	Gleason Property	267	\$369,450.00
Seymour	Seymour Forest	195	\$450,000.00
Oxford	Birmingham Utilities Land	415	\$450,000.00
Norwalk	Butte Pond Brook Watershed	8	\$450,000.00
Fairfield	BHC - Brookside Drive Prop	10	\$450,000.00
Orange	The Racebrook Tract	230	\$450,000.00

Simsbury	Sottile Property	24	\$21,600.00
Manchester Land Trust	Risley Reservoir Frontage	5.2	\$36,000.00
Manchester	Dennison & Case Properties (Case Mt)	50	\$201,493.00
Farmington	Collinsville Road	5.05	\$23,850.00
Branford/Branford Land Trust	Medlyn Property	48	\$227,025.00
Bethany	Monument Stables Prop	87	\$191,250.00
South Windsor	Kelley Waldren-Willow	160	\$315,000.00
Canton	Sun, Wind & Woodland Preservation	145	\$67,500.00
	TOTAL	2806.7	\$4,972,393.00

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Haveles	Killingly			3.25		\$10,000	Addition to Old Furnace State Park

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March 1999 Open Space Report
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Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program:

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This month, the Department of Environmental Protection distributed over two thousand applications for the "second round" of grants to obligate the available \$5 million approved by the State Bond Commission in March, 1999. The grant application deadline is April 30, 1999.

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Since the last monthly report no new acquisitions have occurred. During FY1999, 1,822 acres of land have been acquired in 20 transactions.

The State Bond Commission approved \$9,069,677 for the Recreation and Natural Heritage Trust at the April meeting of the Commission. This amount represents the balance of funds available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999.

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April 1999 Open Space Report
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Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program:

In March, 1999, the Department of Environmental Protection distributed applications for the "second round" of grants to obligate the \$5 million approved by the State Bond Commission at the March meeting of the Commission. The grant application deadline was April 30, 1999. As of that date twenty-eight applications had been received. Additional applications are anticipated during the first week of May as applications post marked April 30th are delivered.

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May 1999 Open Space Report
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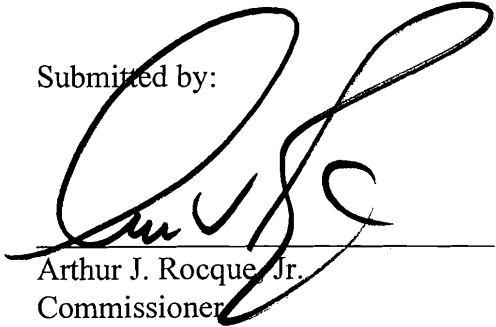
In March, 1999, the Department of Environmental Protection distributed applications for the "second round" of grants to obligate the \$5 million approved by the State Bond Commission at the March meeting of the Commission. The DEP received 46 applications proposing over \$17 million in open space acquisition projects. Applications are currently being reviewed, evaluated and ranked in anticipation of awarding grants in June, 1999.

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Since the last monthly report no new acquisitions have occurred. During FY1999, 1,822 acres of land have been acquired in 20 transactions which have occurred in 19 municipalities involving two donations and 8 cooperators.

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June 1999 Open Space Report
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Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program:

On June 30, 1999, twenty-six grant awards were announced to provide \$5.03 million dollars to acquire 1,396 acres of open space land in twenty-three municipalities. The following projects were funded:

SPONSOR	PROJECT	ACREAGE	GRANT AMOUNT
Regional Water Authority	Abbott Property (Madison)	82.3	\$171,000.00
Sharon	Osborne Property	23.5	\$123,750.00
Danbury	Tarrywile Lakeside Property	100.0	\$371,250.00
Lyme Land Conserv. Trust	Czikowsky Property	95.9	\$180,000.00
Middletown DT	Sumner Brook Watershed	170.0	\$292,500.00
Southington T	Korin Property	78.0	\$250,965.00
Manchester	Bailey Property (Case Mtn.)	21.37	\$48,083.00
Woodbridge	Shepherd Farm	55.0	\$297,000.00
Meriden DT	Cliffside Corp. Property	21.31	\$52,650.00

Cheshire	Bolder Knoll Farm	90.0	\$450,000.00
Hebron	Jagger Lane	31.6	\$64,800.00
Chaplin	Landeck Farm	71	\$82,350.00
Farmington	Waterville Road - Lots 24B	2.62	\$58,950.00
South Windsor	Mitchell Property	75	\$337,500.00
Mansfield	Hatch-Skinner Property	35.33	\$126,000.00
Danbury	Mill Plain Swamp	34	\$112,500.00
Middlefield	DiConstanzo Property	34.69	\$15,750.00
Durham	Fitzgerald Property	158	\$355,500.00
Enfield	Levitz Property	3.24	\$135,000.00
Putnam D	Air Line Trail	17	\$58,500.00
Middletown	Kowalski & Ford Property	14.4	\$16,200.00
Simsbury	Village Water Company	17.4	\$247,500.00
Milford	Housatonic River Open Space	37	\$337,500.00
Shelton	Beardsley Farm Conservation	64	\$315,000.00
Monroe	Great Hollow Lake Preserve	43.16	\$272,930.00
Farmington	Suburban Park	20.5	\$134,429.00
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BCBS Goshen Realty	Goshen			848		\$2,472,000	Rolling pasture, forest land and three ponds present numerous recreation opportunities
Brown Property	Coventry	George Dudley Seymour Trust	750,000	186		\$250,000	Addition to Nathan Hale State Forest
Firestone Property	Lyme & East Haddam	TNC, Towns of East Haddam and Lyme, East Haddam Land Trust, Lyme Land Trust	160,000	312.8		\$540,000	Frontage along a tributary of the Eight Mile River
Kranc Property	Scotland			93.7		\$168,750	Addition to Mohegan State Forest
Ressler Property	Scotland			105.8		\$190,540	Addition to Mohegan State Forest
Eklund Property	Scotland			181.84		\$236,392	Addition to Mohegan State Forest

During FY1999, the Department of Environmental Protection acquired twenty-two properties totaling 3,550 acres located in twenty-four towns. The acreage acquired during FY99 was the highest total for any one year in the past twenty years.

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July 1999 Open Space Report
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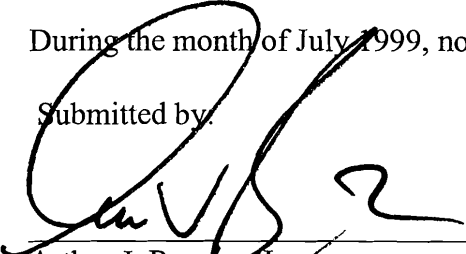
On June 30, 1999, twenty-six grant awards were announced to provide \$5.03 million dollars to acquire 1,396 acres of open space land in twenty-three municipalities. During July 1999, the Department of Environmental Protection notified the grant recipients and confirmed that each recipient was prepared to accept the grant funds.

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During the month of July 1999, no acquisitions have occurred.

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August 1999 Open Space Report
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Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program:

The DEP has prepared a notice to mail to all Connecticut municipalities, nonprofit land conservation organizations and water companies to solicit grant applications for the "Fall" grant round to allocate \$6 million contingent upon approval of funding by the State Bond Commission at its September meeting. The tentative grant application deadline is November 19, 1999.

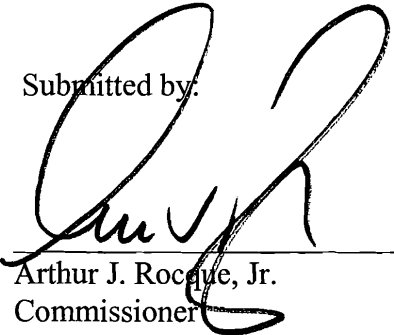
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Beeman	Barkhamsted			10.525		\$80,000	Access to Tunxis State Forest

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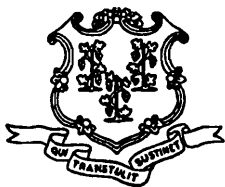


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STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



September 1999 Open Space Report
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The DEP has established a review process to evaluate possible acquisitions. All potential acquisitions are reviewed and scored by the resource management divisions of the DEP based upon criteria established by each management division as significant to their program. The review process and selection criteria are rigorous to assure that only significant resource management properties are acquired. During Fiscal Year 1999 the DEP rejected sixty percent of the properties suggested for acquisition.

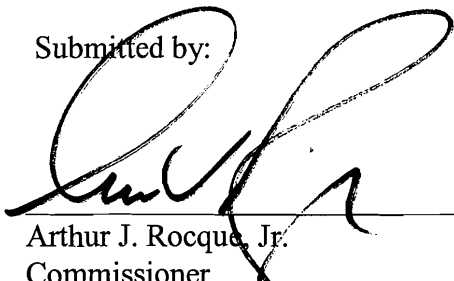
The DEP Division of Land Acquisition and Management has a current working project list of eighty-seven properties representing approximately 9,910 acres under active negotiation with an estimated fair market value of \$33 million.

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Chadwick	Colebrook			12.00		\$ 57,000	Addition to Algonquin State Forest.
Barna	East Windsor			31.46		\$ 150,000	Addition to Flagherty Field Trial Facility
Trout Brook Valley	Easton and Weston	Aspetuck Land Trust, Weston, The Nature Conservancy	*	300.01	385.09	\$6,000,000	Protection of Hawley's Brook Watershed and large unfragmented forest connecting existing open space land.

* Total acquisition value of \$13.2 million

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October 6, 1999

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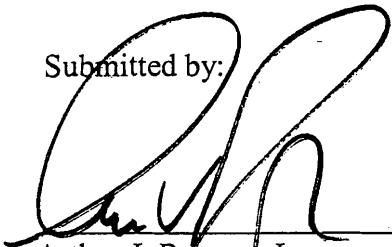
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Kaufman Douglas and HR Goodrich Living Trust	Portland			20.4 ac		\$18,000	Addition to Meshomasic State Forest in Portland

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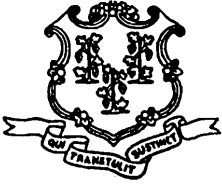


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Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program:

The DEP has received twenty-six requests from twenty municipalities and six private nonprofit land conservation organizations proposing to spend \$20,791,136 to acquire over 1,880 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, together with other state agencies and the Natural Heritage Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Review Board, will be evaluating the project proposals. Grant awards are expected to be announced in January, 2000.

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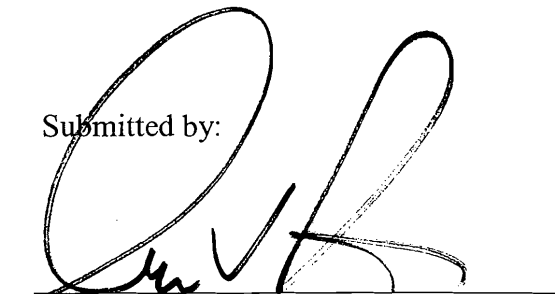
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The following acquisitions occurred during the month of November.

Property Name Date Purchased (AG Sig. or Recording Date)	Location	Cooperator	Match Share	Fee Acreage	Easement Restriction, or R.O.W. Acreage	State Purchase Price (Allocation or Estimate)	Purpose of Acquisition
Endriss Property	Hamden			6.00		\$25,000	Addition to West Rock Ridge State Park
Middlesex Realty Partners	Colchester			4.32		\$12,000	Addition to Babcock Pond WMA
Egger Property	Bethany			27.0		\$67,500	Addition to Naugatuck State Forest

Submitted by:



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Commissioner
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STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



December 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

Overview:

Public Act No. 98-157, Section 6 provides that the Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to finance, revenue and bonding and to the State Bond Commission each month. The report shall provide information on the acquisition of land or interests in land completed in the previous month by the state, a municipality, water company or nonprofit organization using funds authorized for the Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Program established by Public Act 98-157 and the Recreation and Natural Heritage Trust program established under Sections 23-73 to 23-79, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program:

The grant application deadline was October 30, 1998. Fifty-nine applications were received proposing to acquire approximately 5,000 acres of open space land at a total estimated cost of \$40 million. These applications are being evaluated, scored, and prioritized by DEP staff and a subcommittee of the Natural Heritage, Open Space and Watershed land Acquisition Review Board.

No acquisitions have yet occurred pursuant to this program.

Recreation and Natural Heritage Trust Program:

The Recreation and Natural Heritage Trust program is the State of Connecticut's primary program for the acquisition of lands for the beneficial use and enjoyment of the public as additions to the State's system of parks; forests; wildlife, fisheries and natural resource management areas. The program is intended to acquire land that represents the ecological diversity of Connecticut, including natural features such as rivers, mountainous areas, coastal systems and other natural areas, in order to ensure the preservation and conservation of such land for recreational, scientific, educational, cultural and aesthetic purposes.

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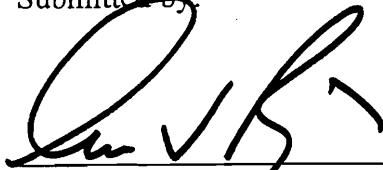
During the month of November, 1998 the following acquisitions have occurred:

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Boston & Maine Railroad	Cheshire & Southington	Cheshire & Southington	Cheshire \$160,000 Southington \$160,000	65 ac		\$1,100,000*	9.5 mile addition to Farmington Canal Greenway
Danielson Turnpike	Killingly			61 ac		\$100,000	Addition to Old Furnace S.P.
Mansfield Landing	East Haven	Trust for Public Land		15 ac		\$400,000	Water access to Farm River & Long Island Sound
Echo Farm	East Haddam	The Nature Conservancy East Haddam	**	300 ac		\$2,050,000	Protection of Salmon River & Cove: public outdoor recreation

* 100% reimbursement anticipated from Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act funding.

** Anticipated match to be provided by The Nature Conservancy and the Town of East Haddam undetermined at this time.

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