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STATE GOAL FOR ACQUISITION OF OPEN SPACE

GOAL

Section 23-8(b) of the General Statutes of Connecticut states that, “The goal of the State’s Open Space Acquisition Program shall be to acquire land such that ten percent of the state’s land area is held by the state as open space land and not less than eleven percent of the state’s land area is held by municipalities, water companies or nonprofit land conservation organizations as open space land...”

The Commissioner of Environmental Protection is charged with the responsibility of developing a strategy for achieving the state’s goal in consultation with the Council on Environmental Quality and private nonprofit land holding organizations.

STATUS

Connecticut has a total landmass of 3,205,760 acres. Thus, ten percent of the state’s land area is 320,576 acres. To have 21 percent of the state’s land preserved as open space would require 673,210 acres to be held by the state, municipalities, private land conservation organizations, and water companies.

The State has acquired approximately 253,187 acres as open space land in its system of park, forest, wildlife, fishery, and natural resource management areas. Of this total, approximately 237,346 acres have been acquired in fee. Acquisition of less than fee interests are atypical, but include the purchase of conservation easements and restrictions. Two of the more noteworthy, less than fee purchases include the Kelda and Childs properties. These two acquisitions account for 9,025 acres in conservation easements and 6,273 acres in conservation restrictions. Thus, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) currently holds 79 percent of the 320,576 acres targeted for state open space acquisition.

It is estimated that nonprofit land conservation organizations own 58,569 acres in Connecticut. Municipalities in Connecticut are estimated to own 77,224 acres of land as open space. Class I

and Class II water company lands in Connecticut currently total approximately 97,524 acres. Together, open space acreage held by these entities is 233,317 acres. Based on a target of 352,630 acres in total open space holdings for these entities, they currently hold 66 percent of their targeted open space goal.

The 253,187 acres of state open space represents eight percent of Connecticut's land area, and the 233,317 acres of open space held by municipalities, non-profits and water companies is seven percent. This results in a total of 486,504 acres held as open space or 15 percent of Connecticut's land area.

ACQUISITION NEEDS

To meet the goals set forth in the statute, the State of Connecticut must acquire an additional 67,389 acres of open space and encourage the acquisition of 119,313 acres by municipalities, private nonprofit land conservation organizations and water companies.

ACTION 2008

I. PLANNING:

A. Property Review: The DEP continues to review and evaluate properties eligible for purchase through the Recreation and Natural Heritage Trust Program (RNHTP). During the past year, 63 properties were reviewed, 42 of which were approved for acquisition. The number of properties submitted for review as possible acquisitions decreased from last year when 82 properties were reviewed. The number of properties that were approved for acquisition also decreased from 52 in the previous year, however, proportionately the number of approved acquisitions were greater than in 2007. The number of applications received, along with the decline in housing starts is evidence that the real estate market continues to slow. The lack of funding available through the RNHTP also deterred sellers from submitting properties for review.

B. Open Space Inventory: With the incorporation of a skilled staff dedicated strictly to the Protected Open Space Mapping (POSM) project, the DEP has made its best progress since the inception of the project, which was designed to collect and catalogue all protected open space parcels in Connecticut. These parcels consist of State, Federal, Municipal, and Non-profit holdings, and were last updated in 1990. This project will result in the completion of a Geographic Information System (GIS) geodatabase encompassing all 169 Connecticut municipalities. At present, data from 124 municipalities has been mapped and catalogued, an increase of 33 towns in one year. Once completed, the GIS database will provide an accurate measurement of the State's open space lands and will more accurately assess the State's progress in meeting Connecticut's goal of preserving 21 percent of its total acreage as open space by 2023.

C. N.U. Property Review: The Conservation List consists of Northeast Utilities properties that were identified by DEP as desirable for acquisition as open space, in conjunction with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed on April 12, 2000. The MOU will remain in effect for a period of ten years running from July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2014. This list was finalized on July 2, 2004 and is used to identify NU properties located adjacent to other prospective acquisitions that may create greenway opportunities.

D. Land & Water Conservation Fund: DEP continues to work on the three previously approved projects that are funded through the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service. Those projects include a \$551,890 2005 grant for the replacement of the Matthies Grove sanitary facility at Peoples State Forest in Barkhamstead, a 2006 grant for \$1,975,499 to construct a visitor center at Hammonasset State Park in Madison and a 2007 grant for \$1,000,000 to construct a Boardwalk at Silver Sands State Park in Milford. During 2008, DEP applied for and received a grant in the amount of \$1,091,879 for the acquisition of the Sunrise Resort property, a 143 acre parcel in East Haddam. The purchase of this property was completed on December 22, 2008. DEP is currently preparing documentation for reimbursement of the grant amount. All the projects address needs identified in the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP).

E. CELCP: Connecticut's Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Plan (CELCP) is a federal program established by Congress to protect coastal and estuarine areas that have significant conservation, recreation, ecological, historical or aesthetic values, especially those areas threatened by development. The Program provides state and local governments with matching funds to purchase significant coastal or estuarine lands, or conservation easements on such lands, if those governments have a plan approved by CELCP. DEP's Office of Long Island Sound Programs (OLISP) has recently completed a draft CELCP Plan that identifies key coastal land conservation needs within Connecticut. DEP's Land Acquisition and Management unit has compiled a list of coastal properties for potential acquisition based upon the needs identified in the CELCP Plan.

F. Green Plan: The first Connecticut Green Plan was prepared in July of 2001 to provide a five-year plan (Fiscal Years 2001-06) to work towards achieving the open space goal. Executive Order 15 Regarding Responsible Growth created an office of responsible growth and required that an update to the Green Plan be developed to identify sensitive ecological areas and unique features, to guide acquisition efforts from 2007 to 2012. A DEP internal work group completed the updated Green Plan in September 2007 entitled, "The Green Plan Guiding Land Acquisition and Protection in Connecticut 2007-2012." It is available by request to the DEP or on the internet at http://www.ct.gov/dep/lib/dep/land_resources_and_planning/greenplandraftupdate.pdf. This plan summarizes land acquisition and protection efforts to date, identifies the State's future open space goals, providing acquisition and protection considerations, challenges, threats and priorities. It has detailed information on all of DEP's open space plans, the make-up of the Land Acquisition Review Board and the State and Grant Property Selection Process.

G. Encroachment Issues: The DEP established an Encroachment Enforcement Response Policy in an effort to preserve and protect lands held in public trust as protected open space. Public Act 06-89 was enacted to better protect publicly held open space by severely penalizing those who encroach upon it. Encroachment means to conduct an activity that damages or alters the land, vegetation, or other features, including erecting buildings or other structures; building roads, driveways, or trails; destroying or moving stone walls; cutting trees or other vegetation; removing boundary markers; installing lawns or utilities; or using, storing, or depositing vehicles, material, or debris. The act which became effective October 1, 2006, prohibits people, without the owner's permission or other legal authorization, from encroaching or causing anyone to encroach on (1) open space land, or (2) any land in which the state, its political subdivision, or a nonprofit land conservation organization holds a conservation easement interest. LAM has documented all known encroachments. LAM hired a Licensed Land Surveyor to help identify these known areas. Since employing a Licensed Land Surveyor, approximately one hundred ten (110) encroachments have been surveyed and mapped. Encroachment letters have been sent to property owners to cease use of State Land. The DEP has resolved many of these surveyed encroached areas. Some examples of rectified encroachments include felled trees, sheds, fences, cleared property, driveways and walls. Some highlights of the year include four (4) felled tree areas in Haddam, removal of sheds, fencing and other structures.

II. ACHIEVING STATE GOAL:

A. State Acquisitions: During 2008, DEP acquired 1,301 acres of land located in nineteen municipalities at a total purchase price of \$16,537,573. Purchases were made through the Recreation and Natural Heritage Trust Program (RNHTP), which is the DEP's primary vehicle for meeting the ten percent open space goal of acquiring lands for Connecticut's system of parks, forests, wildlife, fisheries, water access and natural resource management areas. A list of properties acquired through the RNHTP during calendar year 2008 is included in Appendix A.

B Highlands Program: Provides funding for the acquisition of lands or interest in land (forest and farm) in the states of Connecticut, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. During 2008, the DEP closed on the Deluca property which consists of 229 acres in the town of Cornwall and 79 acres in the town of Canaan. This was the first project in Connecticut to receive funding through the Highlands Program, with \$500,000 appropriated towards this acquisition. The property was added to the Housatonic State Forest. For the fiscal year 2008, \$246,100 has been appropriated to the Connecticut Highlands. The DEP submitted the 80.75 acre Embree property in Sherman to receive this funding.

C. Forest Legacy: Provides funds to protect private forestlands at risk of development through the purchase of conservation easements. Since 1996, Connecticut has received over \$5 million in federal funds to protect over 6,000 acres of forestland

from development. During 2007, \$1.2 million was appropriated for the Skiff Mountain project in Kent and Sharon, with an additional \$770,000 appropriated in 2008 to complete the second phase of the project. The DEP has been working closely with the property owners and the Trust for Public Land throughout 2008 to obtain all of the necessary federal requirements for closing.

D. Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program: DEP responded to a funding opportunity issued by the U.S. national Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration through its national Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program by nominating (1) a 1,000-acre coastal forest primarily within Old Saybrook, the “*Long Island Sound Coastal Forest Preserve*” and (2) a 65-acre addition to DEP’s Barn Island Wildlife Management Area in Stonington, referred to as the “*Crowley Family Addition to Barn Island Wildlife Management Area.*” DEP was notified in November 2008 that neither nominated property would likely be funded in the highly competitive 2008 grant round.

E. Long Island Sound Study Program: DEP applied to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Long Island Sound Study Program for federal funding assistance to acquire 48 acres adjacent to the Barn Island Wildlife Management Area in Stonington. This acreage is part of the Crowley Family property described in (D) above. In September 2008, DEP was awarded \$650,000 and anticipates acquisition of the property in 2009 from the Nature Conservancy, who pre-acquired the property from the Crowley Family in 2008.

F. Coastal Wetland Conservation Grant Program: Also in 2008, DEP applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Coastal Wetland Conservation Grant Program for financial assistance to add 45 acres to the East River Marsh Wildlife Management Area in Guilford. In December 2008, CT DEP was notified that it was awarded \$261,250 to acquire this extraordinary coastal property that includes tidal wetlands, old field, coastal forest and shrubland habitat. DEP expects to acquire the property in 2009, which has been pre-acquired by the Guilford Land Conservation Trust.

III. ASSISTING MUNICIPALITIES AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS:

A. Grant Awards: During 2008, \$10,164,220 was awarded to 32 projects through the Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program (OSWA) for the acquisition of approximately 2,440 acres of permanently protected open space land. Of the total \$10,164,220, \$5.1 million dollars in funding was derived from the Community Investment Act Fund. The grant program leverages state, local and private funds to create a cooperative open space acquisition program. The OSWA Grant Program provides grant funds to municipalities and private nonprofit land conservation organizations for the acquisition of open space land and to water companies to acquire land classified as Class I and Class II watershed land. The State of Connecticut receives a conservation and public access easement on property acquired to ensure that the

property is protected and available to residents of Connecticut as open space in perpetuity. Class I watershed land is sometimes exempt from the public access requirement for health and safety reasons. Property acquisitions awarded through the OSWA Grant Program during calendar year 2008 are listed in Appendix B. Additionally, properties closed through the OSWA Grant Program during calendar year 2008 are listed in Appendix C.

B. Community Investment Act: During the 2005 Legislative Session, an act was passed creating a mechanism to fund affordable housing development, farmland acquisitions, open space purchases, and historic preservation. It requires town clerks to collect an additional \$30 fee for each document they record in the town's land records. The state receives \$26 of each recorded document fee and the town keeps \$4. The CIA funds collected are to be distributed equally between the four program areas. Of the CIA funds that have been provided to the Department of Environmental Protection, \$11,138,214 has been directed to assist sponsors in purchasing permanent interests in land totaling 2,631.21 acres. This includes \$5.1 million to preserve 1,570 acres and the Fodor Farm Community Garden in Norwalk, in 2008 for the fourteenth grant round of the Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program.

AGENDA 2009

A. State Acquisition: As Bond Commission funds become available, DEP, LAM Division will continue to evaluate and acquire land through the Recreation and Natural Heritage Trust Program. Currently, there are approximately 15 properties that have negotiated agreements in place, but DEP requires funds to finalize these purchases. In addition, there are numerous properties with an approximate value of \$100,000,000 that have been approved for acquisition but lack the necessary funding. This work will be guided by the policies and priorities established in the State's Green Plan.

B. Grants: If additional Bond Funds are approved for the Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program, a "fifteenth round" of grants will be announced in 2009. Eligible applicants include municipalities, private nonprofit land organizations and water companies. If there is a grant round, Community Investment Act funds will be used to supplement bond funds. Applicants will be encouraged to focus on priority areas established in the "Important Conservation Areas" section of the State's Green Plan.

C. Open Space Inventory: The DEP will continue the process of collecting the data necessary to complete the Protected Open Space Mapping Project (POSM). For FY 2009, the four durational positions that LAM had requested were established as Engineering Aides. This enabled DEP to attract skilled researchers for the project, and consequently, to dramatically increase the amount of progress made over previous years. It is estimated that one additional year (to June 20, 2010) with this level of effort would enable DEP to complete preliminary open space data collection for the entire state, and

an additional one year period (to June 20, 2011) would ensure a high level of accuracy and quality assurance.

D. Property Review: The DEP will continue the on-going process of evaluating properties to potentially purchase. This process is carried out under the statutory authority of CGS 23-75, the Recreation and Natural Heritage Trust Program (RNHTP).

E. CELCP: The DEP, in cooperation with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), will continue to pursue Federal matching grant money for property acquisitions that meet the established guidelines for the Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP). In December 2008, NOAA announced its fiscal year 2010 competitive grant process. DEP's Land Acquisitions and Management Division unit is working closely with DEP's Office of Long Island Sound Programs, The Nature Conservancy, Inc. and local land conservation organizations in coastal towns to identify and develop coastal area acquisition opportunities to submit pursuant to this recent announcement.

F. Forest Legacy: Only three projects in the country were awarded funding for FY 2009; none of which are in Connecticut. The DEP will continue to work towards the completion of the Skiff Mountain Forest Legacy project, and will focus on preparing projects for submission for FY 2011 that will rank high on the national level.

G. Highlands Program: The DEP has applied for FY 2009 funding to assist in the acquisition of one of three properties: the Litchfield Farms Property, the Ethel Walker Phase II property, and the Deluca property. The Litchfield Farms property is located in the Towns of Litchfield and Torrington and consists of 753 acres of land. Preservation of this property would provide ridgeline and scenic vista protection for both the Towns of Litchfield and Torrington. The Ethel Walker Phase II property consists of 427 acres of land in Simsbury. The property is one of the largest contiguous parcels of undeveloped land in the town. The Deluca property was submitted before it was recently closed on by the DEP, and before the DEP was able to substitute this project for the FY07 Highlands Funds which it received funding. DEP will continue to work closely with the Town of Sherman and the Naromi Land Trust during 2009 to fulfill the federal requirements in order to receive the FY08 grant award to be applied to the Embree property.

H. Encroachment Issues: LAM will continue to aggressively address all encroachments on State property. The process will continue to be carried out in accordance with the Encroachment Enforcement Response Policy.

I. Records Management: LAM is working on improving storage, organization and indexing of legal documents and maps pertaining to ownership of DEP properties. A complete inventory of the vault, including a comprehensive review of all maps, deeds and property records has been undertaken. An integrated index for the Recreation and Natural Heritage Trust Program files, Open Space and Watershed Grant Program files, Property Management files and all other grant program files will be created. This will

improve coordination between the various programs and increase efficiency for record retrieval.

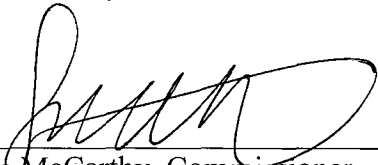
J. Urban Gardens: Due to a renewed focus on urban open space, approximately \$150,000 in funds from the Community Investment Act was awarded in 2008. The Fodor Farm Community Garden in South Norwalk will be expanded to include an additional 140 plots. An education center will be created in one of the vacant houses, a greenhouse and an ADA accessible walkway will be built, a children's garden will be established and there will be raised beds to accommodate gardeners with disabilities and seniors. This program will continue in 2009 to foster preservation, rehabilitation and development of garden spaces and encourage outdoor passive recreation and gathering spaces for families and children.

CONCLUSION:

The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, working together with municipalities, water companies and private nonprofit land conservation organizations, has continued the State's progress toward meeting Connecticut's open space goals. Since July 1998, DEP on behalf of the State of Connecticut has acquired or has protected 42,958 acres and has provided grant funding for the acquisition of an additional 25,492 acres.

The Department of Environmental Protection with the support of the Governor and General Assembly will continue to build on this success.

Submitted by:



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APPENDIX A

**RECREATION AND NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST PROGRAM
ACQUISITIONS
JANUARY 1, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008**

PROPERTY NAME	TOWN	FEE ACREAGE	PURCHASE PRICE	PURPOSE OF ACQUISITION
Centrella	Barkhamsted	144.50	\$600,000	Addition to American Legion State Forest
Postemsky	Scotland	19.45	\$24,313	Addition to Talbot WMA
McGregor	North Stonington	40.76	\$40,760	Addition to Pachaug State Forest
Armstrong	Franklin	40.29	\$122,000	Addition to Franklin Swamp Wildlife Management Area
Lee	Ellington	21.16	\$66,000	Addition to Shenipsit State Forest
Bemer	E Hampton/Portland	148.11	\$259,500	Addition to Meshomasic State Forest
Schrijver	Bethel	132.48	\$4,000,000	Addition to Huntington State Park
Shope Estate	Bloomfield	4.77	\$575,000	Addition to Pennwood State Park
Reneson	Colchester	14.86	\$330,000	Addition to Salmon River State Forest
General Cigar	Suffield	195.14	\$3,100,000	Grassland Bird Habitat
Satorski	Sterling	45.72	\$280,000	Addition to Pachaug State Forest
Raccio	Hamden	25.79	\$225,000	Addition to West Rock Ridge State Park.
Kalinowski	Portland	13.37	\$35,000	Addition to Meshomasic State Forest
Marien (Wilcox Estate)	Griswold	2.96	\$80,000	Addition to Pachaug State Forest
Butkus	Naugatuck	1.75	\$100,000	Addition to Naugatuck State Forest.
Camp	Litchfield	2.23	\$200,000	Addition to Humaston Brook State Park Scenic Reserve
Deluca	Canaan & Cornwall	304.40	\$3,300,000	Addition to Housatonic State Forest
Elm Camp Company	East Haddam	143.10	\$3,200,000	Addition to Machimoodus State Park - Includes \$250,000 from George Dudley Seymour Fund and \$1,091,879 from Land & Water Conservation Fund
		1,300.84	\$16,537,573	

APPENDIX B
OPEN SPACE AND WATERSHED LAND ACQUISITION
GRANTS AWARDED - FALL 2008

SPONSOR(S)	PROJECT NAME	CITY/TOWN	ACRES	PROJECT COST	GRANT
CITY OF BRIDGEPORT	OX BROOK	BRIDGEPORT	9.91	\$380,000.00	\$247,000.00
TOWN OF CHESTER TPL	OTFINOSKI PROPERTY	CHESTER	4.6	\$998,000.00	\$489,020.00
CITY OF NORWICH	DEEP RIVER RESERVOIR	COLCHESTER/SALEM	18.5	\$202,500.00	\$99,225.00
TOWN OF ENFIELD	WOLODKO-WILLIAMS PROPERTY	ENFIELD	23	\$230,000.00	\$149,500.00
TOWN OF FARMINGTON	KRELL FARM PROPERTY	FARMINGTON	28	\$915,000.00	\$448,350.00
TOWN OF GLASTONBURY	FLAT BROOK AT ARBOR ACRES	GLASTONBURY	35.5	\$125,000.00	\$61,250.00
GOSHEN LAND TRUST	OUTDOOR CLASSROOM ACQUISITION	GOSHEN	14	\$56,000.00	\$27,440.00
GUILFORD LAND CONSERVATION TRUST	ETZEL II PROPERTY	GUILFORD	33.35	\$800,000.00	\$392,000.00
SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL WATER	CROSBY PROPERTY	HAMDEN	60	\$1,200,000.00	\$500,000.00
TOWN OF HAMDEN	4226 & 4280 WHITNEY AVE	HAMDEN	40.4	\$700,000.00	\$455,000.00
TOWN OF HARWINTON & TPL	LEADMINE BROOK PROPERTY	HARWINTON	64.87	\$600,000.00	\$294,000.00
LITCHFIELD HILLS AUDUBON SOCIETY	BRAMLEY PROPERTY	LITCHFIELD	29.7	\$299,500.00	\$146,755.00
CITY OF MIDDLETOWN	HUBBARD PROPERTY	MIDDLETOWN	130.92	\$950,000.00	\$500,000.00
CITY OF MIDDLETOWN	BROCK FARM	MIDDLETOWN	46.5	\$900,000.00	\$500,000.00
TOWN OF PLAINVILLE	PEQUABUCK RIVER FLOODPLAIN	PLAINVILLE	79.71	\$278,000.00	\$136,220.00
THE NATURE CONSERVANCY	HANSSEN PROPERTY	REDDING	29.1	\$800,000.00	\$392,000.00
THE NATURE CONSERVANCY	SALEM VALLEY CORPORATION	SALEM	370	\$1,500,000.00	\$490,000.00
SALEM LAND TRUST	ZEMKO SAW MILL	SALEM	63	\$190,000.00	\$93,100.00
CFT & SHARON LAND TRUST	WIKE BROTHERS FARM	SHARON	132.7	\$529,000.00	\$259,210.00
SOUTHBURY LAND TRUST	DAFFODIL HILL FARM	SOUTHBURY	18.45	\$200,000.00	\$98,000.00
TOWN OF SOUTHINGTON	RECKO PROPERTY	SOUTHINGTON	48.5	\$2,006,000.00	\$500,000.00
TOWN OF SOUTHINGTON	JURGLEWICZ PROPERTY	SOUTHINGTON	39.72	\$1,700,000.00	\$500,000.00
TOWN OF SUFFIELD	OLSON FARM	SUFFIELD	40	\$525,000.00	\$257,250.00
TOWN OF TOLLAND	AUPERIN	TOLLAND	28.1	\$240,000.00	\$117,600.00
TOWN OF TOLLAND & TPL	KNOFLA PROPERTY	TOLLAND	71.66	\$710,000.00	\$347,900.00
CITY OF TORRINGTON	LEONI PROPERTY	TORRINGTON	13.11	\$66,000.00	\$42,900.00
THE NATURE CONSERVANCY	MEYERS POND	UNION	450	\$1,500,000.00	\$490,000.00
TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD & TPL	WILKUS FARM	WETHERSFIELD	81	\$3,455,000.00	\$490,000.00
TOWN OF WILLINGTON	KNOWLTON PARCEL	WILLINGTON	134	\$625,000.00	\$306,250.00
TOWN OF WILTON	KEISER FAMILY LAND	WILTON/WESTON	42	\$3,800,000.00	\$490,000.00
WINCHESTER LAND TRUST	HURLBUT FIELD	WINCHESTER	36.2	\$545,000.00	\$354,250.00
TOWN OF WINDSOR LOCKS & TPL	WATERWORKS BROOK PROPERTY	WINDSOR LOCKS	223.9	\$1,495,000.00	\$490,000.00
		TOTALS	2440.4	\$28,520,000.00	\$10,164,220.00

APPENDIX C

OPEN SPACE AND WATERSHED LAND ACQUISITION GRANTS COMPLETED JANUARY 1, 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2008

<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>ACREAGE</u>	<u>GRANT AMOUNT</u>
Town of Monroe	Webb Circle	106.617	\$450,000.00
Salem Land Trust	Litsky Parcel	101.1	\$171,000.00
City of Norwalk & Norwalk LT	White Barn Parcel	5.131	\$450,000.00
City of Stamford	3-27 West Park Place	1.08	\$546,000.00
Town of Monroe	Popricki Property	18.3026	\$112,500.00
Southbury Land Trust	Ludorf Farm	49.7308	\$450,000.00
Town of East Hampton	Walters Property	35.92	\$170,212.00
Town of Enfield	Scantic River Park	25.64	\$15,614.00
Town of Oxford	Cubberly Park	8.84	50,000.00
Town of Columbia	Szegda Farm	132.9	\$350,000.00
Town of Granby	Catherine Marshall Preserve	56.6	\$49,500.00
Town of Monroe	Webb Mountain	60.69	\$450,000.00
Groton Open Space Assoc.	Merritt Property	75.93	\$650,000.00
Town of Cheshire	DeDominicis Property	183.126	\$546,000.00
Essex Land Trust	Platt Property	29.9	\$125,000.00
Town of Southbury	365 Georges Hill Road	38.06	\$265,000.00
Town of Farmington	Lot 7A Burnt Hill Road	64.945	\$450,000.00
Town of Farmington	Lots 5 & 8A Coppermine Road	39.939	\$329,175.00
Town of Southington	Holmquist Property	13.26	\$337,500.00
The Nature Conservancy	Roger Tory Peterson	54.26	\$357,675.00
City of Milford	Geib/Attolino Sod Farm	24.45	\$133,875.00
Norwich Public Utilities	Deep River Watershed	24.26	\$169,000.00
The Nature Conservancy	Jelisavcic Property	7.034	\$50,000.00
City of Norwich	Mohegan Park Expansion	32.55	\$130,000.00
Town of Farmington	Lot 7 Coppermine Road	.8897	\$87,500.00
Guilford Land Conservation Tr.	Etzel Property	108.58	\$500,000.00
Town of Branford	Queach Property	150.97	\$450,000.00
Town of Farmington	Lot 1-60 Collinsville Rd & Lot C-2 River Rd	40.82	\$450,000.00
Town of Farmington	Lot 2A Meadow Road	9.365	\$62,500.00
City of Meriden	739 Hanover Road	11.5	\$47,548.00
Town of Newtown	Laurel Trail	17.6	\$68,250.00
The Nature Conservancy	Weidenhamer Property	7.613	\$65,250.00
Middlesex Land Trust	Kruger Farm	50.02	\$219,000.00
Town of Hamden	Hamden Open Space Project Phase III	40.00	\$334,321.00
Town of Farmington	Hein Farm	23.00	\$152,000.00
Kent Land Trust	The Rookery Project	11.1	\$75,000.00
Weantinoge Heritage Land Tr.	Hunt Hill Farm	44.098	\$416,250.00
Wyndham Land Trust	Buttner Property	53.33	\$225,000.00
Simsbury Land Trust	Tulmeadow Farm Triangle & Pasture Parcels	20.371	\$500,000.00
Killingworth Land Cons. Tr.	Hammonasset River Frontage	1.8	10,650.00
Town of Bethel	Chestnut Hill	16.25	139,500.00
Southbury Land Trust, Inc.	Drumlin Hill Tree Farm	14.036	\$200,000.00
City of Middletown	Wesleyan Property	97.74	\$275,000.00
	TOTALS	1909.348	\$11,085,820.00