



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



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Dear Mr. O'Brien,

The Department of Environmental Protection has reviewed the Notice of Proposed Land Transfer involving a vacant group home on 1.19 acres of land at 7 Windham Road in Brooklyn. The Department has no objection to the proposed transfer. Given the property's size and location, 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. The Department does not recommend that any portion of the property should be preserved through land transfer, conservation easement or the imposition of restrictions or conditions, pursuant to section 4b-47(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS).

In addition, the Natural Diversity Data Base, maintained by DEP, 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. Current research projects and new contributors continue to identify additional populations of species and locations of habitats of concern as well as enhance existing data. Such new information is incorporated into the Data Base as it becomes available.

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,

Amey W. Marrella
Commissioner

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cc: Shane P. Mallory, DPW