



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

December 3, 2010

Commissioner Amey W. Marrella
Department of Environmental Protection
79 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106-5127

Dear Commissioner Marrella,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amey".

This is in response to your November 23, 2010 letter recommending that the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) retain ownership of the undeveloped land parcel within the City of Norwich consisting of approximately 13.17 acres and situated between the Thames River and Route 12.

Based upon the fact that the property in question is currently under DEP custody and control and that you have recommended continued DEP ownership of this property, I have determined that the above referenced property is to be retained by DEP.

If you have any questions concerning this matter please contact Patrick O'Brien of my staff; he may be reached at (860) 418-6353 or patrick.obrien@ct.gov

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brenda".

Brenda L. Sisco
Secretary



Amey W. Marrella
Commissioner

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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November 23, 2010

Patrick O'Brien
Office of Policy and Management
Bureau of Assets Management
450 Capitol Avenue - MS#52ASP
Hartford, CT 06106-1379

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

The Department of Environmental Protection has published notice in the Environmental Monitor of our recommendation requesting acquisition of the undeveloped parcel of land totaling approximately 13.17 acres located within the City of Norwich and situated between the Thames River and Route 12. During the 30-day public comment period, which extended from October 30 to November 30, 2010, we received one comment from David Bingham (attached). Mr. Bingham supports the transfer of the parcel to the Department.

In accordance with section 4b-47(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, we hereby recommend that the Department retain ownership of the parcel. I understand that you will publish this recommendation and the Secretary's final determination in the Environmental Monitor.

Thank you for your assistance in expediting this land transfer. If there are any further questions regarding this matter, please contact David Fox of the Office of Environmental Review at 860-424-4111 or david.fox@ct.gov.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amey Marrella".

Amey W. Marrella
Commissioner

AM:df

cc: David Bingham

From: david bingham [mailto:dbbingham@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Thursday, November 04, 2010 4:22 PM
To: Brothers, Elizabeth
Subject: Comments on transfer of Norwich Hospital Property

To whom it may concern:

This is in support of the transfer to the Department of Environmental Protection of that portion of the former Norwich State Hospital land between the Thames River and Rt 12 in Norwich.

The Thames River is an important migratory bird flyway. Preservation of the banks of the river is critical to protect and improve its water quality, form a wildlife corridor, and to moderate water temperature and hydrology. Protection of this parcel also will preserve the heritage of an important historical viewshed, a cultural landscape visible from both from the land and from the river.

David Brewster Bingham
(Descendant of Jonathan Brewster, owner of the trading post at the site in 1652)