

**State of Connecticut**  
**Natural Heritage, Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Review Board**

October 3, 2018

Honorable Governor Dannel P. Malloy  
Office of the Governor  
State Capitol  
210 Capitol Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Governor Malloy,

On behalf of the State of Connecticut Natural Heritage, Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Review Board ("Review Board"), we would like to thank you and the members of the State Bond Commission for releasing \$5 million in bonding for the Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program (OSWA) managed by the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP).

We are grateful to you for recognizing the importance of continuing to invest in this program which is essential to the state's ability to meet its conservation goals in protecting the natural resources that make for a cleaner environment and stronger economy.

Your administration's commitment to protecting the state's forests, trails, working lands, and community gardens will have a lasting impact for generations to come.

With appreciation and best wishes,



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Eric Hammerling, Co-Chair



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Amy Blaymore Paterson, Co-Chair

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