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**OPEN SPACE AND WATERSHED LAND ACQUISITION EVALUATION FORM**

**CT DEEP OSWA GRANT EVALUATION**

**Conservation, Climate, and Recreation Value** (check those that apply):

Will the proposed property:

- Provide a linkage, create or contribute to a developing or existing greenway? Does this greenway offer opportunities for recreation or non-motorized transportation? If so, please describe such opportunities and plans to develop such recreational or transportation options.
- Protect or complement existing preserved open space or preserved agricultural land, especially if such protection will aid wildlife migration?
- Provide for high-quality, passive recreational uses? Please describe such uses and plans to develop such uses, if needed.
- Provide a valuable resource for recreation, forestry, fishing, wildlife habitat or other natural resources initiatives?
- Protect lands that preserve high-quality natural waters, drinking water resources, and core forests?
- Provide for protection of habitats most at risk from climate change, including forested swamps, lands adjacent to freshwater and tidal wetlands, riparian lands adjacent to cold water streams, beaches and dunes, and areas of potential tidal marsh migration?
- Protect a naturally-occurring feature such as a shoreline, river, stream, mountainous territory, ridgeline, inland or coastal wetland, estuary, or geological feature?
- Protect a habitat of a plant or animal species that is either threatened, endangered, or of special concern? Only species that are represented by the Natural Diversity Data Base (NDDB) should be reported, unless a qualified specialist has identified such species.
- Protect a native ecological community that is unique or uncommon?
- Enhance or conserve the water quality of the State's lakes, rivers and coastal waters?

**Public Access/Recreational Resources** (check if applicable):

- Will recreational resources need to be developed? If so, on the required map, please indicate where, and to what extent these resources will be developed.

**Community Impact** (check those that apply)

- Is the property in close proximity to an urban area or population center?
- Is this proposed acquisition in an area where significant growth/development has occurred or is planned?
- Does this acquisition align with the applicable Council of Government's regional trail assessment, regional recreational plan, or regional plan of conservation and development?

**Local Support**

- Has the community expressed interest in this acquisition?

**Alignment with State and Local Conservation Goals** (check those that apply)

The acquisition is consistent with:

- Regional Water Quality, Recreation and/or Open Space Plans
- State PoCD and applicable State conservation and recreation plans
- State's 2016-2020 Green Plan

**Other Considerations** (check those that apply)

- Property will displace businesses, homes or other establishments
- Physical changes needed are suitable for passive outdoor recreation

**Agricultural Use** (check those that apply)

- There is no current agricultural use or forest management on the property
- Any agricultural use will not impede public access.
- There are structures that will be excluded from the reserved area

**Accessibility for People with Disabilities** (check those that apply)

- Accessibility will be integrated into the design of the project

**Funding Mechanism** (check those that apply)

- Other grants are needed to support this acquisition

**Operation, Maintenance, Stewardship Capabilities**

- We are capable of operating and maintaining the property
- There will be a cooperative effort with others to maintain the property
- Stewardship funding for this acquisition exists