



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 656**

February Session, 2006

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**AN ACT CONCERNING LAND PRESERVATION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The sum of fifteen million dollars is  
2 appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection, from the  
3 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, for the  
4 department to establish and administer a program of grants to  
5 municipalities for brownfield restoration and remediation in distressed  
6 communities, as defined in section 32-9p of the general statutes, that  
7 targets properties that were contaminated by the current owner who  
8 was in compliance with any applicable environmental laws at the time  
9 of contamination or by the successor to an owner who was in  
10 compliance with any applicable environmental laws at the time of  
11 contamination. The department shall use not more than one million  
12 five hundred thousand dollars of said appropriation for administrative  
13 costs of awarding such grants.

14 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The sum of ten million dollars is  
15 appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection, from the  
16 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, for the  
17 department to award grants to municipalities for the purchase of open  
18 space.

19 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The sum of five million dollars is  
20 appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection, from the

21 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, for the  
22 department to award grants to municipalities for urban park  
23 restoration and improvement, with a priority given to the restoration  
24 of sites having particular historical importance to landscape  
25 architecture. The department shall use not more than one hundred  
26 fifty thousand dollars of said appropriation for the design portion of  
27 such grants and not more than one hundred thousand of the  
28 appropriation for administrative costs of awarding the grants.

29 Sec. 4. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The sum of thirty million dollars is  
30 appropriated to the Department of Agriculture, from the General  
31 Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, for the department to  
32 fund farmland preservation programs pursuant to chapter 422 of the  
33 general statutes. The department shall use not more than three million  
34 dollars of said appropriation for administrative costs related to said  
35 programs.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section

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