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IN SUPPORT of Raised Bill No. 347 AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE'S OPEN SPACE PLAN.

by Robert T. Crook, Director.

Passage of the provisions of this bill are long overdue and it is only common sense that the DEEP and the Legislature know who owns, number of acres, and if possible, the use of such properties. It will also determine the extent of accomplishment of the state's open space acquisition program.

We are always concerned with placing additional responsibilities on the underfunded/undermanned DEEP, however, identifying lands preserved as open space is essential.

Thank you.