

It has been said the acquisition of this beautiful 300+/- acres of property back in 2009 bordering the Salmon River is a "perfect example of the DEP's Green Plan. God help us if this "example" gives any clues to other debacles of DEP acquisitions. What once was a paradise for families to enjoy boating, camping, swimming, cook-out dinners in the great Pavilion by the river, sportings events, 4th of July fireworks, and most importantly perhaps for East Haddam, the region and the State, the great economic benefits realized by the annual Great Ct. Jazz Festival which for many years brought musical artists and fans from all over the country to Ct. & East Haddam for several days. The event has now shrunk to one day in a hotel in Meridan. Another example of government doing poorly - or not at all - what private ownership does so well. In fact, at one point the Hartford Symphony Orchestra was considering Sunrise as its new home, but dropped the idea quickly when some flannel mouthed politicians let it be known the State was about to acquire Sunrise.

What could be a goldmine for the State and East Haddam (putting aside all the positive environmental considerations) has now become a haven for vandals, crooks, arsonists, the homeless, and worse - not to mention the dangers to any youngsters that might be exploring the abandoned remains of buildings - now sits in mute testimony to the mindlessness of the DEP in particular, but also our State government in general - the failure to create a great opportunity for its citizens to enjoy culture, sporting & camping, hiking & environmental studies, 4th of July celebrations, preservation of beautiful & safe open space, and at the same time benefitting economically instead of taxing everything that moves.

Let's think big - let's think out of the box - let's think about improving the quality of life for Ct. taxpayers - support HR 6539

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