

As a volunteer trail manager who works on one of the sections, I know that many people of all ages use this trail and it is important to keep this and others as part of our Connecticut recreational assets.

Passage of this bill is important because it will elevate protection and recognition of the New England Trail to the same level as the Appalachian Trail.

This bill will better position the Dept. of Energy & Environmental Protection to be an active and invested long-term partner in the trail's protection.

Recommend removing language concerning "eminent domain" as it is not in the spirit of the NET's federal legislation which specifically removed this authority for the federal government.

The NET is a tremendously valuable recreational asset for the citizens of Connecticut!

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