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Greetings,

As a member of the Friends of the Windsor Locks Canal Trail and Park, we know first hand how short staffed and how little money is available for the parks upkeep. Our parking lot is full of holes. We spend hours keeping the trail open so bicyclists and walkers can get down the trail. Fishing on the CT River and in the canal is limited because clearing openings is too big a job for our group. We have to spend our time mowing grassy areas, weedwacking around fences and repairing picnic benches. Our meager income goes to equipment maintenance and gas to power equipment. There are only 9 active members.

Increased maintenance by DEEP would leave us free for educational programs and park enhancements. Our park supervisor keeps in touch and truly supports our needs as much as he can. Please pass bills 5369 5370.

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