

Open Space, Agriculture, Historic Preservation, and Affordable Housing have all directly benefited from the Community Investment Act (CIA) since 2006. Vital programs, landscapes, farms, archaeological sites, and historic structures have been saved. Connecticut wisely instituted this program and the citizens have benefited.

As currently proposed, the state budget would devastate the CIA funds through 2017. This is not a wise economic move. To date, over \$133 million has been given back to Open Space, Agriculture, Historic Preservation, and Affordable Housing creating some 4,000 jobs in the process.

Please vote against the Governor's raiding of the CIA program.

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