



GUN RANGES ON STATE-OWNED PROPERTY

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ISSUE

For each gun range located on state-owned property, provide its size by acreage, when it was built and last upgraded, and the cost of upgrades made in the past 10 years.

SUMMARY

We identified eight gun ranges located on Connecticut state-owned property, as reported by the Military Department and the departments of Correction (DOC), Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP), and Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP).

While located on state-owned property, not all of the ranges are state owned and operated. For example, the range used by the Military Department is federally owned, and DEEP operates two ranges located on state property in cooperation with private entities. The ranges used by DOC and DESPP are all state owned and operated. Additionally, there is one archery range located on state property operated by DEEP, which receives Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration funds to operate and maintain its ranges.

Table 1 provides information for each identified shooting range.

TABLE 1: Shooting Ranges on State-Owned Property

Military Department	
East Haven Rifle Range (Army National Guard)	<p><i>Size:</i> 138 acres</p> <p><i>Built:</i> Acquired property in 1905 for use by the armed forces of Connecticut</p> <p><i>Last Upgraded:</i> In 2005, renovation began to construct a modern Army range, which was completed in 2011</p> <p><i>Cost of Recent Upgrades:</i> Undisclosed, but the Connecticut National Guard received federal Military Construction funds for the renovation</p>
Department of Correction	
District 1 – Enfield	<p><i>Size:</i> Approximately 3 acres, including a 10,800 square foot building</p> <p><i>Built:</i> Completed in 2004</p> <p><i>Last Upgraded:</i> Three projects in 2008 and 2010 for structural renovations, environmental remediation, and energy conservation</p> <p><i>Cost of Recent Upgrades:</i> \$993,552 for the three projects total</p>
District 2 – Chesire	<p><i>Size:</i> Approximately 3 acres, including a 11,300 square foot open air range and a 6,000 square foot enclosed pistol range</p> <p><i>Built:</i> 1999 (open air) and 2001 (enclosed)</p> <p><i>Last Upgraded:</i> 2012, ventilation upgrade at enclosed range</p> <p><i>Cost of Recent Upgrade:</i> \$446,778.20</p>

Table 1 (Cont.)

Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection	
State Police Range – Simsbury	<p><i>Size:</i> Approximately 13 acres, including 4 acres for a pistol range and a rifle range</p> <p><i>Built:</i> 1947 by the U.S. Army and purchased in 1962 by the State of Connecticut</p> <p><i>Last Upgraded:</i> In 1968 when a classroom and range tower were constructed</p> <p><i>Cost of Recent Upgrades:</i> None disclosed (No substantial upgrades in the last 10 years, other than mitigating damage caused by flooding from the Farmington River)</p>
Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) Range - Meriden	<p><i>Size:</i> Approximately 1.3 acres</p> <p><i>Built:</i> 1971 or 1972</p> <p><i>Last Upgraded:</i> In 2004 and 2005, the range building was renovated, and in 2013, the berm was mined for projectiles, regarded, and extended</p> <p><i>Cost of Recent Upgrades:</i> Approximately \$150,000 for the two projects total</p>

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Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	
Glastonbury Public Shooting Range	<p><i>Size:</i> 40 acres, including a 4 acre range</p> <p><i>Built:</i> 1980</p> <p><i>Last Upgraded:</i> In 2005, constructed a participant viewing pavilion and multi-distance shooting station</p> <p><i>Cost of Recent Upgrade:</i> \$15,189 for materials; DEEP staff and equipment were used</p>
High Rock Cooperative Shooting Range – Naugatuck	<p><i>Size:</i> 1.25 acres</p> <p><i>Built:</i> 1985 and operated in cooperation with the High Rock Shooting Association, Inc.</p> <p><i>Last Upgraded:</i> In 2013 for erosion enhancement project and access road improvements (Hunter’s Mountain Road) and in 2014 for access reconstruction (Spruce Brook Road)</p> <p><i>Cost of Recent Upgrades:</i> \$289,334 for the three projects total, plus \$5,000 from High Rock Association, Inc.; DEEP staff and equipment were used for some work</p>
Wooster Mountain Cooperative Shooting Range - Danbury	<p><i>Size:</i> Approximately 7.4 acres</p> <p><i>Built:</i> 1948 and operated in cooperation with the Danbury Shooting Sports Association, Inc.</p> <p><i>Last Upgraded:</i> Undisclosed, maintenance and improvements are the responsibility of the Danbury Shooting Sports Association, Inc.</p>
Nye Holman Field Archery Range – Tolland	<p><i>Size:</i> 39 acres</p> <p><i>Built:</i> 1960s, formally designated in 1994</p> <p><i>Last Upgraded:</i> In 2006, for a volunteer Boy Scout range reconstruction project</p> <p><i>Cost of Recent Upgrades:</i> \$1,900</p>

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