

Dear Members:

The Mattabeseck Audubon Society, a chapter of the National Audubon Society, whose chapter area includes the municipalities of Middletown, Middlefield, Cromwell, Portland, East Hampton, Haddam, East Haddam, Colchester, and Marlborough, would like to encourage you to support SJ5, the constitutional amendment to protect state lands from unapproved conveyance, and Project Green Space that would allow towns to create Open Space funds.

Numerous times, the legislature has included the conveyance of public lands in omnibus bills that have no public scrutiny or support. This was especially egregious in the notorious Haddam Land Swap. SJ5 would create a process that would require public input and support.

With the state budget issues, municipalities will be receiving much less financial support for anything, much less open space. Project Green Space will allow towns to develop dedicated funds to purchase open space on their own without reliance on the state.

We urge you to support these important environmental projects for the benefit of the people of Connecticut.

Yours truly,
Alison Guinness
President