



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 338**

February Session, 2018



**AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF COMMUNITY INVESTMENT  
ACCOUNT FUNDS FOR COMBATTING INVASIVE SPECIES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 4-66aa of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

3 (a) There is established, within the General Fund, a separate,  
4 nonlapsing account to be known as the "community investment  
5 account". The account shall contain any moneys required by law to be  
6 deposited in the account. The funds in the account shall be distributed  
7 every three months as follows: (1) Ten dollars of each fee credited to  
8 said account shall be deposited into the agriculture sustainability  
9 account established pursuant to section 4-66cc and, then, of the  
10 remaining funds, (2) twenty-five per cent to the Department of  
11 Economic and Community Development to use as follows: (A) Three  
12 hundred eighty thousand dollars, annually, to supplement the  
13 technical assistance and preservation activities of the Connecticut  
14 Trust for Historic Preservation, established pursuant to special act 75-  
15 93, and (B) the remainder to supplement historic preservation activities  
16 as provided in sections 10-409 to 10-415, inclusive; (3) twenty-five per  
17 cent to the Department of Housing to supplement new or existing  
18 affordable housing programs; (4) twenty-five per cent to the  
19 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for municipal

20 open space grants and grants to lake authorities or associations for the  
21 control of invasive species, provided: (A) Any such grant to a lake  
22 authority or association for such purposes shall not exceed one-third of  
23 the reasonable costs for such control measures or project, (B) any such  
24 grant shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars, and (C) any such  
25 lake shall provide for access by members of the general public; and (5)  
26 twenty-five per cent to the Department of Agriculture to use as  
27 follows: (A) Five hundred thousand dollars annually for the  
28 agricultural viability grant program established pursuant to section 22-  
29 26j; (B) five hundred thousand dollars annually for the farm transition  
30 program established pursuant to section 22-26k; (C) one hundred  
31 thousand dollars annually to encourage the sale of Connecticut-grown  
32 food to schools, restaurants, retailers and other institutions and  
33 businesses in the state; (D) seventy-five thousand dollars annually for  
34 the Connecticut farm link program established pursuant to section 22-  
35 26l; (E) forty-seven thousand five hundred dollars annually for the  
36 Seafood Advisory Council established pursuant to section 22-455; (F)  
37 forty-seven thousand five hundred dollars annually for the  
38 Connecticut Farm Wine Development Council established pursuant to  
39 section 22-26c; (G) twenty-five thousand dollars annually to the  
40 Connecticut Food Policy Council established pursuant to section 22-  
41 456; and (H) the remainder for farmland preservation programs  
42 pursuant to chapter 422. Each agency receiving funds under this  
43 section may use not more than ten per cent of such funds for  
44 administration of the programs for which the funds were provided.

45 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,  
46 fifty per cent of the moneys deposited in the community investment  
47 account from January 1, 2016, until June 30, 2017, shall be credited  
48 every three months to the resources of the General Fund, provided the  
49 funds remaining in the account shall be distributed as provided in  
50 subsection (a) of this section.

51 (c) Prior to the distribution of any funds to a lake authority or  
52 association pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the Auditors of

53 Public Accounts shall, within available resources, conduct a forensic  
54 accounting of the expenditure of funds from the community  
55 investment account for the two preceding fiscal years and provide a  
56 report to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
57 having cognizance of matters relating to budgetary appropriations and  
58 the environment not later than January 1, 2019.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	4-66aa
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