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## REP. DOUCETTE REQUESTS FUNDING FOR GLASTONBURY OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION

GLASTONBURY — **State Representative Jason Doucette (D – Manchester/Glastonbury)** has requested the Governor and Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management to place an item on the state Bond Commission agenda to allocate \$4 million in state funding for the acquisition of approximately 560 acres of open space owned by the [Metropolitan District Commission](#) (MDC).

The town has been working on the deal for nearly 5 years, and Rep. Doucette has asked the commission to place the item on its August or September agenda.

“This will allow us to preserve hundreds of acres of developable land for open space and outdoor recreational purposes,” said **Rep. Doucette**, who serves as Acting Chair of the Legislature’s Banking Committee. “The preservation of these parcels as open space is of critical importance to the Town of Glastonbury and the region as a whole.”

The original concept called for a \$15 million purchase price utilizing \$10 million in state bond authorization. However, after continued discussions between the town and MDC, a revised proposal has been developed to reduce the overall purchase price.

The town will contribute \$5 million towards the purchase.

In 2016, the legislature originally authorized \$10 million in grant funding through the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for the purchase, and \$1 million has been allocated to date.

Purchase of the parcels is consistent with the [State Plan of Conservation and Development](#), and the DEEP’s [Open Space Acquisition Strategy](#), which both highlight the importance of preserving open space.

Through Connecticut’s Open Space Grant Program and Glastonbury’s own preservation efforts, the town has preserved over [1,800 acres](#) of open space.

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