

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Chester, Deep River, Essex VOTERS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018

“Protect your Public Land”

Please Vote: **YES** on Question #2

By voting **YES** to a proposed constitutional amendment would ensure transparency in the legislature’s ability to sell, swap or trade your public land. CONNECTICUT VOTERS who care about parks, forests, farmland and open-space, this is a rare opportunity to engage in “direct democracy.”

Things you perhaps were unaware of:

Currently, the General Assembly can sell, swap or give away state parks, forests and other valuable public lands with NO public input. Vote **YES** so that the General Assembly will be required to hold a public hearing with two thirds majority vote from both the Senate and the House of Representative (if those lands are held by CT DEEP , or the Department of Agriculture) **would** be required before public land is swapped or given away to private companies or local governments. Vote **YES** to ensure transparency from the General Assembly.

By voting **YES** on QUESTION #2, this land conveyance amendment ensures that our **State Parks** and **Forests** remain for everyone. We need public meetings and community involvement. We need government to be transparent and the public needs the ability and choice to sustain our open-space, public lands, jobs and revenue that will benefit all of us. For more information: Connecticut Forest and Park Association (CFPA) info@ctwoodlands.org.
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Respectfully submitted:

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