

Governor M. Jodi Rell announced today that funds are available to assist cities and towns and land conservation organizations with the purchase and preservation of open space lands and urban gardens through the state of Connecticut's Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition program. "We will award up to \$5 million in grants for local land preservation," Governor Rell said. "These grants help preserve thousands of beautiful and environmentally important acres in cities and town across our state."

- Deadline: Monday, May 3, 2010
 - Application: January 2010 version is available on DEP website: www.ct.gov/dep/openspace
 - Grant awards are expected to be awarded in the fall of 2010.
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