

Town of Old Lyme

Priorities for the Acquisition of Open Space

- 1. Add to the Peterson, Champlain and McCulloch Greenways linking areas of Open Space and adding adjacent properties to form large, unfragmented tracts of field and forest.**
- 2. Add properties that will connect existing public trails to provide a town-wide system for hiking, bicycling, jogging, bird watching and nature study.**
- 3. Provide points of access to the shoreline and tidal waters for canoeing, kayaking, fishing, crabbing and other water related activities. Add to or provide additional public beach areas.**
- 4. Protect and preserve the habitat of various wildlife species, including endangered, threatened and species of special conservation need as identified in the State of Connecticut's Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy**
- 5. Protect and preserve wetlands, tidal marshes, streams, ponds, lakes, vernal pools, water recharge areas and aquifers.**
- 6. Preserve and protect historical, archeological and scenic sites to protect the Town's rich heritage.**
- 7. Preserve and protect the remaining farmland in Old Lyme.**
- 8. Establish a town forest.**
- 9. Protect land that has special educational, aesthetic, scientific and/or recreational value.**

When selecting a property for protection through acquisition or easement, the Committee may select a property based on only one criterion or on several criteria.

5/2006 approved by Open Space Committee

2/2007 approved by Conservation Commission