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Dear Mr. Stygar:

I am writing this for the Old Lyme Open Space Commission to convey the Commission's support for the acquisition by the Old Lyme Land Trust of land at 106 Four Mile River Road (25-4), Old Lyme CT, from Miami Beach LLC. In particular, the acquisition directly supports the 2010 Town of Old Lyme Plan of Conservation and Development and advances the objectives of the 1997 Town of Old Lyme Open Space Plan and the 2004 Open Space Plan Update. In addition, these plans are fully consistent with the State Plan of Conservation and Development in all respects.

The land to be acquired by OLLT consists of approximately 40 acres in the wildest and most undeveloped part of Old Lyme. The land is diverse, bisected by rocky ledge and watercourses. It is covered with a forest of mixed hardwoods: oak, beech, maple and other northern hardwood species predominate, as does Mountain Laurel. It is of special interest that the acquisition of this parcel would create an aggregation of protected, undisturbed open space totaling more than 160 acres along the eastern boundary of Old Lyme.

Over the years the Old Lyme Open Space Commission and the Old Lyme Land Trust have built a close working relationship that has resulted in the possibility of developing a town-wide trail system in coming years. Thus, the Old Lyme Open Space Commission urges that you give positive consideration to this Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Application for the acquisition of the subject parcel by the Old Lyme Land Trust.

Sincerely,

Amanda Blair
Vice Chair
Old Lyme Open Space Commission