



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 7286

LCO No. 7549



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT

Introduced by:
(GOS)

**AN ACT CONVEYING A PARCEL OF STATE LAND KNOWN AS
SOUTH GREENWAY IN THE TOWN OF NORTH CANAAN.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding any provision
2 of the general statutes, the Commissioner of Transportation shall convey
3 to the town of North Canaan a parcel of land located in the town of
4 North Canaan, at a cost equal to the administrative costs of making such
5 conveyance. Said parcel of land has an area of approximately 9.45 acres
6 and is identified as the property described in a lease to the town of North
7 Canaan dated July 16, 1991, that is recorded in the town of North
8 Canaan Land Records in Volume 70 at pages 524 to 530, inclusive, and
9 is further described in a deed recorded in the town of North Canaan
10 Land Records in Volume 29 at page 613. The precise size and area of the
11 parcel to be conveyed shall be determined by the Commissioner of
12 Transportation. If a survey of said parcel of land for the purpose of the
13 conveyance is deemed necessary by the Commissioner of
14 Transportation, the town of North Canaan shall pay the costs of any
15 such survey. The conveyance shall be subject to the approval of the State
16 Properties Review Board.

17 (b) The town of North Canaan shall use said parcel of land for open
18 space or low impact nonmotorized public recreation purposes,
19 including, but not limited to, an existing greenway trail, except for a
20 portion of said parcel to be used for an emergency services facility as
21 provided in subsection (c) of this section. If the town of North Canaan:

22 (1) Does not use said parcel for any of said purposes;

23 (2) Does not retain ownership of all of said parcel, other than a
24 transfer of a portion as described in subsection (c) of this section or a
25 transfer to a nonprofit entity to facilitate or manage said purposes; or

26 (3) Leases all or any portion of said parcel, other than a lease to a
27 nonprofit entity to facilitate or manage said purposes,

28 the parcel shall revert to the state of Connecticut. Any funds received by
29 the town of North Canaan from a sale or lease of said parcel to a
30 nonprofit entity under this subsection shall be transferred to the State
31 Treasurer for deposit in the General Fund.

32 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 8-25 of the general
33 statutes, the town may divide a portion not exceeding four acres of said
34 parcel to be used for the construction of a not-for-profit emergency
35 services facility to be used and managed by the North Canaan Fire
36 Company.

37 (d) Said parcel shall be subject to an easement in favor of the
38 Housatonic Railroad Company for purposes of maintaining a railroad
39 spur abutting the southerly boundary of the parcel.

40 (e) The State Properties Review Board shall complete its review of the
41 conveyance of said parcel of land not later than thirty days after it
42 receives a proposed agreement from the Department of Transportation.
43 The land shall remain under the care and control of said department
44 until a conveyance is made in accordance with the provisions of this
45 section. The State Treasurer shall execute and deliver any deed or

46 instrument necessary for a conveyance under this section, which deed
47 or instrument shall include provisions to carry out the purposes of
48 subsections (b) to (d), inclusive, of this section. The Commissioner of
49 Transportation shall have the sole responsibility for all other incidents
50 of such conveyance.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:
To transfer a parcel of state land known as South Greenway in the town of North Canaan to said town.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]