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HONORABLE PRESIDENT & MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
155 Deer Hill Avenue
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**RE: OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION: PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF OPEN SPACE
ADJACENT TO NASCENT / PROPOSED GREENWAY & RELATED MATTERS**

Dear Council Members:

Recent events including but not limited to the recent overwhelming passage of an Open Space Bond Issue have placed us in a favorable position to commence negotiations and other actions intended to actively acquire open space parcels to add to the City's open space legacy. Specifically, we are requesting Council authority to immediately enter into negotiations and, if successful, purchase contracts, in connection with a large parcel located off of Padanaram Road. If successful, our long-term plan is to incorporate this significant parcel into a larger (much larger) Open Space tract located contiguous to this subject parcel, although the subject tract clearly could serve as valuable open space on a stand-alone basis. This acquisition would represent the first in a long line of expansive open space acquisitions that the City hopes to effect, and, coming so soon after bond passage, would send a clear signal that the City is serious about greatly expanding its permanent Open Space inventory for future generations.

Our consultant, Mr. Jack Kozuchowski, would be an appropriate person to contact regarding this specific acquisition, and our ambitious Omnibus/Global Open-Space acquisition initiatives in general. Of course, in order to protect our negotiating position, this agenda item should be addressed by adjourning to Executive Session at the end of the Council agenda.

As always, please do not hesitate to call at your convenience with any questions. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,
CITY OF DANBURY

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