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## **CFPA CONSERVATION AGENDA FOR 2020**

### State Legislative Priorities

- Enable Property Tax Incentive for Private Landowners to Protect Trails.
- Incorporate forest, open space, and agricultural land protection into Connecticut's goals to mitigate and adapt to climate change.
- Ensure public input process for conveying state-owned lands to non-state ownership runs as intended in the state constitution.
- Clarify that provision in C.G.S. Sec. 16-234(e), which allows electric utilities to prune or remove trees touching wires without providing notice to tree wardens or abutting landowners, should only be used in emergencies and not as regular maintenance.
- Authorize Municipalities to use a limited buyer's conveyance fee for local land and water conservation projects.

### State Funding Priorities

- Keep the Passport to the Parks Intact.
- Return Greenways and Wildlife special license plate fees to intended purpose of supporting the Recreational Trails and Wildlife Programs.
- Support bonding/funding for recreational trails, open space, and agricultural land protection matching grant programs.
- Protect the Community Investment Act against diversions or raids.

### Federal Priorities

- Increase National Park Service appropriations for the New England Trail.
- Re-admit Connecticut into the federal FHWA/Recreational Trails Program.
- Pass Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA), Complete America's Great Trails Act, and other CT priorities.
- Protect Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) to support Forest Legacy and other critical federal land conservation programs.