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Doyle & Rep. Nafis Announce \$1 Million in State Funding for the Purchase of Cedar Mountain

Today State Senator Paul Doyle and State Representative Sandy Nafis, who represent Newington in the state legislature, announced that the State Bond Commission is expected to approve \$1 million in state funding next week to help the Town of Newington purchase part of Cedar Mountain.

"This is an important project for Newington and for Connecticut. Thanks to the efforts of State Representative Sandy Nafis, Senator Paul Doyle, and many other state and local officials and residents, this beautiful parcel of land will be preserved as open space for visitors to continue to enjoy," said Governor Dannel P. Malloy. "Balancing the needs of development and the preservation of green space is critical for Connecticut to maintain its integrity as a state with deep roots in conservation and a high quality of life. This project will help Newington protect the mountain for future generations to enjoy."

"I am pleased that we worked in conjunction with open space advocates, including the members of Save Cedar Mountain, and Governor Malloy, to achieve state assistance for this significant open space acquisition for Newington and Wethersfield," said Sen. Doyle. "Cedar Mountain is a local treasure. This money will go a long way towards stopping dangerous overdevelopment and preserving Cedar Mountain for future generations," said Rep. Nafis. "We appreciate Governor Malloy's strong support for our town and for open space preservation."

The legislators said the funding will be used to offset the town's cost of buying the 26-acre Marcap property on Cedar Mountain—the lower half of the Mountain—and preserving it as open space.

Developers had proposed building townhouses on the property, but withdrew the plan earlier this year in the face of strong opposition from town residents. The State Bond Commission meets Friday, December 9 at 10:30 a.m. in room 1-E of the Legislative Office Building in Hartford.

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