STATEWIDE IMPORTANT FARMLANDS

This digital map represents the distribution of statewide important farmlands in the state of Connecticut. The map includes different colors to indicate various categories of farmlands, each with specific characteristics and implications for agriculture and land use. The map serves as a tool for understanding the spatial distribution of farmland and can be used to inform decisions related to land management, conservation, and development.

**Legend:**
- **Prime Farmland Soils:** These soils have the best combination of physical and chemical characteristics for farming practices. They support high yields of crops and are essential for maintaining agricultural productivity.
- **Slightly Important Farmland Soils:** These soils are of a lesser degree in terms of their combination of physical and chemical characteristics, but they still support farming practices.
- **Locally Important Farmland Soils:** These soils are of a level that is important for local farming practices and are typically used for the production of high-value crops or by small-scale farmers.
- **Open Water:** Includes bodies of water such as lakes, rivers, and ponds.
- **Roads:** Major and minor roads within the state.

**Data Sources:**
- USGS
- USDA-NRCS
- Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station
- Connecticut Department of Agriculture
- Connecticut Land Trust

**Explaination:**
- The map is derived from various sources including aerial photographs, soil surveys, and land use data to provide a comprehensive view of the farmland distribution.
- The colors and symbols used in the map are consistent with the legend and represent specific categories of farmland.
- This map is useful for various stakeholders including agricultural planners, conservationists, and land use officials.

**Scale:**
- Scale 1:24,000 when map is printed at original size (48 x 36 in).

**Related Information:**
- This map does not necessarily portray land that is used currently for farming purposes.