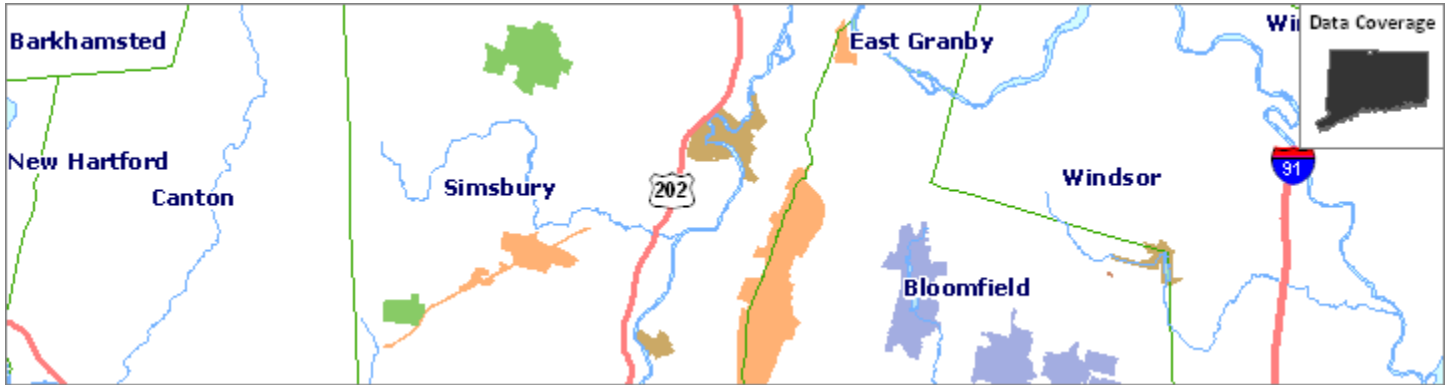


DEP Property



Description

DEP Property includes parcels of land owned and managed by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) for the purpose of preserving open space, protecting natural habitats, managing wildlife, controlling floods, and providing the general public with outdoor recreational opportunities such as hiking, biking, swimming, fishing, boating, camping and hunting. It primarily includes the following types of DEP Property: state forest, state park, state park scenic reserve, state park trail, natural area preserve, historic preserve, wildlife area, wildlife sanctuary, DEP owned waterbody, water access, flood control, and fish hatchery. DEP Property is based on information from DEP land record information and is updated upon acquisition of new parcels of land. There are a small number of parcels that do not fit into the above categories and are classified as “other”. Most of these properties are owned by the DEP in fee simple interest. Partial interests such as easements or development rights are generally not included. The exceptions are flood control areas, which are permanent easements.

These data are based on information from Department of Energy and Environmental Protection land records and were collected from 1994 through the present. It is updated upon acquisition of new parcels of land.

Detailed information includes type of property, DEP identification number, property name, agency code, and size of parcel in acres.





Purpose

Use DEP Property to view parcels that are owned by the Department of Environmental Protection. It can be used with other related cadastral or parcel level data, such as protected open space, state boat launches, and Connecticut parcels. It can also be used with a variety of environmental data to interpret environmental conditions within an open space area, such as wildlife habitat, endangered species areas, soils and wetlands, fisheries management areas, tidal wetlands, bedrock and surficial geology, etc.

These data were collected and compiled at various scales. Use this information only as a general guide to DEP property boundaries. These boundaries are not to be used for legal purposes.

Legend Description

The legend for DEP Property is based on the DEP facility category.

Legend Color	Category	Description
	State Forest	Allowed uses generally include forestry practices, hunting and trapping, camping, and most state park uses. Generally distinguished from state parks for their permitted hunting activities. A few state forests, however, do not allow hunting. Visit DEEP Wildlife for more information about hunting.
	State Park	Primary uses are general outdoor recreation such as hiking, biking, swimming, boating, and camping. Hunting or trapping is generally not allowed in state parks, although there are exceptions. Visit DEEP Parks and Forests for more information about state parks.
	State Park Scenic Reserve	State parks with unusual or extraordinary natural features that have scenic qualities. Examples are Sunset Rock State Park, Bluff Point Coastal Reserve, and Lovers Leap State Park.
	State Park Trail	Linear state parks where trail activities are the primary activity, such as walking, running, bicycling, and horseback riding. Airline State Park Trail in Hebron is one example of a state park trail.
	Natural Area Preserve	State land that is approved by the Governor as a “natural area”. A natural area is defined in the Connecticut State Statutes as “...an area of land or water, or land and water, containing, or potentially containing, plant or animal life or features of biological, scientific, educational, geological, paleontological, or scenic value worthy of preservation in their natural condition”. Some examples of natural area preserves are Canaan Mountain Natural Area Preserve and Hammonasset Natural Area Preserve.
	Historic Preserve	An area that has historic significance. One example is Industrial Monument Historic Preserve in North Canaan that contains the state’s last remaining iron

		furnace.
	Wildlife Area	An area where wildlife habitat is managed to maintain stable, healthy populations of wildlife. Hunting and trapping is generally allowed within these areas. Some wildlife areas are the Charles E. Wheeler Wildlife Area in Milford and the Barn Island Wildlife Area in Stonington.
	Wildlife Sanctuary	An area where wildlife is protected and hunting or trapping is not allowed, such as the Shade Swamp Wildlife Sanctuary in Farmington.
	DEP-owned Waterbody	Body of water owned by DEP and usually used for recreation purposes. Examples are Beseck Lake in Middlefield and Hopeville Pond in Griswold.
	Water Access	Access areas along lakes, ponds, rivers, streams, coves, Long Island Sound, etc. that provide public access for recreation purposes. Many of these sites are also boat launch locations. Some include Bolton Lake Water Access as well as many sites on the Connecticut River.
	Flood Control Area	An area that is managed for flood control and that generally contains dams and related structures and impoundment areas. Some of these areas are also used for public recreation. Examples are Yantic River in Norwich and Rooster River in Norwalk.
	Fish Hatchery	Facility where fish are either farmed or held for stocking in statewide waterbodies and waterways. DEP's three major hatcheries are the Quinebaug Fish Hatchery, the Burlington Fish Hatchery, and the Kensington Atlantic Salmon Fish Hatchery.
	Other	Areas that may have recently been purchased and have not yet been assigned to a category, or areas that are unique and do not fit into any of the above categories. Examples are Sunrise Resort, Trout Brook Valley, Sterling Radio Tower Site, and Schaghticoke Indian Reservation.

Use Limitations

This is the best digital information available statewide of DEP property, but it is not consistently accurate and complete. Compiled from DEEP land records, there may be omissions and inaccuracies in this information. DEP Property is not meant to be used for legal boundary purposes. Some parcels may be missing or positioned

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incorrectly. Since parcel boundaries were created using a variety of data entry methods, some boundaries may be more accurately positioned than others. Most parcel boundaries were created at 1:24,000 scale using the U.S. Geological Survey Topographic Quadrangle maps and will not align accurately with features such as roads shown on aerial photography. Parcels for more recently acquired property are more accurately positioned because they were created using A-2 certified boundary survey maps with courses, distances and accurate starting locations. This information is not meant to be used at map scales larger and more detailed than 1:24,000 scale (1 inch = 2,000 feet).

Related Information

[Connecticut Parcels for Protected Open Space Mapping \(POSM\)](#) – CT ECO Complete Resource Guide
[Protected Open Space Mapping \(POSM\)](#) – CT ECO Complete Resource Guide
[1997 Municipal and Private Open Space](#) – CT ECO Complete Resource Guide
[Federal Open Space](#) – CT ECO Complete Resource Guide

Data Collection Date

Data collected from 1994 to present. Refer to the publication date information in the Aquifer Protection Area [GIS Metadata](#) for the publication date of the data currently available online.

Status

Data is updated regularly.

Map Scale

The information meets horizontal National Map Accuracy Standards for 1:24,000-scale mapping (1 inch = 2,000 feet).

Contact

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Additional Documentation

[DEP Property](#) – CT ECO Basic Data Guide
[GIS Metadata](#) – Contains technical documentation describing the DEP Property data and the data sources, process steps, and standards used to collect, digitize, and store this information in a geographic information system (GIS).

Originators

[Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection](#)

GIS Data Download

DEP Property data is downloadable from [DEEP GIS Data](#).

Connect GIS and AutoCAD software to this information online using the Open Space [CT ECO Map Service](#).