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MANCHESTER DELEGATION URGES BOND COMMISSION TO PROVIDE CRITICAL FUNDING FOR LOMBARDO'S FARM

Town is expected to receive \$300,000 for preservation of the 102-acre open space

HARTFORD, Conn. – The Manchester State Legislative Delegation, which includes House Majority Leader **Jason Rojas** (D – East Hartford, Manchester), and State Representatives **Jeff Currey** (D – East Hartford, Manchester, South Windsor), **Geoff Luxenberg** (D – Manchester) and **Jason Doucette** (D – Glastonbury, Manchester) and State Senator **Steve Cassano** (D – Manchester), is urging the State Bond Commission to ensure that Manchester receives critically needed funding to support the preservation of the iconic Lombardo's Farm.

The Town of Manchester is expected to receive a \$300,000 grant-in-aid to support the preservation of 102 acres of Lombardo's Farm. Cared for by the Manchester Land Conservation Trust and a passionate group of local volunteers, the open space provides residents with space for activities like hiking, biking, and skiing, in addition to gardens, wildlife, and plant habitats.

"Lombardo's Farm is a unique community asset providing residents with the large open space for activities like hiking, biking, and skiing. Especially over the last year where we were all felt so cooped up, Lombardo's provided the opportunity to get outside and enjoy beautiful community gardens, wildlife, and plant habitats right in our own backyard. The funding provided by the bond commission will enable the Manchester Land Conservation Trust to continue its preservation of the property so residents may fully enjoy the space for years to come," said **Rojas**. "I thank the Governor, the State Bond Commission, and my fellow delegation members for the hard work done to ensure that Lombardo's Farm remains a community treasure."

"With 102 acres of forest, meadow, and wetland, Lombardo's Farm offers our neighbors the opportunity to get away and take a break right here in our community. Through the funding provided by Governor Lamont and the State Bond Commission with this grant, combined with the talents of Manchester Land Conservation Trust and so many local volunteers, we have a real opportunity to turn this open space into a regional asset," said **Currey**.

"I want to thank Majority Leader Rojas, Malcolm Barlow and everyone at the Manchester Land Conservation Trust for their leadership on delivering funding for this vital community asset and local treasurer," said **Luxenberg**.

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“I am proud that some of this property is located in the 13th district, and this is certainly welcome news to the many people in Manchester and North Glastonbury who will be able to enjoy what this remarkable property has to offer our residents and neighborhoods,” said **Doucette**. “Securing these funds to help Lombardo’s Farm thrive for years to come was a full team effort by our delegation, and I am thrilled that this made it onto the Bond Commission’s agenda.”

“Lombardo’s Farm is one of Manchester’s many gems and one of the many examples of the town’s commitment to open space and outdoor recreation,” said **Cassano**. “Its continued support and funding will further emphasize how much Manchester believes in having local natural resources open and available to the public, preserving local beauty and allowing folks to get outside and enjoy the seasons. I’m grateful to the Governor, the Bond Commission and the Manchester Land Conservation Trust, among many others who played roles in supporting this important project.”

The State Bond Commission is expected to vote on Manchester's grants-in-aid along with other funding measures for communities across the state at its upcoming meeting on Friday, July 23.

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