



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 237**

LCO No. 3390



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:  
(ENV)

**AN ACT DESIGNATING ROCKY TOP AND YORK HILL AS  
PROTECTED TRAPROCK RIDGES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 8-1aa of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2019*):

3 As used in section 8-2:

4 (1) "Traprock ridge" means Beacon Hill, Saltonstall Mountain,  
5 Totoket Mountain, Pistapaug Mountain, Fowler Mountain, Beseck  
6 Mountain, Higby Mountain, Chauncey Peak, Lamentation Mountain,  
7 Cathole Mountain, South Mountain, East Peak, West Peak, Short  
8 Mountain, Ragged Mountain, Bradley Mountain, Pinnacle Rock,  
9 Rattlesnake Mountain, Talcott Mountain, Hatchett Hill, Peak  
10 Mountain, West Suffield Mountain, Cedar Mountain, East Rock,  
11 Mount Sanford, Prospect Ridge, Peck Mountain, West Rock, Rocky  
12 Top, York Hill, Sleeping Giant, Pond Ledge Hill, Onion Mountain, The  
13 Sugarloaf, The Hedgehog, West Mountains, The Knolls, Barndoor  
14 Hills, Stony Hill, Manitook Mountain, Rattlesnake Hill, Durkee Hill,  
15 East Hill, Rag Land, Bear Hill, Orenaug Hills;

16 (2) "Amphibolite ridge" means Huckleberry Hill, East Hill, Ratlum  
17 Hill, Mount Hoar, Sweetheart Mountain;

18 (3) "Ridgeline" means the line on a traprock or amphibolite ridge  
19 created by all points at the top of a fifty per cent slope, which is  
20 maintained for a distance of fifty horizontal feet perpendicular to the  
21 slope and which consists of surficial basalt geology, identified on the  
22 map prepared by Stone et al., United States Geological Survey, entitled  
23 "Surficial Materials Map of Connecticut";

24 (4) "Ridgeline setback area" means the area bounded by (A) a line  
25 that parallels the ridgeline at a distance of one hundred fifty feet on the  
26 more wooded side of the ridge, and (B) the contour line where a ridge  
27 of less than fifty per cent is maintained for fifty feet or more on the  
28 rockier side of the slope, mapped pursuant to section 8-2;

29 (5) "Development" means the construction, reconstruction,  
30 alteration, or expansion of a building; and

31 (6) "Building" means any structure other than (A) a facility as  
32 defined in section 16-50i or (B) structures of a relatively slender nature  
33 compared to the buildings to which they are associated, including but  
34 not limited to chimneys, flagpoles, antennas, utility poles and steeples.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2019	8-1aa

**Statement of Purpose:**

To protect Rocky Top and York Hill in Hamden as traprock ridges for purposes of preservation.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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