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Preservationists To Ask Town For Bond To Buy Land In Hills

East Lyme

The Friends of the Oswegatchie Hills Nature Preserve and the Trust for Public Land will make a presentation to the East Lyme boards of selectmen and finance at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The groups will ask the town to authorize a \$2 million bond to purchase land for preservation in Oswegatchie Hills. As part of this proposal, the town will be asked to authorize spending \$145,000, which is 50 percent of the purchase of the Benajah Farms property owned by the Gardiner family and currently under contract to the Friends.

Former state Rep. Gary Orefice, a new board member of the Friends, will be one of the presenters.