

5. Notice of Scoping for Parking Improvements for Pratt & Whitney Stadium at Rentschler Field

Municipality where proposed project might be located: East Hartford

Address of Possible Project Location: 615 Silver Lane

Project Description: The Office of Policy and Management and the Capital Region Development Authority are proposing to develop grass parking lots and internal gravel roadways on a 10-acre parcel that was recently contributed to the State of Connecticut by United Technologies Corporation. The site previously housed operations of Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Company (P&W), and roadways, parking areas and foundations from those operations remain in place. Some portions are fully wooded with the balance being successional tree and shrub growth. The parcel adjoins existing stadium grass parking lots that were developed in 2011 on other former P&W land. Work will consist of clearing and grubbing of most existing vegetation, demolition of pavement and structure remains, regrading to achieve proper drainage, replacement of exiting roadways with gravel drive lanes and seeding with a durable, drought-tolerant grass mix suitable for parking use. A short segment of piped stormwater drainage may be needed, as well. The work will be contracted by the Capital Region Development Authority, which operates Pratt & Whitney Stadium on behalf of OPM. The property will be used for patron parking for major events at the stadium, and may be used occasionally for other events, such as charity walks.

Most of the parcel was included in the areas studied for proposed stadium parking in the 2006 "Environmental Impact Evaluation for Proposed Infrastructure Improvement and Rentschler Field Development" prepared by the Department of Economic and Community Development, with OPM as a participating agency. The final boundaries of the contributed parcel include an area of slightly more than 2 acres that lies outside the limits of the prior study of parking lands. However, this acreage was studied in the EIE as part of the proposed area of later phase development of Rentschler Field. OPM is now seeking comments on potential impacts of this development as part of a slightly differing contemplated State action.

Project Maps: Click [here](#) to view a map of the project area.

Click [here](#) to view the Record of Decision for the 2006 EIE.

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: **January 8, 2016**

Any person can ask the sponsoring agency to hold a Public Scoping Meeting by sending such a request to the address below. If a meeting is requested by 25 or more individuals, or by an association that represents 25 or more members, the sponsoring agency shall schedule a Public Scoping Meeting. Such requests must be made by **December 18, 2015.**

Written comments, questions about this scoping notice, and/or requests for a Public Scoping Meeting should be sent to:

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