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Scoping Notices

"Scoping" is for projects in the earliest stages of planning. At the scoping stage, detailed information on a project's design, alternatives, and environmental impacts does not yet exist. Sponsoring agencies are asking for comments from other agencies and from the public as to the scope of alternatives and environmental impacts that should be considered for further study. Send your comments to the contact person listed for the project by the date indicated.

The following Scoping Notices have been submitted for review and comment.

1. Notice of Scoping for the Greater Waterbury Bus Storage and Maintenance Facility Project

Municipality where proposed project might be located: Watertown, CT

Address of Possible Project Location: Route 262 (Frost Bridge Road) between Route 8 and the Naugatuck River

Project Description: The proposed Greater Waterbury Bus Storage and Maintenance project will consist of a new, approximately 276,000 SF building, plus associated sitework. The project will be located on a parcel of property of roughly 20 acres in the Town of Watertown, adjacent to Frost Bridge Road (SR 262) and the Naugatuck River. This will replace the current bus storage and maintenance facility, located in leased space in a former foundry in the Waterville area of Waterbury, CT. The purpose of the project is to provide a facility which will contain the support functions and services necessary for operation of a daily transit service, while meeting the current and future needs of the transit staff and travelling public. The layout and size of the existing facility is not adequate, and the condition of the building is poor. The new facility will accommodate the storage and maintenance of a mixed fleet of 98 vehicles, including 40' and 35' buses, plus smaller, 28' paratransit body-on-chassis (BOC) vehicles. The facility will be owned by the State of Connecticut and operated as part of the CTTransit statewide bus system. The new facility will provide interior parking for the entire fleet, a service lane with an automatic bus wash, indoor fueling, farebox retrieval, a vehicle maintenance area with lifts and component repair areas, an administrative office area, and employee welfare facilities for the drivers and maintainers.

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

Click [here](#) to view a site plan.

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 **March 28, 2014.**

A scoping meeting has not been requested by 25 or more individuals, or by an association that represents 25 or more members, therefore a Public Scoping Meeting will not be held. However, a Public Information Meeting has been scheduled at the following location and time:

DATE: April 16, 2014

TIME: 7:00 pm

PLACE: Watertown High School Auditorium, 324 French Street, Watertown, CT

NOTES: An open forum for individual discussions with Department officials will begin at 6:30 pm followed by a formal presentation at 7:00 pm. The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. Deaf and hearing impaired persons wishing to attend this meeting and requiring an interpreter may make arrangements by contacting the Department's Office of Communication at 860-594-3062 (voice only) at least five days prior to the meeting. Language assistance is provided at no cost to the public.

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: Friday April 25, 2014

Written comments should be sent to:

Name: Mr. Mark W. Alexander, Transportation Assistant Planning Director

Agency: Connecticut Department of Transportation

Address: 2800 Berlin Turnpike
Newington, CT 06131

Fax: 860-594-3028

E-Mail: dot.environmentalplanning@ct.gov

If you have questions about the public information meeting, or other questions about the scoping for this project, contact:

Name: Mr. John D. Hanifin, Project Manager
Agency: Connecticut Department of Transportation
Address: 2800 Berlin Turnpike
Newington, CT 06131
Phone: 860-594-2899
E-Mail: John.Hanifin@ct.gov

This project was previously reviewed under CEPA and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was issued in 1999. A hardcopy of the FONSI can be viewed in person at the Connecticut Department of Transportation Office of Environmental Planning.

2. Notice of Scoping for Springborn Dam Removal

Municipality where proposed project is located: Enfield

Address of Project Location: Dam is on Scantic River in Scitico section of Enfield, adjacent to 504 Hazard Avenue

Project Description: The Springborn dam, owned by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, is located on the Scantic River in Enfield. It is a run-of-river dam built in 1890 to provide power for an adjacent mill. The structure has deteriorated over time and is considered to be in very poor condition. The dam currently consists of the failed remains of timber crib over stone masonry.

It is the goal of the Department to remove the dam in order to eliminate a public safety risk and reconnect habitat by restoring a stretch of free-flowing river. Contaminated sediments in the impoundment will be identified and excavated prior to dam removal.

Project objectives include:

- Eliminate a public safety risk
- Eliminate a migratory barrier to diadromous fish and eastern brook trout
- Promote the restoration of runs of American shad, river herring, sea lamprey, and American eel
- Remove contaminated sediment from the river to eliminate exposure hazard to recreationalists and downstream residents (in the event of dam failure) and strengthen the long-term resiliency of the aquatic organisms
- Restore natural riverine functions (e.g. sediment transport, restoration of floodplain functions and values, maintenance of normal thermal regimes, re-establishment of natural riverine vegetative communities)

Project Maps: [Click here to view a map of the project location.](#)
[Click here to view an aerial photograph of the dam.](#)

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: *May 9, 2014*

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 Department of Energy & Environmental Protection will schedule a Public Scoping Meeting. Such requests must be made by **April 18, 2014.**

Written comments and/or requests for a Public Scoping Meeting should be sent to:

Name: Jennifer L. Perry, P.E.
Agency: Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Protection & Land Reuse

Address: 79 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106-5127
Phone: 860-424-3802
Fax: 860-424-4075
E-Mail: jennifer.perry@ct.gov

If you have questions about a public meeting, or other questions about the project or scoping, contact Ms. Perry as directed above.

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3. Notice of Scoping for Marlborough Center Water Main

Municipality where proposed project might be located: Marlborough

Address of Possible Project Location: East Hampton Road (Route 66), North Main Street, South Main Street and School Drive

Project Description: The Town of Marlborough proposes to construct a water system to provide public water supply to an area currently supplied by individual wells and non-community public water systems. The existing wells in the area suffer from various water quality issues and the water system is intended to address the need for an adequate and safe water supply. The Town has been awarded a grant through the 2013 Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) to fund a portion of this project.

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

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: **Thursday, May 8, 2014**

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 **April 18, 2014.**

Written comments and/or requests for a Public Scoping Meeting should be sent to:

Name: Mr. Eric McPhee
Agency: Department of Public Health
Drinking Water Section
Address: 410 Capitol Avenue, MS #51WAT
PO Box 340308
Hartford, CT 06134-0308
Fax: 860-509-7359
E-Mail: DPH.SourceProtection@ct.gov

If you have questions about the public meeting, or other questions about the scoping for this project, contact:

Name: Ms. Patricia Bisacky
Agency: Department of Public Health
Drinking Water Section

Address: 410 Capitol Avenue, MS #51WAT
PO Box 340308
Hartford, CT 06134-0308
Phone: 860-509-7333
Fax: 860-509-7359
E-Mail: Patricia.Bisacky@ct.gov

4. Notice of Scoping for the CT Department of Veterans' Affairs Cemetery Expansion

Municipality where proposed project might be located: Middletown

Address of Possible Project Location: 317 Bow Lane

Project Description:

Located at 317 Bow Lane in Middletown, Connecticut, the State Veterans' Cemetery is the largest State-operated cemetery in Connecticut. The site is set on 24 acres of land, approximately 12 of which are developed. The site currently accommodates approximately 7,400 occupied burial sites, an administration building within which is a nondenominational chapel, and an internal vehicular travelway to access the burial sites. The cemetery was established in 1985.

Current issues of concern at the Veterans' Cemetery include limited capacity for additional grave sites, an inadequate internal access road system, loss of sections of the cemetery due to high water table, code compliance within the administration building, and inadequate parking.

As of 2012, a total of 7,123 gravesites were utilized. Projected gravesite utilization for 2013 was 479, bringing total utilization to 7,602 by December 2013. Based on the rate of filling, the cemetery is anticipated to be depleted of space in approximately 4.6 years.

CTDVA intends to construct a 3,000-niche columbarium, 3,200 feet of access driveway, limited parking, and improvements to the existing administration building. These improvements are needed in order to bring the building up to code, including handicapped access, and to extend the life of the cemetery by approximately ten years, thus providing the necessary time for CTDVA to locate and develop a new state cemetery. Details of the project are described in greater detail in the Draft Environmental Assessment (link below).

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

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: **May 22, 2014**

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 **May 2, 2014.**

Additional information about the project can be viewed in person at CT DAS-DCS, 165 Capitol Avenue, Room 482, Hartford, CT 06106 or online at: [Draft Environmental Assessment](#) (DCS website).

Written comments and/or requests for a Public Scoping Meeting should be sent to:

Name: Jeff Bolton, Supervising Environmental Analyst
Agency: DAS - Division of Construction Services
Address: 165 Capitol Avenue, Room 482, Hartford, CT 06106
Fax: 860-713-7250
E-Mail: Jeffrey.bolton@ct.gov

If you have questions about the public meeting, or other questions about the scoping for this project, contact:

Name: Jeff Bolton

Agency: DAS - Division of Construction Services

Address: 165 Capitol Avenue, Room 482, Hartford, CT 06106

Phone: 860-713-5706

Fax: 860-713-7250

E-Mail: Jeffrey.bolton@ct.gov

The agency expects to release a Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in accordance with NEPA for this project, for public review and comment, in June 2014

Other information: https://www.ct.gov/ctva/lib/ctva/Cemetery_Brochure_rev_4.pdf

Post-Scoping Notices: Environmental Impact Evaluation Not Required

This category is required by the October 2010 revision of the [Generic Environmental Classification Document](#) for State Agencies. A notice is published here if the sponsoring agency, after publication of a scoping notice and consideration of comments received, has determined that an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) does not need to be prepared for the proposed project.

The following Post-Scoping Notices have been submitted for publication in this edition.

1. Post-Scoping Notice for East Haven Industrial/Business Park

Municipality where project will be located: East Haven

CEPA Determination: On February 18, 2014 the Department of Economic and Community Development(DECED) published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this project in the *Environmental Monitor*. The DECED received comments from the [Office of Policy and Management](#), [Department of Energy and Environmental Protection](#) and [Department of Public Health](#). The DECED has taken those comments into consideration and has concluded that the project does not require the preparation of Environmental Impact Evaluation under CEPA.

The agency's conclusion is documented in a [Memo of Findings and Determination](#) and an [Environmental Assessment Checklist](#).

If you have questions about the project, you can contact the agency at:

Name: Mark Hood

Agency: Department of Economic and Community Development

Address: 505 Hudson Street, Hartford, CT 06106

Phone: 860-270-8089

Fax: 860-270-8157

E-Mail: mark.hood@ct.gov

What happens next: The DECED expects the project may move forward with state financial assistance which

is subject to DECD, OPM, and Bond Commission Approval. This is expected to be the final notice of the project to be published in the *Environmental Monitor*.

2. Post-Scoping Notice for Meriden Transit Oriented Development

Project Title: Meriden Transit Oriented Development

CEPA Determination: On December 17, 2013 the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this project in the *Environmental Monitor*. The CTDOT has received comments from the [Department of Energy and Environmental Protection](#), the [Department of Public Health](#), and the [CT State Historic Preservation Office](#). The CTDOT has taken those comments into consideration and has concluded that the project does not require the preparation of Environmental Impact Evaluation under CEPA.

The CTDOT's conclusion is documented in an [Environmental Assessment Checklist](#) and a [Memo of Findings and Determination](#).

If you have questions about the project, you can contact the agency at:

Name: Mr. Mark W. Alexander, Transportation Assistant Planning Director

Agency: CT Department of Transportation
Bureau of Policy and Planning

Address: 2800 Berlin Turnpike
Newington, CT 06131

Phone: 860-594-2931

E-Mail: dot.environmentalplanning@ct.gov

What happens next: The Connecticut Department of Transportation expects the project to go forward. This is expected to be the final notice of the project to be published in the *Environmental Monitor*.

3. Post-Scoping Notice for Property Acquisition in City of Meriden - 177 State Street and 11 Crown Street

Municipality where project will be located: City of Meriden

CEPA/NEPA Determination: On December 3, 2013 and January 7, 2014 the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (CTDECD) published scoping notices, 1. [Notice of Scoping for Acquisition of Property on 177 State Street](#); and 2. [Notice of Scoping for Acquisition of Property on 11 Crown Street](#), respectively, to solicit public comments for this project in the *Environmental Monitor*.

As mentioned in the scoping notices, the two property acquisitions, were subject to an environmental review in accordance with 24 CFR Part 50 and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (U.S. HUD) which satisfies the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) review requirements. The CTDECD received comments from the [Department of Energy and Environmental Protection](#) and the [Department of Public Health](#).

The activities were subject to an Environmental Assessment in keeping with 24 CFR 50 Subpart E, and have been issued a Finding of No Significant Impact.

The environmental review record and HUD Form 4128 are on file at the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development Hartford Field Office located at 20 Church Street (One Corporate Center), 10th Floor, Hartford, CT 06103-3220 (Contact: Beth A. Held, Environmental Officer, Beth.A.Held@HUD.gov or 860.240.9772).

If you have questions about the project, you can contact the agency at:

Name: Binu Chandy
CT Dept. of Economic and Community Development

Agency:

505 Hudson Street

Address: Hartford CT 06106

Phone: 860.270.8154

Fax: 860.706.5740

E-Mail: binu.chandy@ct.gov

What happens next: The CTDECD expects the two projects to go forward. This is expected to be the final notice of the two projects to be published in the Environmental Monitor.

EIE Notices

After Scoping, an agency that wishes to undertake an action that could significantly affect the environment must produce, for public review and comment, a detailed written evaluation of the expected environmental impacts. This is called an [Environmental Impact Evaluation](#) (EIE).

The Following Environmental Impact Evaluations have been submitted for publication in this edition.

1. Notice of EIE for University of Connecticut, Storrs, Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) Residence Hall

Municipality where project is proposed: Mansfield

Address of Possible Project Location: Alumni Drive on the University of Connecticut Storrs Campus, Mansfield, Connecticut

Project Description: UConn proposes to construct a Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) Residence Hall next to the Hilltop Residence Halls (Hale and Ellsworth) on Alumni Drive. The proposed residence hall consists of 650 to 800 beds in an 8 or 9-story building or buildings totaling 200,000 to 250,000 gross square feet. The STEM Residence Hall would provide housing for first-year students and is part of the capital project initiatives in support of Next Generation Connecticut, a program intended to significantly expand educational opportunities, research, and innovation in the STEM disciplines at UConn over the next decade.

The University has prepared an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) to further evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Action, as well as other alternative sites considered, including the No Action alternative.

Project Map:

[Click here to view a map of the project site](#) of the proposed STEM Residence Hall on Alumni Drive.

Comments on this EIE will be accepted until the close of business on: **Friday, June 6, 2014**

The public can view a copy of this EIE at:

Mansfield Town Clerk's Office, Audrey P Beck Municipal Building, 4 South Eagleville Road, Mansfield, CT
Mansfield Public Library, 54 Warrenville Road, Mansfield, CT

A copy of the EIE will be available here:

[Environmental Impact Evaluation: UCONN Science, Technology, Engineering and Math \(STEM\) Residence Hall](#)

A public hearing will be held on this EIE on:

DATE: **May 29, 2014**

TIME: 7:30 p.m., or immediately upon the close of the new Engineering Science Building's EIE public hearing, whichever is later.

PLACE: Room 146, UConn Bishop Center; One Bishop Circle; Storrs, CT

NOTES: Doors will be open at 6:00 p.m. to allow review of informational materials.

Written comments should be sent to:

Name: Paul Ferri
Agency: University of Connecticut – Office of Environmental Policy
Address: 31 LeDoyt Road, U-3055, Storrs, Connecticut 06269
Phone: 860-486-9295
Fax: 860-486-5477
Email: paul.ferri@uconn.edu

If you have questions about the public hearing, or other questions about the EIE, contact Mr. Ferri as directed above.

2. Notice of EIE for New Engineering & Science Building, University of Connecticut, Storrs

Municipality where project is proposed: Mansfield

Address of Possible Project Location: Glenbrook Rd. at University of Connecticut, Storrs Campus

Project Description: The University of Connecticut is seeking to build a New Engineering & Science Building off Glenbrook Road at the Storrs Campus. This five-story, 118,000 GSF building is proposed to be located between the Chemistry Building and the Psychology/Biology Building, partially within the footprint of the old Central Warehouse, which will be demolished. The New Engineering & Science Building will serve the university staff and students, offering new laboratories and offices, classrooms, and meeting rooms. New construction associated with this project will incorporate best practices of sustainability with a minimum goal of LEED Silver and conformance with High Performance Building standards.

The University has prepared an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) to further evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Action, as well as other alternative sites considered, including the No Action alternative.

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

Comments on this EIE will be accepted until the close of business on: **Friday, June 6, 2014**

The public can view a copy of this EIE at:

- Mansfield Town Clerk's Office, Audrey P Beck Municipal Building, 4 South Eagleville Road, Mansfield, CT
- Mansfield Public Library, 54 Warrenville Road, Mansfield, CT

The EIE can also be viewed on line by clicking on the link below:

[Environmental Impact Evaluation: UConn Science and Engineering Building](#)

Written comments: from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the end of June 6 2014.

There will be a Public Hearing for this project at:

Date: **May 29, 2014**
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: Room 146, UConn Bishop Center; One Bishop Circle; Storrs, CT 06269
Notes: Doors will be open at 6:00 p.m. to allow review of informational materials.

Written comments should be sent to:

Name: Jason Coite
Agency: UConn - Office of Environmental Policy
Address: 31 LeDoyt Road, U-3055; Storrs, CT 06269
Fax: 860-486-5477
E-Mail: jason.coite@uconn.edu

If you have questions about the Environmental Impact Evaluation, please contact Mr. Coite as directed above.

State Land Transfer Notices

Connecticut General Statutes [Section 4b-47](#) requires public notice of most proposed sales and transfers of state-owned lands. The public has an opportunity to comment on any such proposed transfer. Each notice includes an address where comments should be sent. [Read more about the five-step process.](#)

The following State Land Transfer Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.

1. Final Recommendation of the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection Regarding a Proposed Land Transfer in Newington

Complete Address of Property: 525 Russell Road, Newington

Commonly used name of property or other identifying information: former Cedarcrest Hospital

Number of acres to be transferred: 88.5 acres

[Click here to view map of property location](#)

Previous editions of the Environmental Monitor have included notices pertaining to this proposed transfer:

[Click here to view the notice of intent to transfer the property](#) (Step I).

[Click here to view the draft recommendations of the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection](#)(Step III).

[Click here to read the comments received during Step III and the Commissioner's responses.](#)

[Click here to read the final recommendations of the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection regarding preservation of the property in question.](#)

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT: Following receipt of the final recommendation of the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall make the final determination as to the ultimate disposition of the land or interest. That decision will be published in a future edition of the Environmental Monitor as a Step V Notice.

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