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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.

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

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- 1. Notice of Scoping for Property Acquisition on Crown Street in City of Meriden**

**Address of Possible Project Location:** 11 Crown Street

**Project Description:** The Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) was awarded a \$2 million Community Challenge Planning Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (U.S. HUD). Portion of the funds will be utilized to purchase property in the City of Meriden for the purposes of Transit-oriented Development including housing. One of the properties being considered is 11 Crown Street which currently houses the Record Journal Building.

The U.S. HUD is currently conducting an environmental review (Environmental Assessment Checklist) of the proposed property acquisitions as per the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 24 CFR Part 50 which will satisfy the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) requirements. This Scoping Notice serves as an invitation for public consultation, participation and comments required as per NEPA, CEPA and the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106).

**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, February 6, 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 **Friday, January 17, 2014****

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

**Name:** Binu Chandy  
**Agency:** CT Dept. of Economic and Community Development  
**Address:** 505 Hudson Street, Hartford CT 06106  
**Fax:** 860.706.5740  
**E-Mail:** [binu.chandy@ct.gov](mailto:binu.chandy@ct.gov)

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

**Name:** Binu Chandy  
**Agency:** CT Dept. of Economic and Community Development  
**Address:** 505 Hudson Street, Hartford CT 06106  
**Phone:** 860.270.8154  
**Fax:** 860.706.5740  
**E-Mail:** [binu.chandy@ct.gov](mailto:binu.chandy@ct.gov)

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## **2. Notice of Scoping for New Haven Rail Yard Maintenance of Way Building and Parking Lot**

**Municipality where proposed project might be located:** New Haven

**Address of Possible Project Location:** 1 Brewery Street, New Haven CT

**Project Description:** The proposed project, which is part of the overall New Haven Rail Yard Facilities Improvements program, consists of demolishing the existing 113,000 square foot freezer warehouse and constructing an approximately 25,000 square foot Maintenance of Way (MOW) facility to house the Metro-North Railroad (MNR) personnel who maintain the main line and rail yard infrastructure. This includes the

Track, Structures, Power, and Communication & Signals (C&S) Departments. The remainder of the property will be graded and paved for employee parking.

Existing Brewery Street will be relocated as part of this project, so that it runs through the center of the 1 Brewery Street property. The proposed Brewery Street relocation would also require acquiring a partial take from the IKEA property just east of the 1 Brewery Street property and would require rearranging the access easements on the Hummel Brothers property to the west. This would provide better geometry for the relocation and it's tie-in to the existing street system.

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

[Click here to view an Aerial Map of the project area](#)

[Click here to view Project Plans](#)

**Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: **Friday February 7, 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 **Friday, January 17, 2014.****

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

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

**Agency:** Bureau of Policy and Planning  
Connecticut Department of Transportation

**Address:** 2800 Berlin Turnpike  
Newington, CT 06131

**Fax:** 860-594-3028

**E-Mail:** [dot.environmentalplanning@ct.gov](mailto:dot.environmentalplanning@ct.gov)

**If you have questions about this project, contact:**

**Name:** Mr. Robert Messina, Transportation Supervising Engineer

**Agency:** Bureau of Engineering and Construction  
Connecticut Department of Transportation

**Address:** 2800 Berlin Turnpike  
Newington, CT 06131

**Phone:** 860-594-3305

**E-Mail:** [Robert.messina@ct.gov](mailto:Robert.messina@ct.gov)

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### **3. Notice of Scoping for: Farmington Water Pollution Control Facility Expansion & Upgrade**

**Municipality where proposed project would be located:** Farmington

**Address of Project Location:** 921 Farmington Avenue, Farmington

**Project Description:** In order to meet current environmental regulations and projected growth, the Farmington Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) will require an expansion and upgrade. Overall wastewater flow and pollutant loads to the plant are projected to increase by approximately 35% by 2035. This increase is based on wastewater treatment capacity allotments requested by the Town and its

contract communities (Avon, Burlington and Canton), and accounts for the planned connection of the following:

- residential, industrial and commercial flows within the Town of Farmington
- increased flows from the UCONN Health Center
- additional flows from Miss Porter's School
- additional flows from Westfarms Mall
- flows committed to the Towns of Avon, Canton and Burlington by inter-municipal agreement
- additional infiltration and inflow associated with planned sewer extensions as well as continued deterioration of the existing collection system.

As a result of the aging system, stricter environmental regulations that include nutrient removal, and projected increased flows, the town and their Water Pollution Control Authority proactively elected to evaluate and plan for improvements to the WPCF.

**Project Maps:** [Click here to view a map of the project location.](#)  
[Click here to view the site plan.](#)  
[Click here to view a map of the sewer service area.](#)

**Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: *February 21, 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 shall schedule a Public Scoping Meeting. Such requests must be made by *January 31, 2014.***

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

**Name:** Joseph Higgins  
**Agency:** Department of Energy & Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Water Protection & Land Reuse  
**Address:** 79 Elm Street  
Hartford, CT 06106-5127  
**Phone:** 860-424-3584  
**Fax:** 860-424-4067  
**E-Mail:** [joseph.higgins@ct.gov](mailto:joseph.higgins@ct.gov)

**If you have questions about a public meeting, or other questions about the scoping for this project, contact Mr. Higgins as directed above.**

**The agency expects to release an Environmental Impact Evaluation for this project, for public review and comment, in April 2014.**

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer that is committed to complying with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person with a disability who may need a communication aid or service may contact the agency's ADA Coordinator at 860-424-3194 or at [deep.hrmed@ct.gov](mailto:deep.hrmed@ct.gov). Any person with limited proficiency in English, who may need information in another language, may contact the agency's Title VI Coordinator at 860-424-3035 or at [deep.aaoffice@ct.gov](mailto:deep.aaoffice@ct.gov). ADA or Title VI discrimination complaints may be filed with DEEP's EEO Manager at (860) 424-3035 or at [deep.aaoffice@ct.gov](mailto:deep.aaoffice@ct.gov).

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## 4. Notice of Scoping for STEM Residence Hall

**Municipality where proposed project might be located:** 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 up to 850 beds in an 8 or 9-story building or buildings totaling up to 265,000 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.

Construction of the STEM Residence Hall on the proposed location on Alumni Drive will require demolition and relocation of athletic facilities related to discus and javelin throw fields. The site is located within the Eagleville Brook watershed and planning for the residence hall will incorporate consideration of the TMDL and watershed management plan for Eagleville Brook. The new residence hall is anticipated to tie into central utilities for electricity and to use liquefied petroleum gas-fired emergency generators. At least initially, the STEM Residence Hall will be locally heated and cooled. The building construction will incorporate best practices of sustainability with a minimum goal of Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Silver.

**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: **February 20, 2014**

There will be a Public Scoping Meeting for this project at:

**Date:** **February 5, 2014**

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Place:** Room 146, UConn Bishop Center; One Bishop Circle; Storrs, CT 06269

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](mailto:jason.coite@uconn.edu)

If you have questions about the Public Scoping Meeting, or other questions about the scoping for this project, please contact Mr. Coite as directed above.

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## 5. Notice of Scoping for New Engineering and Science Building at the University of Connecticut

**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, 108,000 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 building will be a 5-story, 108,000 gross square foot (GSF) structure with a full basement and penthouse. The New Engineering & Science Building will serve the university staff and students, offering new laboratories and offices, classrooms, and meeting rooms. The site is located within the Eagleville Brook watershed and consideration will be given to the TMDL and watershed

management plan for Eagleville Brook. The New Engineering & Science Building is anticipated to tie into central utilities for all electrical, heating, and cooling needs. New construction associated with this project will incorporate best practices of sustainability with a minimum goal of LEED Silver.

**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: **February 20, 2014**

**There will be a Public Scoping Meeting for this project at:**

Date: **February 5, 2014**

Time: 7:30 PM, or immediately upon the close of the STEM Residence Hall scoping meeting, whichever is later.

Place: Room 146, UConn Bishop Center; One Bishop Circle; Storrs, CT 06269

**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](mailto:jason.coite@uconn.edu)

**If you have questions about the Public Scoping Meeting, or other questions about the scoping for this project, please contact Mr. Coite as directed above.**

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## **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.

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**The following Post-Scoping Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.**

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### **1. Post-Scoping Notice for Lake Compounce Campground Expansion**

**Municipality where project will be located:** Southington

**CEPA Determination:** On November 19, 2013 the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this project in the *Environmental Monitor*. The DECD 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](mailto:mark.hood@ct.gov)

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

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## 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).

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**The following EIE Comparative Project Evaluation has been submitted for publication in this edition.**

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### **1. Notice of Comparative Evaluation for the North Campus Master Plan EIE, University of Connecticut, Innovative Partnership Building**

**Project Title:** Notice for Comparative Evaluation, North Campus Master Plan EIE, University of Connecticut, Innovative Partnership Building

**Municipality where project is proposed:** University of Connecticut – Storrs Campus, Mansfield

**Address of Possible Project Location:** North Hillside Road Extension – North Campus Master Plan Parcel C

**Project Description:** The University of Connecticut (UConn) proposes to construct an Innovative Partnership Building (IPB) on its North Campus. The IPB would represent the first phase of the implementation of the University's North Campus Master Plan, a plan for the development of a technology park at the campus. The IPB would be located on Parcel C, north of the UConn Wastewater Treatment Plant and the University's tennis courts, and west of the planned extension of North Hillside Road.

The project entails the construction of an approximately 112,000-square-foot (sf) U-shaped building dedicated to research and development. The structure would include specialty core facilities, including wet and dry laboratories, tenant space, office and administration space, amenities, and building support space. The three-story building would be integrated with the topography of the site, taking advantage of the site's natural westward slope. The lower level of the building, essentially two wings, would frame a terraced central courtyard and would accommodate high bay laboratories and imaging space. The two laboratory wings would be capped by an extensive green roof that serves as a stormwater management feature. Above and east of the wings, an entrance lobby, offices, and tenant labs would be located on the upper two floors. The building would be clad in steel, concrete and glass and would be designed to meet, at a minimum, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Standards.

Access to the site would be provided through two entrances off of North Hillside Road, the spine for the UConn Research and Development Park. One hundred and twenty-five parking spaces would be provided north of the IPB and an additional 65 spaces would be located to the south. An on-grade loading zone would be constructed on the north side of the building. This loading zone would also serve as special event overflow parking for approximately 25 cars. Parking lot rain gardens and water-quality infiltration basins will be included as part of the project design.

**Project Document:** [Click here to view the Comparative Evaluation Report](#)

**Project Map:** [Click here to view IPB locus map](#)

**Comments on this EIE will be accepted until the close of business on: February 4, 2014**

**The public can view a copy of this EIE at:**

Mansfield Town Hall, Town Clerk's Office, 4 South Eagleville Road, Mansfield, CT 06268

Mansfield Public Library, 54 Warrenville Rd., Mansfield Center, CT 06250

**Send your comments about this EIE to:**

**Name:** Paul Ferri

**Agency:** UCONN-Office of Environmental Policy

**Address:** 31 LeDoyt Rd., U-3055, Storrs, CT 06269

**E-Mail:** [paul.ferri@uconn.edu](mailto:paul.ferri@uconn.edu)

**If you have questions about the public hearing, or where you can review this EIE, or similar matters, please contact:**

**Name:** Same as above  
**Agency:**  
**Address:**  
**E-Mail:**  
**Phone:** (860) 486-9295

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## 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.](#)

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**No State Land Transfer Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.**

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