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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 Notice has been submitted for review and comment.

1. Notice of Scoping for the University of Connecticut Honors Residence Hall

Municipality where proposed project might be located: Mansfield

Address of Possible Project Location: Gilbert Road on the University of Connecticut Storrs Campus, Mansfield, Connecticut

Project Description: The University of Connecticut (UConn) proposes to construct a new Honors Program Residence Hall and dining facility on South Campus, at the corner of Gilbert Road and Mansfield Drive. The proposed residence hall will include approximately 650 beds and an integrated dining facility providing approximately 700 seats. The proposed facility will total approximately 210,000 gross square feet within a 5- to 6-story structure and an 8- to 9-story tower element. This building will serve as the new heart of the UConn Honors community, strategically located to foster greater integration with the existing campus community, while providing a single home for the various programs that comprise the University's Honors and Enrichment programs. The proposed facility will include program offices, seminar and multipurpose rooms, and common spaces. The project will also include creation of adjacent outdoor spaces that support recreation, learning, and reflection, and foster connectivity with the surrounding campus.

The project is anticipated to tie into existing central utilities for chilled water, steam, and electricity, will receive backup power from a dedicated emergency generator, and will be designed to achieve a minimum Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Silver designation. The proposed location for the site of the residence hall and dining facility is within Mirror Lake's watershed which discharges to the Fenton River watershed, and it is also partially within the University of Connecticut National Register Historic District. Construction of the Honors Residence Hall and dining facility will require the removal of two houses on the south side of Gilbert Road that are contributing structures to the National Register district. The proposed action includes closure of Gilbert Road to vehicular traffic for approximately 950 feet between Whitney Road and Mansfield Road to create a pedestrian walkway and modifications to Whitney Road to accommodate redirected traffic from Gilbert Road.

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

Written comments: from the public are welcomed and will be accepted through **December 18, 2014.**

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

Date: **December 2, 2014**

Time: 7:00 p.m. (Doors will be open at 6:00 p.m. to allow review of informational materials.)

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

Written comments should be sent to:

Name: Paul Ferri

Agency: UConn - Office of Environmental Policy
Address: 31 LeDoyt Road, U-3055; Storrs, CT 06269

Fax: 860-486-5477

E-Mail: paul.ferri@uconn.edu

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

2. Notice of Scoping for the Middlesex Community College Facilities Master Plan 2014-2023

Municipality where proposed project might be located: Middletown

Address of Possible Project Location: 100 Training Hill Road

Project Description: The Board of Regents, Connecticut State Colleges and Universities, in conjunction with Middlesex Community College (MXCC) and the Connecticut Division of Construction Services, proposes to implement an [Educational Master Plan and Facilities Master Plan](#) (Paulien & Associates, Inc. and Symmes Maini & McKee Associates, Inc., February 2014) (44 MB) ([Appendices](#) 16.8 MB). This Education Master Plan and its related Facilities Master Plan is an all-inclusive planning document that furthers MXCC's vision for the future through the development of key academic and planning initiatives. These plans are intended to guide the institution's educational direction through the year 2023.

The Facilities Master Plan is a baseline for future development and funding requests to the Board of Regents. The Facilities Master Plan addresses the College's need for additional buildings and renovations of existing facilities. For more details on the project descriptions review the following sections of the Master Plan:

- Section 7: Goals and Objectives
- Section 10: Alternatives (including the Preferred Alternative)
- Section 11: Facilities Capital Plan

Project Map(s): Click here to view the [general project location](#) (8 MB), [aerial photo of the existing campus](#)(7 MB), and the [Preferred Alternative Concept](#) (1.5 MB).

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: **December 18, 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 **November 28, 2014.**

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

Name: Keith Epstein, AIA
Title: Vice President, Real Estate, Facilities, and Infrastructure Planning
Agency: Board of Regents, Connecticut State Colleges and Universities
Address: 61 Woodland Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06105
Fax: 860-493-0059
E-Mail: epsteink@ct.edu

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

Name: Jeff Bolton
Title: Supervising Environmental Analyst
Agency: Connecticut Division of Construction Services
Address: 165 Capitol Avenue, Room 482
Hartford, Connecticut 06106
Phone: 860-713-5706
E-Mail: jeffrey.bolton@ct.gov

The agency expects to release an Environmental Impact Evaluation for this project, for public review and comment, in May 2015.

Other information: [Middlesex Community College website](#)

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 the Stony Brook Water Treatment Plant Improvements

Municipality where project will be located: Montville

CEPA Determination: On October 7, 2014 the Department of Public Health (DPH) published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this project in the *Environmental Monitor*.

Based on the [comments provided by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection \(DEEP\)](#) dated November 7, 2014, it has been determined that the project does not require the preparation of Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) under CEPA. The DPH will coordinate with Norwich Public Utilities to ensure that the recommendations by the DEEP will be implemented.

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

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

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
Email: DPH.SourceProtection@ct.gov
Phone: 860-509-7333

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

2. Post-Scoping Notice for the State Veterans' Cemetery Expansion and Improvements (State Project No. BI-C-283)

Municipality where project will be located: Middletown

CEPA Determination: On April 22, 2014 the CT Department of Veterans' Affairs and Division of Construction Services published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this project in the *Environmental Monitor*. The agencies have 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 the [Federal Finding of No Significant Impact](#) (728 kb) and [Final Environmental Assessment](#) (15.7 MB).

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

Name: Jeff Bolton, Supervising Environmental Analyst
Agency: DAS - Division of Construction Services
Address: 165 Capitol Avenue, Room 482
Hartford, Connecticut 06106
Phone: (860) 713-5706
Fax: (860) 713-7250

E-Mail: Jeffrey.bolton@ct.gov

What happens next: The agencies expect 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 the Valley Service Road Extension

Municipality where project will be located: North Haven

CEPA Determination: On March 4, 2014 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 from the [Office of Policy and Management](#). 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 agency'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:

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

Phone:860-594-3028

E-Mail:dot.environmentalplanning@ct.gov

What happens next: The CTDOT expects the project to go forward. This is expected to be the final notice of the project 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 Evaluation has been submitted for publication in this edition.

1. Notice of EIE for Farmington Water Pollution Control Facility Expansion & Upgrade

Municipality where project is proposed: 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.](#)

Comments on this EIE will be accepted until the close of business on: *December 19, 2014*

The public can view a copy of this EIE at:

Farmington Town Clerk
1 Monteith Drive
Farmington, CT 06032

The [EIE can also be found online at the DEEP website by clicking here.](#)

Any person can ask the sponsoring agency to hold a Public Hearing on this EIE by sending such a request to the address below by **November 14, 2014. If a hearing is requested by 25 or more individuals, or by an association that represents 25 or more members, the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection must schedule a Public Hearing.**

Send your comments about this EIE to:

Name: Stacy Pappano
Agency: Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Protection & Land Reuse
Address: 79 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106-5127
Phone: 860-424-3362
Fax: 860-424-4067
E-Mail: stacy.pappano@ct.gov

If you have questions about a public hearing, or where you can review this EIE, or similar matters, please contact Ms. Pappano, as directed above.

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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 process.](#)

The Following State Land Transfer Notices have been submitted for publication in this edition.

1. Notice of Proposed Land Transfer, Old Lyme

Complete Address of Property: Old Boston Post Road, Old Lyme

Number of acres to be transferred: 0.62 acres

Property Location and Survey: Click for: [map](#), Click for: [photo](#)

Description of Property

Brief Description of Historical and Current Uses: The parcel to be transferred to the Town of Old Lyme was historically under the custody and control of the Department of Transportation, and was associated with Route 1 and the prior Route 1 Bridge over the Lieutenant River. The parcel became surplus when it was no longer needed for highway purposes. In 1979, this parcel was transferred to the Department of Environmental Protection (now the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection or DEEP) for public access to the River. The Town would be able to combine this parcel with town-owned land to expand and enhance recreational opportunities and water access for the general public.

The property to be transferred contains the following:

- Buildings in use
- Buildings not in use
- Wooded land
- Nonagricultural fields
- Active agriculture
- Paved areas
- Ponds, streams or other water

Water Supply: Public water supply On-site well Unknown

Waste Disposal: Served by sewers On-site septic system Unknown

The Connecticut Conservation and Development Policies Plan identifies the property as being in the following category:

- Regional Center
- Neighborhood Conservation Area
- Growth Area
- Rural Community Center
- Rural Area
- Conservation Area
- Preservation Area
- Existing Preserved Open Space

The property is in the following municipal zone:

- Not zoned
- Residential
- Industrial
- Commercial
- Institutional
- Other:
- Not known

Type of Sale or Transfer:

- Sale or transfer of property in fee
- Sale or transfer of partial interest in the property (such as an easement). Description of interest:

Proposed recipient, if known: Town of Old Lyme

Proposed use by property recipient, if known: The Town of Old Lyme has proposed to enhance this public water access area. The area will be open to the public, regardless of residency. The Town will fund any needed infrastructure and the maintenance of the property.

The agency is proposing to transfer the property with the following restrictions on future uses: DEEP will convey the land with the following restrictions in the deed: the property must be open to the public, regardless of residency, the Town of Old Lyme must use the property solely for public recreation purposes, and the property will revert to DEEP if either condition is violated.

If checked, the state is not currently proposing restrictions on future uses.

Reason the State of Connecticut is proposing to transfer this property: The Town of Old Lyme is best-suited to enhance and maintain this small, standalone property for public use and benefit. If the property is not used for public recreation, it will revert to DEEP.

Comments from the public are welcome and will be accepted until the close of business on: **NOVEMBER 20, 2014**

Comments may include information that you have about significant natural resources or recreation resources on the property, as well as your recommendations for means to preserve such resources.

Written comments* should be sent to:

Name: Patrick O'Brien
Title: Bureau of Assets Management
Agency: Office of Policy and Management
Address: 450 Capitol Avenue MS#52 ASP
Hartford, CT 06106-1379
E-Mail: Patrick.Obrien@ct.gov

***E-Mail submissions are preferred.**

What Happens Next

When this comment period closes, the proposed land transfer can take one of three tracks:

1. If no public comments are received, the sale or transfer can proceed with no further public comment and no further notices in the Environmental Monitor, unless the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection elects to conduct a review of the property (see #3).
2. If public comments are received, the Office of Policy and Management will respond to those comments. The comments and responses will be published in the Environmental Monitor. Fifteen days after publication of the comments and responses, the proposed sale or transfer can proceed, unless the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection elects to conduct a review of the property (see #3).
3. If the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) elects to conduct a further review of the property, it may submit to the Office of Policy and Management a report with recommendations for preserving all or part of the property. The report and recommendations will be published in the Environmental Monitor, and there will be a 30-day public comment period. The DEEP will publish its responses to any comments received and its final recommendation about the property in the Environmental Monitor. The Office of Policy and Management will then make the final determination as to the ultimate disposition of the property, and will publish that determination in the Environmental Monitor. Fifteen days after publication of that final determination, the sale or transfer can proceed.

To find out if this proposed transfer is the subject of further notices, check future editions of the Environmental Monitor. Sign up for e-alerts to receive a reminder e-mail on publication dates.

2. Notice of Proposed Land Transfer, Simsbury

Complete Address of Property: Town Forest Road, Simsbury

Number of acres to be transferred: 10.181 acres

View: [map](#)

Description of Property

Brief Description of Historical and Current Uses: The Town of Simsbury has requested control of an existing public road known as Town Forest Road. A portion of this road, between Stratton Brook Road and Nimrod Road, is owned by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) and is used as a public road with no dedicated use by DEEP for any business or recreational purpose. The road currently terminates at Town Forest Park, land owned by the Town of Simsbury. DEEP acquired this former rail line

in 1941, as a part of its acquisitions that now comprise Stratton Brook State Park. The developed Park lands and trails are located on across Stratton Brook Road to the northeast.

The property to be transferred contains the following:

- Buildings in use
- Buildings not in use
- Wooded land
- Nonagricultural fields
- Active agriculture
- Paved areas
- Ponds, streams or other water

Water Supply: Public water supply On-site well Unknown

Waste Disposal: Served by sewers On-site septic system Unknown

The property is in the following municipal zone

- Not zoned
- Residential
- Industrial
- Commercial
- Institutional
- Other:
- Not known

Value of property, if known:

- If checked, value is not known.

Type of Sale or Transfer:

- Sale or transfer of property in fee
- Sale or transfer of partial interest in the property (such as an easement). Description of interest:

Proposed recipient, if known: Town of Simsbury

Proposed use by property recipient, if known: The Town of Simsbury will continue to use this road as it is currently used as a public roadway. As owner of the road, they intend to install public utilities in the road to service town facilities, including Tootin' Hills Elementary School on Nimrod Road.

The agency is proposing to transfer the property with the following restrictions on future uses:

The requirement that the Town will maintain the parcel as a Town road allowing the general public to pass and repass. The Town shall also mark the pavement and provide signage indicating that the road is to be shared with bicyclist and pedestrians.

- If checked, the state is not currently proposing restrictions on future uses.

Reason the State of Connecticut is proposing to transfer this property: The Town of Simsbury has requested ownership of this public roadway, which has been maintained by the Town for public use. In exchange, the Town is proposing to provide DEEP with 6.672 acres of land that abuts Massacoe State Forest. DEEP accepts this proposal, as access to all DEEP land will continue with the Town's ownership of Town Forest Road and DEEP will no longer have the responsibility for maintaining a public roadway that has no dedicated use for DEEP business purposes or recreation.

Comments from the public are welcome and will be accepted until the close of business on **NOVEMBER 20, 2014**

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Hartford, CT 06106-1379

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Additional information, if any: *Delete this line if you have no additional information!*

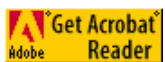
What Happens Next

When this comment period closes, the proposed land transfer can take one of three tracks:

1. If no public comments are received, the sale or transfer can proceed with no further public comment and no further notices in the Environmental Monitor, unless the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection elects to conduct a review of the property (see #3).
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