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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 Hockanum Mill

Municipality where proposed project might be located: Vernon

Addresses of Possible Project Location: 161 and 200 West Main Street, Vernon, CT

**Project Description:** The Town of Vernon is requesting a \$500,000 Urban Act grant to complete the restoration of the Hockanum Mill located at 200 West Main Street Rockville. Previously, a total of \$4,000,000 in brownfield loans funds have been provided to Kaplan Mill Works, LLC to investigate, remediate and to perform building and structural work improvements at the site of the recently renovated mill. The property is a 9-acre, 10-building site which Kaplan acquired through the purchase of tax liens from the Town of Vernon. The goal is to restore 105K square feet of mixed use and industrial space. The Town of Vernon is a partner in this redevelopment and stands to receive economic benefits from the redevelopment of this historic mill.

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

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: **March 9, 2017**.

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 **February 17, 2017**.

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

Name: Lilia Kieltyka

**Agency:** Department of Economic and Community Development  
**Address:** 505 Hudson Street, Hartford, CT 06106  
**Fax:** 860-707-1810  
**E-Mail:** [lilia.kieltyka@ct.gov](mailto:lilia.kieltyka@ct.gov)

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

**Name:** Lilia Kieltyka  
**Agency:** Department of Economic and Community Development  
**Address:** 505 Hudson Street, Hartford, CT 06106  
**Phone:** 860-270-8193  
**Fax:** 860-707-1810  
**E-Mail:** [lilia.kieltyka@ct.gov](mailto:lilia.kieltyka@ct.gov)

## 2. Notice of Scoping for Watertown Sewer Extension

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

**Project Location:** Bunker Hill Road, Lexington & Concord Drives

**Project Description:** The proposed project includes construction of water mains and sanitary sewers to serve the area of Concord and Lexington Drives and connection to the existing Town of Watertown water and sewer systems. Water mains and sewers will address identified water pollution and potable water quality and quantity problems due to relatively shallow bedrock, poor soils and failing septic systems. The DEEP will be providing funding only for the sewer mains on this project. In the future, the Town may apply for funding through the Department of Public Health's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program for the water main construction as a separate project.

Sewer and water mains for the Concord Drive area extension will be sized to accommodate the existing homes in the Concord Drive area, but with reserved capacity for future water main and sanitary sewer extensions to other properties in future potential extension areas which have similar identified water pollution and potable water quality and quantity problems. The timing and funding sources for future phases are unknown. These future phases will be initiated if and when water quality issues require remedial action and may not occur in numeric order.

**Project Maps:** [Click here to view a map of the proposed project.](#)  
[Click here to view a map of potential future phases.](#)

**Additional information about the project can be viewed in person at:**

Department of Energy and Environmental Protection  
 Bureau of Water Protection & Land Reuse (2nd floor)  
 Municipal Facilities, Water Planning & Management Division  
 79 Elm Street  
 Hartford, CT 06106

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: **March 10, 2017.**

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

**Name:** Maxwell Fan  
**Agency:** Department of Energy & Environmental Protection  
 Bureau of Water Protection & Land Reuse  
**Address:** 79 Elm Street  
 Hartford, CT 06106-5127  
**Phone:** 860-424-3670  
**Fax:** 860-424-4067  
**E-Mail:** [maxwell.fan@ct.gov](mailto:maxwell.fan@ct.gov)

If you have questions about scoping for this project, contact Mr. Fan, as directed above.

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.aaooffice@ct.gov](mailto:deep.aaooffice@ct.gov). ADA or Title VI discrimination complaints may be filed with DEEP's EEO Manager at (860) 424-3035 or at [deep.aaooffice@ct.gov](mailto:deep.aaooffice@ct.gov).

## 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 Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.**

### 1. Post-Scoping Notice for Rocky Ledge Water Main Extension

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

**CEPA Determination:** On November 8, 2016, 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 DPH's environmental assessment of this project which includes [comments](#) provided by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) dated December 9, 2016, it has been determined that the project does not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) under CEPA. The DPH will coordinate with the Town of Clinton to ensure that the recommendations by the DEEP are 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:**

**Contact:** Mr. Eric McPhee  
 Department of Public Health  
 Drinking Water Section  
 450 Capitol Avenue, MS #51WAT  
 P O Box 340308  
 Hartford, CT 06134-0308  
**Phone:** 860-509-7333  
**Fax:** 860-509-7359  
**E-Mail:** [dph.sourceprotection@ct.gov](mailto:dph.sourceprotection@ct.gov)

**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*.

## 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 EIE Notices have been submitted for publication in this edition.**

### 1. Notice of EIE for the Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) – Off-Airport Tree Obstruction Removal at the Hartford-Brainard Airport

**Municipality where project is proposed:** The Airport is located in the City of Hartford approximately 2 miles southeast of Downtown Hartford, CT.

**Address of Possible Project Location:** The airport office is located at 251 Maxim Road, just east of Interstate 91 and west of the Connecticut River.

**Project Description:** Preparation of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) environmental document as required to evaluate the potential impacts associated with tree obstruction removal in areas on, as well as north, south, east and west of the Hartford-Brainard Airport. The evaluation addresses obstruction removals associated with Federally-defined airspace surfaces surrounding the airport needed for the continued safe operation of aircraft. Objects that penetrate these surfaces are classified as obstructions, and should be removed to safely accommodate approaching and departing aircraft.

The project sponsoring agencies, the Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA), and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) have identified that trees penetrate the airspace at the Airport, including locations beyond the southern airport property boundary. Per FAA and CAA practice, review of off-airport obstruction removal should be evaluated and documented via a NEPA Environmental Assessment (EA) and state CEPA Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE). This project includes the identification of each affected property owner and associated parcels (both public and private) with anticipated obstruction removals.

**Project Diagram:** Project maps can be found at the following locations:

<http://hartfordairport.caa-analysis.com/project-documents/>

**Comments on this EA/EIE will be accepted until the close of business on: **Friday, February 10, 2017.****

A formal public hearing has not been scheduled. The sponsoring agency (CAA) is holding a **Public Informational Meeting on January 12, 2017 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM**, at the Wethersfield Town Hall (505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, CT 06109). Comments on the study may be submitted via email at the website above, or by sending written comments to Colin Goegel at the address below. The sponsoring agency (CAA) shall hold a public hearing on the draft evaluation if twenty-five persons or an association having not less than twenty-five persons requests such a hearing by **Friday, December 30, 2016**.

**The public can view a copy of this EIE at:** The Draft EA and EIE for this project are currently available for review at the website listed above and at the following locations:

Hartford Public Library  
500 Main Street  
Hartford, CT 06103

Wethersfield Public Library  
515 Silas Deane HWY  
Wethersfield, CT 06109

East Hartford Public Library  
840 Main Street  
East Hartford, CT 06108

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

Name: Mr. Colin Goegel, Senior Manager of Engineering  
Agency: Connecticut Airport Authority  
Address: 334 Ella Grasso Turnpike, Suite 160  
Windsor Locks, CT 06096  
Phone: (860) 254-5628  
E-Mail: [cgoegel@ctairports.org](mailto:cgoegel@ctairports.org)

## 2. Notice of EIE for New Commuter Railroad Station - Barnum Avenue

**Municipality where project is proposed:** Bridgeport

**Address of Possible Project Location:** Barnum Avenue between Seaview Avenue and Pembroke Street

**Project Description:** The proposed project consists of constructing a new commuter rail station on the New Haven Line of Metro North Railroad. The proposed project will include a new station, two center-island platforms to provide the flexibility to serve both local and express trains, reconstructing track to accommodate these platforms, cross track pedestrian access to the platforms, widening of the retained railroad embankment, catenary structure relocation, a surface parking lot, sidewalks, landscaping, and bicycle and pedestrian amenities as appropriate. The proposed project site is currently vacant, and was previously occupied by structures associated with the Remington Arms Facility. The proposed station would require expanding the railroad right-of-way (ROW) to accommodate the passenger platforms and would require permanently closing or relocating Crescent Avenue between Hallett Street and Waterview Avenue, and potentially to Seaview Avenue. The vacant site north of the ROW would serve as the surface parking lot. It is also possible that some type of small facility may be constructed to serve multiple purposes including a waiting area for passengers. It is proposed that vehicles would access the station from Barnum Avenue; pedestrian and cyclists access routes to the station will consider ease of access, surrounding land use, and future development in the vicinity.

Currently, East Bridgeport suffers from a lack of convenient rail service, needed to sustain existing businesses and meet the areas future transportation demands. Due in large part to planning and financing efforts of the City of Bridgeport, significant development projects are underway or planned in East Bridgeport. The proposed station will support this growth.

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

**Comments on this EIE will be accepted until the close of business on:** Tuesday **February 21, 2017**

**The public can view a copy of this EIE at:** The Connecticut Department of Transportation Bureau of Policy and Planning (Room 2155), 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT; Bridgeport City Hall, City Clerk Office, 45 Lyon Terrace, Bridgeport, CT; and each of the following City of Bridgeport Public Library branches: Black Rock Branch, Newfield Branch, Old Mill Green Branch, Burroughs-Saden Branch, and North Branch.

The EIE is available electronically by clicking [here](#).

It is also available online at: [www.ct.gov/environmentaldocuments](http://www.ct.gov/environmentaldocuments) or on the project website at [www.barnumstation.com](http://www.barnumstation.com)

**There is a public hearing scheduled for this EIE on:**

**DATE:** Tuesday **February 7, 2017** (Inclement weather date: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 same time and place)

**TIME:** Open Forum at 6:00 p.m. and Formal Presentation at 6:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Great Oaks Charter School, 1st Floor Cafeteria, 510 Barnum Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06608

**NOTES:** The hearing location is accessible to persons with disabilities. Deaf, hearing impaired persons, and those with Limited English Proficiency wishing to attend this hearing and requiring an interpreter must make arrangements by contacting the Department of Transportation's Office of Communications at 860-594-3062 (voice only) at least five working days prior to the hearing.

Additional information about this project can be found online at: [www.barnumstation.com](http://www.barnumstation.com)

Send your comments about this EIE to:

Mr. Mark W. Alexander,  
Transportation Assistant Planning Director  
Connecticut Department of Transportation  
Bureau of Policy and Planning  
2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06131  
E-Mail: [dot.environmentalplanning@ct.gov](mailto:dot.environmentalplanning@ct.gov)

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

Mr. Keith A. Hall, Project Manager  
Connecticut Department of Transportation  
Bureau of Engineering and Construction  
2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06131  
E-Mail: [Keith.A.Hall@ct.gov](mailto:Keith.A.Hall@ct.gov)  
Phone: 860-594-3301

### 3. Notice of EIE for the Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) – Off-Airport Tree Obstruction Removal at the Danielson Airport

**Municipality where project is proposed:** The Airport is located in Danielson, a borough of the Town of Killingly approximately 25 miles west of Providence, RI and 41 miles east of Hartford.

**Address of Possible Project Location:** The airport office is located at 70 Airport Road, Danielson, just east of the Quinebaug River.

**Project Description:** Preparation of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) environmental document as required to evaluate the potential impacts associated with tree obstruction removal in areas on, and surrounding the Danielson Airport. The evaluation addresses obstruction removals associated with Federally-defined airspace surfaces surrounding the airport needed for the continued safe operation of aircraft. Objects that penetrate these surfaces are classified as obstructions, and should be removed to safely accommodate approaching and departing aircraft.

The project sponsoring agencies, the Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA), and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) have identified that trees penetrate the airspace at the Airport, including locations beyond the airport property boundary. Per FAA and CAA practice, review of off-airport obstruction removal should be evaluated and documented via a NEPA Environmental Assessment (EA) and state CEPA Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE). This project includes the identification of each affected property owner and associated parcels (both public and private) with anticipated obstruction removals.

**Project Diagram:** Project maps can be found at the following locations:

<http://danielsonairport.caa-analysis.com/project-documents/>

Comments on this EA/EIE will be accepted until the close of business on: **Friday, March 3, 2017.**

A formal public hearing has not been scheduled. The sponsoring agency (CAA) is holding a **Public Informational Meeting on February 23, 2017 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM**, at the Killingly Town Hall (172 Main Street, Killingly, CT 06239). Comments on the study may be submitted via email at the website above, or by sending written comments to Colin Goegel at the address below. The sponsoring agency (CAA) shall hold a public hearing on the draft evaluation if twenty-five persons or an association having not less than twenty-five persons requests such a hearing by **Friday, January 27, 2017.**

The public can view a copy of this EA/EIE at:

The Draft EA and EIE for this project are currently available for review at the website listed above and at the following locations:

Killingly Public Library  
25 Westcott Road  
Killingly, CT 06239

Brooklyn Town Library  
10 Canterbury Road  
Brooklyn, CT 06234

Send your comments about this EA/EIE to:

Name: Mr. Colin Goegel, Senior Manager of Engineering  
Agency: Connecticut Airport Authority  
Address: 334 Ella Grasso Turnpike, Suite 160  
Windsor Locks, CT 06096

Phone: (860) 254-5628  
 E-Mail: [cgoegel@ctairports.org](mailto:cgoegel@ctairports.org)

If you have questions about the Public Informational Meeting, please contact Colin Goegel at the above address.

## 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 Land Transfer Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.

### 1. Notice of Proposed Land Transfer, Hartford

Complete Address of Property: 101 Clermont Street, Hartford

Commonly used name of property or other identifying information: N/A

Number of acres to be transferred: 1.88 acres

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

#### Description of Property

Below is some general information about the property. It should not be considered a complete description of the property and should not be relied upon for making decisions. If only a portion of a property is proposed for transfer, the description pertains only to the portion being transferred.

Brief Description of Historical and Current Uses: Open space along South Branch of the Park River.

The property to be transferred contains the following:

**Structures:**  Buildings in use  Buildings not in use  No Structures  
**Other Features:**  Wooded land  Nonagricultural fields  Active agriculture  
 Paved areas  Ponds, streams, other water, wetlands  
**Water Supply:**  Public water supply  On-site well  Unknown  
**Waste Disposal:**  Served by sewers  On-site septic system  Unknown

[Click to view parcel map of the property](#)

The property is in the following municipal zone(s):

Residential  Industrial  Commercial  Institutional  
 Other: Open Space District  
 Not zoned  Not known

Special features of the property, if known: None

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: Unknown

Proposed use by property recipient, if known: Unknown

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

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

Reason the State of Connecticut is proposing to transfer this property: No longer meets the State's needs.

Comments from the public are welcome and will be accepted until the close of business on **March 9, 2017**.

Comments may include (but are not limited to) information you might 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: Paul F. Hinsch  
Agency: Office of Policy and Management  
Bureau of Assets Management  
Address: 450 Capitol Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06106-1379  
E-Mail: [Paul.Hinsch@ct.gov](mailto:Paul.Hinsch@ct.gov)

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

**Send copies of comments to:**

Name: Shane Mallory  
Agency: Department of Administrative Services  
Leasing & Property Transfer Unit  
Address: 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 1402  
Hartford, CT 06103  
E-Mail: [Shane.Mallory@ct.gov](mailto:Shane.Mallory@ct.gov)

(Comments from state agencies **must** be on agency letterhead and signed by agency head. Scanned copies are preferred.)

**[What Happens Next?](#)**

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 Environmental Monitor publication dates.

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