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Special Notice

1. Connecticut State Water Plan Final Draft Report: Notice of Request for Written Comments

The State Water Planning Council (WPC) is soliciting and collecting public comments on the Connecticut State Water Plan Final Draft Report. A copy of the draft plan and associated resources can be found at www.ct.gov/water.

Members of the public may submit written comments on the plan. Comments must be filed no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, **November 20, 2017**.

Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. 22a-352(c), the (WPC) is required to provide a time period of not less than one hundred twenty days for public review and comment of the State Water Plan Draft Report prior to finalizing the State Water Plan Report and submitting it to the legislature. The WPC will fully consider all written and oral comments concerning the proposed state water plan and will make the electronic text of the finalized state water plan available on www.ct.gov/water, along with a report summarizing all public comments received, and (2) the changes made to the finalized state water plan in response to such comments and the reasons for such changes.

Written comments may be submitted electronically (recommended) or by mail.

To submit comments electronically, complete the web-based comment form at the following link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CT_StateWaterPlan. This form provides the option to either (1) upload comments as a PDF or Word document (maximum size 16MB), or (2) input comments in a text box directly on the form.

To submit hard-copy comments by mail, send a letter to:

Public Utilities Regulatory Authority

10 Franklin Square

New Britain, CT 06051

ATTN: State Water Plan Draft Report Comments

All comments submitted using the methods above will become part of the formal public record and posted to www.ct.gov/water for viewing.

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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 Route 7/15 Interchange Project

Municipality where proposed project might be located: Norwalk

Address of Possible Project Location: Merritt Parkway's Main Avenue and Route 7 interchanges (No. 39 and No. 40)

Project Description: The project proposes interchange improvements and new connections to improve system linkage between Route 7 and the Merritt Parkway at Interchange No. 39; improve the mobility for all users at the Merritt Parkway's Main Avenue and Route 7 interchanges (No. 39 and No. 40); and improve safety in the vicinity of these interchanges.

Project objectives include:

- long-term serviceability of the affected roadways within the project area
- maximization of public investment with the project
- integration of the project roadways with the environment and neighborhood context
- provision for reasonably foreseeable future pedestrian and bicycle access through the project area

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: **November 16, 2017**

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

DATE: October 17, 2017

TIME: Open House for individual discussions with Department officials in the City Hall Rotunda will begin at 4:00 pm followed by formal presentations in the City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 pm and 7:30 pm. The same presentation will be given at both sessions.

PLACE: Norwalk City Hall, 125 East Avenue, Norwalk, CT

NOTES: The meeting location is ADA accessible. If language assistance is needed please contact the Department of Transportation's Office of Communications at 860-594-3062 (voice only) at least five days prior to the meeting. Persons with hearing and/or speech disabilities may dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS). Language assistance is provided at no cost to the public and efforts will be made to respond to timely requests for assistance.

Additional information about the project can be viewed online at: <http://www.7-15norwalk.com/>

Written comments should be sent to

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Agency: Department of Transportation

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Newington, CT 06131-7546

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

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The agency expects to release an Environmental Impact Evaluation for this project, for public review and comment, in Fall 2018

2. Notice of Scoping for Wastewater Facilities Plan for the Town of Fairfield

Project Title: Wastewater Facility Plan

Municipality where proposed project might be located: Fairfield

Project Location: One Rod Highway, Fairfield

Project Description: The Wastewater Facility Plan proposes improvements to the town's wastewater treatment infrastructure. The Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) has a design annual average flow rate of 9 million gallons per day (MGD) and a peak flow rate of 24 MGD and currently processes an annual average flow rate of 8.64 MGD with peaks over 33 MGD. The WPCF was originally constructed in 1950 and was expanded in 1968 and 1972 to meet the needs of a growing town and expansion of the sewer collection system. Additions were made in 1980 to improve bio-solids dewatering and a composting facility for beneficial reuse of plant sludge was added in 1988. In 1996 and 2002, modifications to the plant's aeration system were completed to allow the plant to achieve nitrogen removal per the permit. In the past 5 years, flows have been increasing and the WPCF has been receiving flows greater than 90% of the design flow rate for the previous 180 days consistently since Aprils 2017 and intermittently prior to that.

The study evaluated alternatives for providing improvements to the existing WPCF to meet the long-term needs of the town. The evaluation considered current regulatory requirements, the age and condition of the existing equipment, the capacity of existing unit processes to meet projected flows and loads, and process reliability. Major components recommended in the plan include the following:

- Improvements to preliminary and primary treatment facilities including the replacement of the mechanical bar screens, installation of screenings grinder/washer/ compactors, construction of new aerated grit tanks and a grit washer, a new raw sewage pump station, process and structural improvements to the primary structures to improve flow splitting to the primary settling tanks and to the Zone A aeration tanks.
- Improvements to the secondary treatment processes, including modifications to the aeration system by converting the Zone A tanks to three train operation, structural modification to facilitate the passing and removal of scum, installation of three new aeration blowers, optimization of aeration controls and methanol feed, replacement of mechanisms and drives in the final settling tanks, and improvements to process reliability and improved energy efficiency.
- Improvements to effluent disinfection and pumping including installation of new UV disinfection in a second redundant channel, new outfall pumps to handle peak hour flows and a new plant water system.
- Improvements to the solids handling system to account for increased flows and loadings including the installation of two screw presses, a mixing system in the secondary digester, new pumps, piping, boilers, and heat exchanger in the primary digester, a new cover on the secondary digester and two new sludge storage tanks for use during periods of high loadings to maintain the required SRT in the digesters.
- Improvements to the compost facility to improve operator health and safety concerns including installation of negative aeration to reduce emissions within the building and new process and electrical equipment.
- Improvements to existing Building Systems including modifications to the existing Control Building to address HVAC control issues, upgrades to specific HVAC equipment to replace items that are approaching their service life or are currently inoperable, and addressing code-related ventilation, egress and electrical classification issues in specific spaces such as the Primary Settling Tanks, Dewatering Building, Return Sludge Pump Room and Control Building.
- Improvements to the Control Building including expansion to the men's locker room, lavatory and break room.
- Upgrading the instrumentation and controls and SCADA system.
- Replacing the older electrical distribution equipment that was constructed prior to the 2000 upgrade and modifying the remaining electrical distribution system as required based on process modifications to the facility.
- Install new odor control systems for all process areas and refurbish Biofilter B to be maintained for the compost building exhaust.

Draft Facilities Plan: [View the draft Town of Fairfield Wastewater Facilities Plan.](#)

Project Map: [Location map of the Town of Fairfield WPCF.](#)

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on **December 7, 2017.**

There will be a Public Scoping Meeting for this project:

DATE: **November 15, 2017**

TIME: 7:30pm

PLACE: Sullivan Independence Hall, 1st Floor Conference Room, 725 Old Post Road, Fairfield

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

Name: Ann A. Straut
Agency: DEEP Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse, Water Planning and Management Division
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Phone: (860) 424-3137
Fax: (860) 424-4067
E-Mail: ann.straut@ct.gov

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

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If you have questions about the public meeting, or other questions about the scoping for this project, please contact Ms. Straut as directed above.

3. Notice of Scoping for Greater Waterbury-Naugatuck Valley Regional Industrial Park Expansion Project

Municipalities where proposed project might be located: Naugatuck/Waterbury

Address of Possible Project Location: 0 Great Hill Road, Naugatuck, CT

Project Description: The Waterbury Development Corporation, on behalf of the City of Waterbury, is requesting up to \$2.8M in Urban Act funding for the construction & extension of roadway & utilities from the existing Naugatuck Industrial Park into Waterbury. The Naugatuck Industrial Park is located in Naugatuck near the southern border of Waterbury, along Routes 8 & 68, across the street from the Naugatuck River and the Metro-North Waterbury Line, and is home to 49 companies.

The City of Waterbury owns 163 acres of land adjacent to the Industrial Park with 57 of those acres actually lying within Naugatuck. Approximately 60 acres of this property is relatively flat and suitable for development, but it is located at the highest elevation of the property that is not easily accessible from Waterbury. Currently the only access to this land from Waterbury lies along South Main Street but this option has proven to be cost prohibitive due to the property's steep grades. A concept of a regional economic development project involving the current Naugatuck Industrial Park and the adjacent City of Waterbury owned land has been agreed by both the City of Waterbury and Borough of Naugatuck. In order to provide access from Naugatuck, both the Waterbury Development Corporation and Borough of Naugatuck purchased an undeveloped 10 acre lot within the Industrial Park in order to provide the land needed for an access roadway with utilities to be extended from Naugatuck.

With the goal of unlocking the economic potential of Waterbury's land, alternate approaches have been studied but it has become clear that if access to the Waterbury owned 163 acres of land could be achieved via the Naugatuck Industrial Park, rather than the South Main street Waterbury approach, this property would become economically attractive for development. Please refer to the proposed [Conceptual Layouts](#).

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: **December 7th.**

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 17th.**

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

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Agency: CT Dept. of Economic and Community Development
Address: 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford CT 06103
Phone: (860) 500-2322
E-Mail: nelson.g.tereso@ct.gov

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

Name: Nelson Tereso
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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.

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

1. Post-Scoping Notice for Westbrook Village

Municipality where project will be located: Hartford

CEPA Determination: On November 8, 2016 the Department of Housing published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this project in the *Environmental Monitor*. During the scoping period, the DOH received comments from the [Department of Public Health](#) and the [Department of Energy and Environmental Protection](#). The DOH 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 [Environmental Assessment Checklist](#).
 If you have questions about the project, you can contact the agency at:

Name: Jacqueline Simpson
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 Hartford, CT 06106
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What happens next: The DOH 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).

No EIE Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.

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.](#)

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

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