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Public Meeting on Norwalk River Dam No. 2 (Great Swamp Dam) Rehabilitation Project Set for February 27, 2020 in Ridgefield

(February 13, 2020) – The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) and the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) are hosting a second public meeting at 7:00 p.m. on February 27, 2020, to discuss the rehabilitation planning of the Norwalk River Dam No. 2 (known locally as the Great Swamp Dam) in Ridgefield, Connecticut. The public meeting will be held in the Charter Oak Room of the Ridgefield Recreation Center located at 195 Danbury Road in Ridgefield. Snow date will be March 12, 2020 5:30 pm at the same location.

The Great Swamp Dam offers flood protection and wetland wildlife enhancement for residents of Fairfield County and the Town of Ridgefield. A rehabilitation plan is being developed to determine the best course of action for Great Swamp Dam to meet current NRCS safety, performance, and design criteria. The plan is evaluating the following options: No Federal Action, Decommissioning (dam removal), Structural Rehabilitation, and Non-structural Measures.

Staff from DEEP and NRCS, along with the consultants preparing the rehabilitation plan, will provide information on the planning activities to-date, the various rehabilitation alternatives evaluated and analyzed, and present the plan's determined "Preferred Alternative" of dam removal with selective local flood protection. Time will be provided for public input and to answer questions and concerns about the rehabilitation plan before it is finalized.

DEEP and NRCS provide reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities to participate in agency programs and activities. If you require special accommodations, please contact Kristin Walker with NRCS at (860) 871-4033 by February 17. If you need further information on the meeting, please contact Ramona Goode with DEEP at (860) 424-3128, Ramona.Goode@ct.gov.