



**Notice of Coastal Consistency Review
State of Connecticut**

**Federal Consistency Determination for Connecticut River Hydrilla Control Research and
Demonstration Project**

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) has received a request submitted by The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) pursuant to Section 307(c)(1) of the Coastal Zone Management Act to review a proposed action affecting coastal resources for consistency with the enforceable policies of Connecticut's federally approved Coastal Management Program as contained in Sections 22a-90 through 22a-112 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The USACE plans to conduct aquatic invasive plant research and demonstration project at sites within the Connecticut River in Glastonbury, Portland, Haddam, Chester, and Lyme, Connecticut (Attachment 1). The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District and the Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC) plan to apply aquatic herbicides during summer 2024 to control the aquatic invasive plant, hydrilla (*Hydrilla verticillata*), which is present in the mainstem of the Connecticut River and tributaries, boat basins, and coves that abut the river. Five sites are being considered for herbicide treatments in the summer of 2024: (1) Keeney Cove in Glastonbury; (2) Portland Boat Works in Portland; (3) Chapman Pond in Haddam; (4) Chester Boat Basin in Chester; and (5) Selden Cove in Lyme. Chester Boat Basin and Selden Cove are located within the state's designated coastal zone.


Questions regarding this proposed action should be directed to Keith Hannon of the USACE at Keith.W.Hannon@usace.army.mil or Grace Moses of the USACE at C.Grace.Moses@usace.army.mil. Additional information concerning the proposal is available at: <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Projects-Topics/Connecticut-River-Hydrilla/>. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the application from the above contact or by sending a request for an electronic copy to DEEP at Karen.Michaels@ct.gov. All interested parties are invited to express their views on this action. Comments regarding this application may be submitted via electronic mail to: Karen.Michaels@ct.gov no later than fifteen (15) days from the publication date of this notice.

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