

## Environmental Monitor Archives



**February 18, 2014**

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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.

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**The following Scoping Notices have been submitted for review and comment.**

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### **1. Notice of Scoping for: Farmington Water Pollution Control Facility Expansion & Upgrade**

**Municipality where proposed project would be located:** 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.](#)

**Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: February 21, 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 Department of Energy & Environmental Protection shall schedule a Public Scoping Meeting. Such requests must be made by January 31, 2014.**

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

**Name:** Joseph Higgins  
**Agency:** Department of Energy & Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Water Protection & Land Reuse  
**Address:** 79 Elm Street  
Hartford, CT 06106-5127  
**Phone:** 860-424-3584  
**Fax:** 860-424-4067  
**E-Mail:** [joseph.higgins@ct.gov](mailto:joseph.higgins@ct.gov)

**If you have questions about a public meeting, or other questions about the scoping for this project, contact Mr. Higgins as directed above.**

**The agency expects to release an Environmental Impact Evaluation for this project, for public review and comment, in April 2014.**

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## 2. Notice of Scoping for STEM Residence Hall

**Municipality where proposed project might be located:** Mansfield

**Address of Possible Project Location:** Alumni Drive on the University of Connecticut Storrs Campus, Mansfield, Connecticut

**Project Description:** UConn proposes to construct a Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) Residence Hall next to the Hilltop Residence Halls (Hale and Ellsworth) on Alumni Drive. The proposed residence hall consists of up to 850 beds in an 8 or 9-story building or buildings totaling up to 265,000 gross square feet. The STEM Residence Hall would provide housing for first-year students and is part of the capital project initiatives in support of Next Generation Connecticut, a program intended to significantly expand educational opportunities, research, and innovation in the STEM disciplines at UConn over the next decade.

Construction of the STEM Residence Hall on the proposed location on Alumni Drive will require demolition and relocation of athletic facilities related to discus and javelin throw fields. The site is located within the Eagleville Brook watershed and planning for the residence hall will incorporate consideration of the TMDL and watershed management plan for Eagleville Brook. The new residence hall is anticipated to tie into central utilities for electricity and to use liquefied petroleum gas-fired emergency generators. At least initially, the STEM Residence Hall will be locally heated and cooled. The building construction will incorporate best practices of sustainability with a minimum goal of Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Silver.

**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: **February 20, 2014**

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

**Date:** **February 5, 2014**

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Place:** Room 146, UConn Bishop Center; One Bishop Circle; Storrs, CT 06269

Written comments should be sent to:

**Name:** Jason Coite

**Agency:** UConn - Office of Environmental Policy

**Address:** 31 LeDoyt Road, U-3055; Storrs, CT 06269

**Fax:** 860-486-5477

**E-Mail:** [jason.coite@uconn.edu](mailto:jason.coite@uconn.edu)

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

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## 3. Notice of Scoping for New Engineering and Science Building at the University of Connecticut

**Municipality where project is proposed:** Mansfield

**Address of Possible Project Location:** Glenbrook Rd. at University of Connecticut, Storrs Campus

**Project Description:** The University of Connecticut is seeking to build a New Engineering & Science Building off Glenbrook Road at the Storrs Campus. This five-story, 108,000 GSF building is proposed to be located between the Chemistry Building and the Psychology/Biology Building, partially within the footprint of the old

Central Warehouse, which will be demolished. The new building will be a 5-story, 108,000 gross square foot (GSF) structure with a full basement and penthouse. The New Engineering & Science Building will serve the university staff and students, offering new laboratories and offices, classrooms, and meeting rooms. The site is located within the Eagleville Brook watershed and consideration will be given to the TMDL and watershed management plan for Eagleville Brook. The New Engineering & Science Building is anticipated to tie into central utilities for all electrical, heating, and cooling needs. New construction associated with this project will incorporate best practices of sustainability with a minimum goal of LEED Silver.

**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: **February 20, 2014**

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

Date: **February 5, 2014**

Time: 7:30 PM, or immediately upon the close of the STEM Residence Hall scoping meeting, whichever is later.

Place: Room 146, UConn Bishop Center; One Bishop Circle; Storrs, CT 06269

**Written comments should be sent to:**

Name: Jason Coite

Agency: UConn - Office of Environmental Policy

Address: 31 LeDoyt Road, U-3055; Storrs, CT 06269

Fax: 860-486-5477

E-Mail: [jason.coite@uconn.edu](mailto:jason.coite@uconn.edu)

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

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#### **4. Notice of Scoping for Proposed East Haven Industrial/Business Park**

**Municipality where proposed project might be located:** East Haven

**Address of Possible Project Location:** 420 Bradley Street, East Haven, CT

**Project Description:** The Town of East Haven is seeking state financial assistance for the development of an industrial park at 420 Bradley Street, East Haven, CT. The proposed activities include development of five building lots on an approximately 50 acre parcel with approximately 20 acres of usable area. Lot 1 of the conceptual plan includes a 200,000 square foot warehouse/office facility, approximately 100 parking spaces and a 12 bay loading dock. The project area is approximately 1 mile from I-95 and approximately 3 miles from I-91.

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

**Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: **March 20, 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 **February 28, 2014.****

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

Name: Mark Hood

Agency: Department of Economic and Community Development

Address: 505 Hudson Street, Hartford, CT 06106

Fax: 860-270-8157

E-Mail: [mark.hood@ct.gov](mailto:mark.hood@ct.gov)

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

**Name:** Mark Hood  
**Agency:** Department of Economic and Community Development  
**Address:** 505 Hudson Street, Hartford, CT 06106  
**Phone:** 860-270-8089  
**Fax:** 860-270-8157  
**E-Mail:** [mark.hood@ct.gov](mailto:mark.hood@ct.gov)

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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.

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**No Post-Scoping Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.**

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## **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).

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**No Environmental Impact Evaluation has been submitted for publication in this edition.**

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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 five-step process.](#)

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

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