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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 publication in this edition.

1. Notice of Scoping for Coventry Low-Pressure Sewer Extension

Project Title: Low Pressure Sewer Extension

Municipality where proposed project might be located: Coventry

Addresses of Possible Project Locations: Commercial and Professional Office Zone properties along Route 44 (Boston Turnpike), just east of Bolton town line. The location is depicted as the Proposed Bolton Gateway Sewer District on the attached maps.

Project Description: The Town of Coventry would like to provide 21 developed and undeveloped parcels with access to public sanitary sewers.

Utilizing developer's agreements to pay for construction, Coventry intends to facilitate a low-pressure sanitary sewer system servicing 21 properties abutting Route 44 in Coventry. An existing low-pressure sewer located in the Route 44 right-of-way at the Bolton town line would be extended for this purpose. As owners of the properties in the service area wish to connect to public sewers, they would enter into a developer's agreement with Coventry, and pay for any construction needed to extend sewers up to and onto their properties. The owners would each purchase, install, and maintain a sewage grinder pump that meets Coventry and Bolton Lakes Regional Water Pollution Authority (BLRWPCA) specifications. Low pressure sewers would be installed in the right-of-way for Route 44. Wastewater would flow west through existing low pressure sewers in Bolton and gravity sewers in Manchester to the Hockanum River Water Pollution Control Facility for treatment.

Coventry will enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the BLRWPCA for the conveyance of wastewater in which Coventry will become a customer of the BLRWPCA, a flow allotment will be set, and fee schedules will be described. The existing intermunicipal agreement between the City of Manchester and the BLRWPCA for disposal of wastewater will be modified to include the proposed sewer service area in Coventry.

The proposed sewer expansion would extend approximately 2,000 feet into Coventry from the Bolton town line. Estimated average daily flow from the area as it exists now is 9,329 GPD. With moderate development the estimated average daily flow would be 29,027 GPD. The small increase in flow rate and resultant pressure that are anticipated will pose no adverse effect to the BLRWPCA system operation, as documented in a June 2018 Town of Coventry WPCA Engineering Report prepared by Nathan L. Jacobson & Associates, Inc.

The proposed project is an economic development project. It is not receiving any state or federal funds. The main purpose of this action is to modify or supplement an approved Environmental Impact Evaluation and sanitary sewer service area developed for the BLRWPCA. The BLRWPCA received funding from the State's Clean Water Fund to extend sanitary sewers around Bolton Lakes to address community pollution problems from substandard septic systems. The existing funding agreement between the State of Connecticut and BLRWPCA will be modified to reflect the proposed sewer service area (a.k.a. Bolton Gateway Sewer Service District) in Coventry.

Project Map(s): Potential Layout Plan, Zoning Map

Potential Layout Plan, Natural Resources

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: Friday, September 20, 2019.

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 Friday, August 30, 2019.

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

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

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Post-Scoping Notices: Environmental Impact Evaluation Not Required

This category is required by the October 2010 revision of the <u>Generic Environmental Classification</u>

<u>Document</u> 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 United Pond Dam and City Pond Dam Removal, Griswold

Project Title: United Pond Dam (aka Lower Slater Pond Dam) and City Pond Dam (aka Upper Slater Pond Dam) Removal

Municipality where project will be located: Griswold

CEPA Determination: On April 4, 2017, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection published a <u>Notice of Scoping</u> to solicit public comments for this project in the <u>Environmental Monitor</u>. During the scoping period, DEEP received <u>comments from the Office of Policy Management</u> and <u>Department of Public Health</u>. The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection 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 <u>Memo of Findings and Determination</u> and <u>Environmental Checklist</u>.

If you have questions about the project, you can contact the agency at:

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What happens next: The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection 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 <u>Section 4b-47</u> 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. <u>Read more about the process</u>.

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

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