

Environmental Monitor Archives



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NOTE: New Regulations for the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) were approved in September 2019. The Regulations provide for more categories of notice about the status of proposed State actions, than in the past. The new categories are included in this edition.

Scoping Notice

No Scoping Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition

Scoping Notice - Post-Scoping Notice (Need More Time)

No notice for additional time has been submitted for publication in this edition.

Post-Scoping Notice

1) Post-Scoping Notice for the Berlin TOD Boulevard Project, Berlin.

Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE)

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

Agency Record of Decision

1) CEPA Record of Decision for Resilient Bridgeport: National Disaster Resilience and Rebuild by Design Projects, Bridgeport.

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State Land Transfer

1) Notice of Proposed Land Transfer - 129 Lafayette Street, Hartford CT 06106.

The next edition of the Environmental Monitor will be published on January 7, 2020.

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Inquiries and requests to view or copy documents, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, must be submitted to the sponsoring state agency.

Scoping Notice

"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. [Read More](#)

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Scoping Notice - Post-Scoping Notice (Need More Time)

If an agency is unable to publish a Post-Scoping Notice within six months after the comment period for scoping, the agency will publish an update with an action status and an estimate as to when a Post-Scoping Notice will be published. Such an update will be published by the agency at six-month intervals until the Post-Scoping Notice is published. [Read More](#)

No notice for additional time has been submitted for publication in this edition.

Post-Scoping Notice

A Post-Scoping Notice is the determination by a sponsoring agency, after publication of a Scoping Notice and consideration of comments received, whether an [Environmental Impact Evaluation](#) (EIE) needs to be prepared for a proposed State action. [Read More](#)

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

1) Post-Scoping Notice for the Berlin TOD Boulevard Project

Project Title: Berlin TOD Boulevard Project

Municipality where it would be located: Berlin, CT

CEPA Determination: On October 8, 2019, the Department of Economic and Community Development (CT DECD) published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this proposed action in the *Environmental Monitor*.

Comments were received during the public comment period as follows: [CT DEEP Comments](#)

After consideration of the comments received, **the CT DECD has determined that the project does not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) under CEPA.** The agency's conclusion is documented in an [Environmental Review Checklist](#).

Agency contact:

Name: Mark Burno, Project Manager

Agency: CT Department of Economic and Community Development

Address: 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 5 - Hartford, CT

Phone: 860.500.2442
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Inquiries and requests to view and or copy documents, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, must be submitted to the sponsoring State Agency.

What Happens Next:

The CT DECD expects that the proposed action to go forward. This is expected to be the final notice of the project to be published in the *Environmental Monitor*.

EIE Notice

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). [Read More](#)

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

Agency Record of Decision

After an [Environmental Impact Evaluation](#) (EIE) is developed, an agency will prepare a concise public record of decision, which takes into consideration the agency's findings in the EIE, and any comments received on that evaluation. [Read More](#)

The following Record of Decision has been submitted for publication in this edition.

1) CEPA Record of Decision for Resilient Bridgeport: National Disaster Resilience and Rebuild by Design Projects

Title: CEPA Resilient Bridgeport: National Disaster Resilience and Rebuild by Design Projects

Municipality where proposed action will be located: Bridgeport

CEPA Determination: On January 8, 2019, the CT Dept. of Housing (CT DOH) published a [Notice of Availability](#) of an [Environmental Impact Evaluation](#), in accordance with Section 22a-1d of CEPA, in the *Environmental Monitor*.

The CT DOH held a public hearing on February 26, 2019 at the Schelfhault Gallery (84 Iranistan Avenue, Bridgeport, CT).

Comments were received from the general public and from the CT Dept. of Public Health, CT State Historic Preservation Office in Economic and Community Development, US Dept. of Interior, CT Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection and the US Environmental Protection Agency on the Draft EIE. The CT DOH prepared responses to the substantive issues raised in the comments on the Environmental Impact Evaluation and on supplemental materials or amendments. Comments and responses to comments on the Draft EIE: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DOH/Resilient-Bridgeport-Final-EIS-Appendices_Part-3-September-2019.pdf?la=en. Comments

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EIE: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DOH/NDR/ResilientBridgeportRecordofDecision_Signed102419.pdf?la=en

The CT DOH's conclusion for CEPA is documented on the [CT DOH National Disaster Resilience website](#) as the **Resilient Bridgeport CEPA Record of Decision** for the proposed action.

The US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) required that the NEPA Record of Decision be noticed in local newspapers with [the Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds](#) and be subject to a 15-day public comment period. A notice was published in the Environmental Monitor on November 5, 2019 as well apprising the public of the opportunity to provide public comment on the NEPA Record of Decision by the deadline of November 10, 2019. No comments were received.

If you have questions about the proposed action, contact:

Name: Dr. Rebecca French, Director of Resilience

Agency: Connecticut Department of Housing

Address: 505 Hudson Street, Hartford, CT, 06106

Phone: 860-270-8231

E-Mail: Rebecca.French@ct.gov

Inquiries and requests to view and or copy documents, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, must be submitted to the sponsoring State Agency.

What happens next: The CT DOH has submitted the Record of Decision to the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) for review. OPM's determination regarding the Record of Decision will appear in a future edition of the Environmental Monitor.

OPM's Determination of Adequacy

After an EIE is developed, the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) will determine if the [Environmental Impact Evaluation](#) (EIE) is adequate. If not, OPM will specify the areas of inadequacy with reference to CEPA or the CEPA regulations and specify the corrective action required. [Read More](#)

The following Determination of Adequacy has been submitted for publication in this edition.

1) The Office of Policy and Management's Review of the Record of Decision for Resilient Bridgeport: National Disaster Resilience and Rebuild by Design Projects.

Municipality where proposed action will be located: Bridgeport

CEPA Determination: On November 5, 2019, the Connecticut Department of Housing (DOH) published a [Record of Decision](#) in the *Environmental Monitor*. DOH published a clarification to the Record of Decision in the December 3, 2019 edition of the *Environmental Monitor* to address minor technical errors discovered during OPM's review. The Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM) has reviewed DOH's Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) and the associated process in accordance with section 22a-1e and determined that DOH's Record of Decision is adequate.

OPM's conclusion is documented in the [Review of DOH's Record of Decision](#) for the proposed action.

OPM Contact :

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Agency: Office of Policy and Management, Intergovernmental Policy and Planning Division

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What happens next: The proposed action is expected to proceed. This is the final notice for the proposed action to be published in the *Environmental Monitor*.

State Land Transfer Notice

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.](#)

The following State Land Transfer Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.

1) Notice of Proposed Land Transfer, Hartford

Complete Address of Property: 129 Lafayette Street, Hartford CT 06106

Commonly used name of property or other identifying information: Second Church of Christ Scientist

Number of acres to be transferred: 1.07 acre

[Click to view map of property location](#)

Description of Property

Below is some general information about the property. It should not be considered a complete description of the property and should not be relied upon for making decisions. If only a portion of a property is proposed for transfer, the description pertains only to the portion being transferred.

Brief Description of Historical and Current Uses: 129 Lafayette Street is a four story structure of approximately 22,490 gross square feet, built in 1900, primarily used as a house of worship for 80 years until it was purchase by the State of Connecticut in 2007.

The property to be transferred contains the following:

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| Structures: | <input type="checkbox"/> Buildings in use | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Buildings not in use | <input type="checkbox"/> No Structures |
| Other Features: | <input type="checkbox"/> Wooded land | <input type="checkbox"/> Nonagricultural fields | <input type="checkbox"/> Active agriculture |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paved areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Ponds, streams, other water, wetlands | |
| Water Supply: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public water supply | <input type="checkbox"/> On-site well | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |
| Waste Disposal: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Served by sewers | <input type="checkbox"/> On-site septic system | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |

Click to view aerial view of property: [Aerial Image](#)

Click to view photographs of property: [Property Image](#)

The property is in the following municipal zone(s):

- Residential Industrial Commercial Institutional
 Other: MX-2
 Not zoned Not known

Special features of the property, if known:

Value of property, if known:

- If checked, value is not known.

Links to other available information

Type of Sale or Transfer:

- Sale or transfer of property in fee
 Sale or transfer of partial interest in the property (such as an easement). Description of interest:

Proposed recipient, if known:

Proposed use by property recipient, if known:

The agency is proposing to transfer the property with the following restrictions on future uses:

- If checked, the state is not currently proposing restrictions on future uses.

Reason the State of Connecticut is proposing to transfer this property: Surplus

Comments from the public are welcome and will be accepted until the close of business on **December 19, 2019**.

Comments may include (but are not limited to) information you might have about significant natural resources or recreation resources on the property, as well as your recommendations for means to preserve such resources.

Written comments* should be sent to:

Name: Paul Hinsh
Agency: Office of Policy and Management
Bureau of Assets Management
Address: 450 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106-1379
E-Mail: Paul.Hinsch@ct.gov

*E-Mail submissions are preferred. Send copies of comments to:

Name: Shane Mallory
Agency: Department of Administrative Services
Statewide Leasing and Property Transfer Unit
Address: 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 1402
Hartford, CT 06103
E-Mail: Shane.Mallory@ct.gov

(Comments from state agencies **must** be on agency letterhead and signed by agency head.
Scanned copies are preferred.)

[What Happens Next?](#)

To find out if this proposed transfer is the subject of further notices, check future editions of the Environmental Monitor. [Sign up for e-alerts](#) to receive a reminder e-mail on Environmental Monitor publication dates.

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