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## Special Notices

These are notices of State actions with potential environmental importance that are required to be posted by special legislation or are posted at the request of State agencies.

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**The Following Special Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.**

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### **1. Notice of Availability Long Island Sound Blue Plan**

The Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection ("DEEP") hereby gives notice that a draft of the Long Island Sound Blue Plan, together with the Long Island Sound Resource and Use

Inventory and other supporting documents, are available for public review and comment.

The Blue Plan is a marine spatial planning process for Long Island Sound that was authorized by Section 25-157t of the Connecticut General Statutes ([Connecticut Public Act 15-66](#)). The intent of the Blue Plan is to plan and account for both the existing human uses of the Sound and the habitats and natural resources needed for marine life to thrive in the Sound. Doing so will help ensure that: (a) the existing human uses and the habitats and natural resources and features of the Sound are protected and (b) any new and existing uses of the Sound will be compatible with each other and with the Sound's habitats and natural resources.

The Blue Plan will not create new regulations; rather it will provide greater clarity and guidance for how decisions will be made under specified existing regulatory programs. The Blue Plan's policies will provide the basis for existing permit programs identified by statute to achieve clearer and more certain protection of the economic, cultural, and ecological values of Long Island Sound, including existing traditional human uses and ecologically significant areas. As such, the Blue Plan will serve as a guide to show what the applicable state and local permit decision-making processes will consider and be based upon. This will provide new and better insight for stakeholders and applicants up-front.

The draft Blue Plan, together with the complete Long Island Sound Resource and Use Inventory and additional supporting and background information is available at <http://www.ct.gov/deep/lisblueplan> and in hard copy upon request to the address below.

### **INFORMATION REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT**

The success of the Blue Plan depends on the involvement of the general public and all stakeholders to make sure the Plan reflects the knowledge, perspectives, and needs of everyone whose lives are touched by Long Island Sound. Interested parties are invited to review and comment on the draft Blue Plan and any other Blue Plan-related topics. Please submit written comments to LIS Blue Plan, Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106-5127 or by email to [DEEP.BluePlanLIS@ct.gov](mailto:DEEP.BluePlanLIS@ct.gov) on or before **June 21, 2019**.

Questions may be directed to David Blatt at (860) 424-3610 or to [DEEP.BluePlanLIS@ct.gov](mailto:DEEP.BluePlanLIS@ct.gov).

/s/Brian P. Thompson, Director  
Land & Water Resources Division  
Bureau of Water Protection & Land Reuse

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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 Notice has been submitted for review and comment.**

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### **1. Notice of Scoping for Bridgeport Municipal Airport Improvements**

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

**Address of project location:** 1000 Great Meadow Road

**Project Description:** The Department of Economic and Community Development is proposing to provide financial assistance to the City of Bridgeport as a 47% match to a private investment to assist in the construction of the Phase I improvements at the Bridgeport Municipal/ Sikorsky Memorial Airport (BDR) in the Town of Stratford. The proposed project is intended to initiate commercial airline service to BDR. The mid-range airline service along the U.S. eastern seaboard is expected to start in 2020, with approximately 5 to 8

flights daily. The proposed aircraft fleet is quieter than many corporate aircraft currently operating at the airport today. The capacity of the aircraft is approximately 100 to 150 passengers.

The proposed project will include improvements to the airport's taxiways, runways, parking lots, construction of an approximate 20,000 sf terminal building to be used as a holding area and support space for office, ticketing, freight, baggage, and concessions. The project may also include the rehabilitation of an existing 8,000 sf existing abandoned structure to be reused as an operations center. This proposed project is consistent with the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) approved by the FAA in 2009.

The project developer will be providing the matching funds needed to complete the project. The necessary financial commitments and assurances will be in place prior to any State funding disbursement.

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

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on **Monday, April 8, 2019**.

**There will be a public Scoping Meeting for this project on:**

**Date:** Monday, April 1, 2019

**Time:** 5:00 PM

**Place:** Margaret Morton Government Center, Conference Rooms A&B  
999 Broad Street, Bridgeport, CT 06605

**For any questions regarding this venue, please contact the Front Desk: 203-332-3042**

**If you have any questions about the Scoping Meeting, or other questions regarding this project, contact:**

**Name:** Christine Marques

**Agency:** Department of Economic and Community Development

**Office:** Office of Capital Projects

**Address:** 450 Columbus Blvd, Hartford, CT 06103

**Phone:** (860) 500-2350

**Email:** [Christine.marques@ct.gov](mailto:Christine.marques@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.

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

### 1. Post-Scoping Notice for Pachaug State Forest Prescribed Burns

**Project Title:** Prescribed burns Pachaug State Forest

**Municipalities where project will be located:** Griswold and Voluntown

**CEPA Determination:** On December 18, 2018 the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this project in the *Environmental Monitor*. DEEP 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 [Memo of Findings and Determination](#) and [Environmental Checklist](#).

**If you have questions about the project, please contact:**

**Name:** Emery Gluck  
**Agency:** CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection  
**Address:** Cockaponset State Forest, 18 Ranger Road, Haddam CT 06438  
**Phone:** 880-345-8522  
**E-Mail:** [Emery.Gluck@ct.gov](mailto:Emery.Gluck@ct.gov)

**What happens next:** DEEP 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).

**The following EIE Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.**

### 1. Notice of EIE for Resilient Bridgeport: Rebuild By Design and National Disaster Resilience Projects

**Municipality where project is proposed:** Bridgeport

**Address of Possible Project Location:** South End of Bridgeport, CT

**Project Description:** The State of Connecticut's Department of Housing (CTDOH) is the recipient of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) disaster recover grant funding and is the "Responsible Entity," as that term is defined by HUD regulations at 24 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 58.2(a)(7)(i). CTDOH has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) for the proposed Resilient Bridgeport: National Disaster Resilience and Rebuild by Design projects (Proposed Action). The disaster recovery grants are under HUD's Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) National Disaster Resilience (NDR) and Rebuild by Design (RBD) programs as part of HUD's response to the devastation following Superstorm Sandy. The Proposed Action consists of three projects located within the South End of Bridgeport, Connecticut—the RBD Pilot Project at the former Marina Village public housing site, a Flood Risk Reduction Project on the east side of the South End, and a Resilience Center—that together would provide stormwater management, dry evacuation routes (dry egress), a coastal flood defense system, and resiliency education to the community.

The Connecticut Environmental Policy Act establishes environmental policy for the State of Connecticut and requires an EIE for any state action that could affect the natural environment. In addition, the Proposed Action is considered a "major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment"; therefore, it must comply with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). As such, this EIE will jointly serve as an EIS and will meet NEPA requirements. CTDOH has prepared this Draft EIS/EIE in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508) and HUD's Environmental Review Procedures for Entities Assuming HUD Environmental Responsibilities (24 CFR 58). Scoping for the Draft EIS / EIE formally began on February 27, 2018 when the Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS was published in the Connecticut Environmental Monitor, which commenced a 30-day comment period to solicit public and agency input that lasted through March 28, 2018 and included a public scoping hearing on March 14, 2018.

The study area is situated within the South End neighborhood of the City of Bridgeport (see linked Figures 1 and 2), a peninsula of the Connecticut coastal region located between Cedar Creek, the Long Island Sound,

and Bridgeport Harbor. Overall, the study area is a cross section of the residential, institutional, utility, and recreational uses that define the South End neighborhood, all of which are susceptible to acute and chronic flooding conditions due to a combination of inadequate stormwater infrastructure in the area and its coastal location.

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to create a more resilient South End community, support its long-term viability, and improve health and safety for the community's vulnerable populations. The principal targeted outcomes follow:

- Lower the risk of acute and chronic flooding.
- Provide dry egress during emergencies.
- Educate the public about flood risks and sea level rise.

The Proposed Action will deliver additional benefits to the community, potentially unlocking development or public realm opportunities, enhancing connectivity between the South End and downtown Bridgeport (located north of the railroad and I-95), improving existing open space amenities, building up the resilience of local energy systems, and leveraging public investment in ongoing resiliency efforts through coordination with local stakeholders.

**Project Maps:**

[Figure 1 – Project Areas Map](#)

[Figure 2 – Project Location Map](#)

**Comments on this EIE will be accepted until the close of business on: March 18, 2019.** The comment period for the CEPA was extended to the end of the 45-day NEPA comment period, which commenced on February 1, 2019 with the publication of the notice in the Federal Register.

**The public can view a copy of this EIE at:**

**Bridgeport City Hall**

45 Lyon Terrace  
Bridgeport, CT 06604  
(203) 576-7081

**Bridgeport Public Library Main Branch**

925 Broad Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06604  
(203) 576-7400

**Bridgeport Public Library Black Rock Branch**

2705 Fairfield Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06605  
(203) 576-7025

**University of Bridgeport Magnus Wahlstrom Library**

126 Park Avenue  
Bridgeport, CT 06604

(203) 576-2388

**Project Document Website at the Connecticut Department of Housing:**

<https://www.ct.gov/doh/cwp/view.asp?a=4513&q=588726>

**Project Documents Direct Links:**

[DEIS / EIE Document Chapters](#)

[DEIS / EIE Document Appendices](#)

**There will be a public informational workshop for this EIE on:**

**DATE:** February 26, 2019

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Schelfhautd Gallery (84 Iranistan Avenue, Bridgeport, CT)

**NOTES:** This hearing serves as the public hearing required under NEPA. The public hearing will be followed by a design workshop where the public can provide further input into the design of the Resilient Bridgeport projects. The **snow date** for the public hearing and workshop is February 28, 2019.

**Additional information about this project can be found online at:**

<https://www.ct.gov/doh/cwp/view.asp?a=4513&q=588726> and [www.resilientbridgeport.com](http://www.resilientbridgeport.com)

**Send your comments about this EIE to:**

**Name:** Rebecca French, Director of Resilience  
**Agency:** Connecticut Department of Housing  
**Address:** 505 Hudson Street, Hartford, CT 06106  
**E-Mail:** Rebecca.French@ct.gov

**If you have questions about the public hearing, or where you can review this EIE, or similar matters, please contact:**

**Name:** Rebecca French, Director of Resilience  
**Agency:** Connecticut Department of Housing  
**Address:** 505 Hudson Street, Hartford, CT 06106  
**E-Mail:** Rebecca.French@ct.gov  
**Phone:** 860-270-8231

**Other information:** N/A

**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 process.](#)

**The Following State Land Transfer Notice has been submitted for notice in this edition.**

**1. Notice of Proposed Land Transfer, New Haven**

**Complete Address of Properties:** Parcel 1-Waterfront Street, Parcel 4 -Sites Street@ Albia, Parcel 5-Alabama Street, Parcel 6- Former Edgemere Street

**Number of acres to be transferred:** Parcel 1- 1.49 AC; Parcel 4- .293 AC; Parcel 5 - .992 AC; Parcel 6 -.111 AC

*Click to view map of [site 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 :**

The parcels described above were purchased for the reconstruction of the Quinnipiac River Bridge/New Haven Harbor Crossing Improvement Program. The project has been completed and the properties are considered in excess of DOT’s needs. DOT has transferred custody and control of the properties to DECD pursuant to CGS 13-a-80 with OPM approval under CGS 4-67g. DECD will utilize its statutory authority, CGS 32-228 to transfer the property to the CT Port Authority (CPA). CPA has a need to support the maritime in the New Haven port area. The DOT purchased the properties with federal FHWA funds and it is required to reimburse FHWA for any properties it sells. As such, it is expected that the CPA will purchase the properties and DOT will deposit the proceeds in the State Transportation Fund to reimburse FHWA.

The property to be transferred contains the following:

- Active agriculture
- Paved areas
- Ponds, streams or other water
- Water Supply:  Public water supply  On-site well  Unknown
- Waste Disposal:  Served by sewers  On-site septic system  Unknown

*Click to view [aerial view of neighborhood and lots](#)*

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

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

**Special features of the property, if known:** None

**Value of property, if known:** Appraised value for all 4 properties, at time of transfer to DECD, Total \$751,000.

- 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:**Connecticut Port Authority.

**Proposed use by property recipient, if known:**CPA has a need to support the maritime and other related industries in the New Haven port area

**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:**The purpose of the transfer is to support maritime and other related industries in the New Haven port area

**Comments from the public are welcome and will be accepted until the close of business on [March 19th, 2019](#).**

**Comments may include information that you 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 : Maya Loewenberg  
Agency : DECD  
Address : 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 5  
Hartford, CT 06103-1843  
E-Mail : Maya.loewenberg@ct.gov

**\*E-Mail submissions are preferred.**

**(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 publication dates.

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