

## Environmental Monitor Archives



**November 19, 2019**

**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**

- 1) Notice of Scoping for Regional Wastewater Study, (Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Derby, Naugatuck, Seymour)

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

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

### **Post-Scoping Notice**

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

### **Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE)**

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

### **Agency Record of Decision**

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

### **OPM Determination of Adequacy**

No Determination of Adequacy has been submitted for publication in this edition.

### **State Land Transfer**

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

**The next edition of the Environmental Monitor will be published on December 3, 2019.**

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

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### **1) Notice of Scoping for Regional Wastewater Study**

**Project Title:** Regional Wastewater Study for the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments for consolidation alternatives for five municipalities.

**Municipalities where proposed action might be located:** Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Derby, Naugatuck, Seymour

**Project Description:** The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), together with the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments (NVCOG), proposes to evaluate potential wastewater treatment consolidation alternatives for five municipalities in the Naugatuck Valley. The purpose and need of this study is to identify and evaluate feasible and cost-effective options for reducing the number of treatment facilities while addressing the wastewater treatment challenges faced by the participating municipalities, in order to lower their future wastewater treatment costs and enhance treatment capacity, reliability, and environmental quality. The facilities being evaluated are located in Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Derby, Naugatuck, and Seymour.

The NVCOG received a grant award from the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to conduct a study of regional wastewater treatment alternatives for several communities that are burdened by deficient treatment facilities, regulatory compliance citations, and /or the high cost of upgrading or maintaining individual wastewater treatment facilities.

Phase 1 of the study analyzed existing conditions at facilities in the participating towns, and included community outreach to each of the participating municipalities (see Phase 1 Addendum). Phase 1 was completed in spring 2019, and resulted in a broad list of potential alternatives that would require more thorough evaluation (see full list on page 4 and locational maps on pages 5-29 of the attached Phase 1 report, below).

Phase 2 of the study is expected to narrow down the list of alternatives, so that only those alternatives considered to be prudent and feasible will be the subject of a more extensive technical and engineering analysis. The resulting Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) and Record of Decision is expected to identify a preferred alternative.

Project Document: [NVCOG Phase 1 Report 3-22-19 and Community Outreach Addendum.](#)

**Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: **Thursday, December 5, 2019.****

**Any person may 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, November 15, 2019.****

**Written comments and/or requests for a public scoping meeting should be sent to**

**Name:** Stela Marusin, Sanitary Engineer III, Bureau of Water Protection & Land Reuse

**Agency:** Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

**Address:** 79 Elm Street, Hartford CT 06106-5127

**E-Mail:** [Stela.Marusin@ct.gov](mailto:Stela.Marusin@ct.gov)

Fax: 860-424-4067

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

**Name:** Stela Marusin

**Agency:** Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

**Address:** 79 Elm Street, Hartford CT 06106-5127

**Phone:** 860-424-3742

**Fax:** 860-424-4067

**E-Mail:** [Stela.Marusin@ct.gov](mailto:Stela.Marusin@ct.gov)

**What Happens Next:** Per Office of Policy & Management Guidance, this scoping notice will serve as the scoping notice for both the Phase 2 study and resulting EIE.

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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](#)

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## 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](#)

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

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## 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](#)

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

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## 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](#)

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

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

**Title:** 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](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DOH/Resilient-Bridgeport-Final-EIS-Appendices_Part-3-September-2019.pdf?la=en). Comments and responses to comments received on the Final EIE: [https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DOH/NDR/ResilientBridgeportRecordofDecision\\_Signed102419.pdf?la=en](https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DOH/NDR/ResilientBridgeportRecordofDecision_Signed102419.pdf?la=en)

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

The US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that the Record of Decision be noticed with [the Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds](#) and be subject to a 15-day public comment period. Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on this project may submit written comments to Rebecca French, Director of Resilience, CT DOH, 505 Hudson Street, Hartford, CT 06106 (ATTN: Resilient Bridgeport) or by email to [info@resilientbridgeport.com](mailto:info@resilientbridgeport.com). All comments received by **November 10, 2019, 11:59pm EST** will be considered by the CT DOH prior to authorizing submission of a Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification to HUD.

#### **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](mailto: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.

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## 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](#)

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## 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.](#)

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

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### 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:**

**Structures:**  Buildings in use  Buildings not in use  No Structures  
**Other Features:**  Wooded land  Nonagricultural fields  Active agriculture

Paved areas       Ponds, streams, other water, wetlands  
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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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