



**April 7, 2020**

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### **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. **NEW!** Post-Scoping Notice for Cedar Ridge Apartments Public Water Interconnection

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

1. **NEW DATES** - Notice of Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) University of Connecticut Ice Hockey Arena Development Project, Mansfield.

### **Agency Record of Decision**

No Agency Record of Decision Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.

### **OPM Determination of Adequacy**

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

### **State Land Transfer**

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

The next edition of the Environmental Monitor will be published on **April 21, 2020**.

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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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## 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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### 1. Post-Scoping Notice for Cedar Ridge Apartments Public Water Interconnection

Project Title: Cedar Ridge Apartments Public Water Interconnection

Municipalities where it would be located: Willington and Mansfield

CEPA Determination: On January 21, 2020, the Department of Public Health (DPH) published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this project in the Environmental Monitor.

Based on the DPH's environmental assessment of this project, which includes a review of comments provided by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) dated [February 10, 2020](#) and Mr. Charles Vidich on [February 24, 2020](#), it has been determined that the project does not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) under CEPA. The DPH will coordinate with Cedar Ridge Apartments Public Water System to ensure that the recommendations received during the Scoping period are implemented.

The agency's conclusion is documented in a [Memorandum of Findings and Determination](#) and an [Environmental Assessment Summary](#).

Agency contact:

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Agency: Department of Public Health – Drinking Water Section

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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.

Name: Mr. Av Harris

Agency: Department of Public Health

Address: 410 Capitol Avenue, MS #12CMN, Hartford, CT 06134-0308

Phone: 860-509-7286

Email: [DPH.foi@ct.gov](mailto:DPH.foi@ct.gov)

What Happens Next: The DPH expects the proposed action to go forward. This is the final notice expected to be published in the Environmental Monitor.

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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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## **1. Notice of Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) University of Connecticut Ice Hockey Arena Development Project**

Municipality where project is proposed: Mansfield

Address of Possible Project Location: 509 Jim Calhoun Way

**Project Description:** The University is planning construction of a new ice hockey arena and associated surface parking on approximately 12.5 acres south of Jim Calhoun Way and west of the Mark Edward Freitas Ice Forum on its main campus in the Storrs section of Mansfield, Connecticut. The site is about half developed today and consists primarily of a surface parking lot (Lot I), storm water conveyance, some wetlands, and rolling, wooded uplands.

In 2014, UConn's Division 1 Men's and Women's ice hockey teams joined the Hockey East conference. Because the current Freitas Ice Forum is too small and does not meet Hockey East standards and requirements to host UConn's men's hockey games, UConn has played most of its men's home hockey games in the XL Center in Hartford since the 2014-2015 season. The Hockey East Association requires teams in the conference to have on-campus facilities with at least 4,000 seats along with other amenities, however UConn has obtained permission from Hockey East to build a venue with lower seating capacity.

At a minimum, the proposed development will include:

- Facilities adhering to NCAA Division I Ice Hockey requirements, Hockey East Conference standards, and University guidelines and requirements
- Up to 3,500 seats, with up to 50% seat-back chairs; the balance being bleachers
- Locker rooms and office space
- Site improvements and parking for up to 700 vehicles

Construction is currently planned to commence in fall 2020, with a targeted opening date in fall 2022. The new arena would adhere to University design guidelines and performance standards for new construction.

The University has prepared an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) to further evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Action, as well as other alternatives, including the No Action alternative.

Project Maps: Click [here](#) to view a map of the approximate project location. Click [here](#) to view a conceptual site plan for the proposed Ice Hockey Arena Development Project.

Comments on this EIE will be accepted until 5 pm on: **Friday, April 17, 2020**

The public may view a copy of this EIE:

- Online - click [here](#)
- Mansfield Town Clerk's Office, 4 South Eagleville Road, Mansfield, CT
- Mansfield Public Library, 54 Warrenville Road, Mansfield, CT

A public meeting will be held on: **Wednesday, April 8, 2020**

TIME: 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm (Doors will open at 3:00 pm for preview of meeting materials).

PLACE: Konover Auditorium at the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center, 405 Babbidge Road, Storrs, CT. Public parking is available in the South Garage, 2366 Jim Calhoun Way, Storrs, CT, adjacent to the UConn Bookstore on Hillside Road.

NOTES: **In-person attendance of the public meeting at Konover Auditorium is subject to change. If the State's public health and civil preparedness emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic remains in effect, the event can only be attended remotely per Executive Order No. 7B. The event will be streamed live online. Links to the live stream and recording will be available at <http://updc.uconn.edu> as the date of the meeting approaches.**

Questions and comments regarding this EIE and its public meeting may be sent to:

Name: John Robitaille, Sr. Project Manager

Agency: University Planning, Design & Construction

Address: 31 LeDoyt Road, Unit 3038, Storrs, CT 06269

Email: [john.robaille@uconn.edu](mailto:john.robaille@uconn.edu)

Phone: 860-486-5930

**What happens next:** The sponsoring State agency will review the comments received and may conduct further environmental study and analysis or amend the evaluation. The sponsoring agency shall prepare responses to the substantive issues raised in review of and comment on the environmental impact evaluation and any supplemental materials or amendments. Those responses and all supplemental materials and comments shall be made available in a "Record of Decision" which will appear in the Environmental Monitor for public inspection.

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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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### **OPM's Determination of Adequacy**

After an [Environmental Impact Evaluation \(EIE\)](#) is developed, the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) will determine if the 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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