



**May 4, 2021**

## **Special Notice**

The 2020 edition of the Council's Annual Report, *Environmental Quality in Connecticut*, has been published.

### **Scoping Notice**

1. Notice of Scoping for Replacement of Stiles Bridge - Route 191 over the Scantic River, East Windsor.

### **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 Ramp Widening of I-95 NB Exit 27A to Route 8 NB, Bridgeport.
2. **NEW!** Post-Scoping Notice for UConn Structures Demolition – Spring Manor Farm Project, Mansfield.

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

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

### **Agency Record of Decision**

No Record of Decision 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 **May 18, 2021**.

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Notices in the Environmental Monitor are written and formatted by the sponsoring agencies and are published unedited. Questions about the content of any notice should be directed to the sponsoring agency. Inquiries and requests to view or copy documents, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, must be submitted to the sponsoring state agency.

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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 Replacement of Stiles Bridge - Route 191 over Scantic River**

**Address of possible location:** Route 191 over Scantic River. Mile point 2.73 of Route 191

**Municipality where proposed action might be located:** East Windsor

**Project Description:** The Stiles Bridge (Bridge No. 01524) was built in 1925 and rehabilitated in 1987, and is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. It is a 76-foot span steel truss on reinforced concrete with a curb-to-curb width of 27 feet 10 inches. It carries one lane of traffic in each direction, and has an estimated average daily traffic of 1,500 vehicles. The proposed project scope is to replace the existing bridge. Replacement is required based on the findings of the latest Bridge Inspection Report in which the bridge was found to be in serious condition. The proposed new structure will be a multi girder steel superstructure on reinforced concrete abutments.

An approximate 9-month closure of Bridge No. 01524 and a corresponding detour of pedestrian and vehicular traffic will be required. The estimated project cost is \$9 million, and is anticipated to be undertaken with 80% Federal funds and 20% State funds. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2023 based on availability of funding and approval of permits.

**Project Map:** [Click here to view a map of the project area.](#)

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: **Friday May 21, 2021.**

**There will be a Virtual Public Scoping Meeting for this proposed action:**

**DATE:** Tuesday May 4, 2021

**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Virtual

**NOTES:** The meeting will be live streamed via Microsoft Teams Live Event and YouTube Live. A Question & Answer session will immediately follow the presentation. Instructions on how to access the meeting and on how to provide comments or ask questions, can be found on the project webpage at: <https://portal.ct.gov/DOTEastWindsor46-127>

During the Q&A session and the comment period that follows the meeting, individuals may leave a question or comment via email (preferred) at [DOTProject46-127@ct.gov](mailto:DOTProject46-127@ct.gov). Individuals may also leave a voicemail question or comment by calling (860) 944-1111. Please reference the project in your voicemail.

Persons with limited internet access may request that project information be mailed to them by contacting Mr. Ken-Taro Plude by email at [Ken-Taro.plude@ct.gov](mailto:Ken-Taro.plude@ct.gov) - allow one week for processing and delivery.

Individuals with limited internet access can listen to the meeting by calling **(800) 779-3152** and entering the Participant Code when prompted: **3998306**. Persons with hearing and/or speech disabilities may dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS). A recording of the formal presentation will be posted to YouTube following the event and closed captioning (including non-English translation options) will be available at that time. The recording will also be available in the list of DOT virtual public meetings at: <https://portal.ct.gov/dot/general/CTDOT-VPIM-Library>

Language assistance may be requested by contacting the Department's Language Assistance Call Line (860) 594-2109. Requests should be made at least five business days prior to the meeting. Language assistance is provided at no cost to the public and efforts will be made to respond to timely requests for assistance.

**Comments and/or questions about the meeting or project (email preferred) should be sent to:**

**Name:** Mr. Ken-Taro Plude, Project Engineer

**Agency:** Connecticut Department of Transportation, Bureau of Engineering and Construction

**Address:** 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06131

**E-Mail:** [DOTProject46-127@ct.gov](mailto:DOTProject46-127@ct.gov)

Individuals may also leave a voicemail question or comment by calling (860) 944-1111. Please reference Project No. 46-127 in your voicemail.

**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:** Ms. Alice M. Sexton

**Agency:** Connecticut Department of Transportation, Office of Legal Services

**Address:** 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06131

**E-Mail:** [Alice.Sexton@ct.gov](mailto:Alice.Sexton@ct.gov)

**What Happens Next:** The sponsoring agency will make a determination whether to proceed with preparation of an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) or that the project does not require the preparation of an EIE under the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA). A Post-Scoping Notice of its decision will appear in a future edition of the *Environmental Monitor*.

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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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***The following Post-Scoping Notices have been submitted for publication in this edition.***

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### 1. Post-Scoping Notice for Ramp Widening of I-95 NB Exit 27A to Route 8 NB

**Municipality:** Bridgeport

**CEPA Determination:** On October 6, 2020, the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this proposed project in the *Environmental Monitor*.

A virtual public scoping meeting was held on October 27, 2020. A recording of the presentation can be found on CTDOT's [Virtual Public Meeting Page](#).

Various comments were received during the public comment period and at the Virtual Public Scoping Meeting from the public as well as one State agency - the [Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection \(CTDEEP\)](#). A synopsis of comments received and CTDOT's responses are included in the [Environmental Review Checklist](#).

After consideration of the comments received, CTDOT has determined that the project does not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) under the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA). CTDOT's conclusion is documented in a [Memo of Findings & Determination](#) and an [Environmental Review Checklist](#).

**Agency contact: (Email Preferred)**

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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:** Ms. Alice M. Sexton

**Agency:** Connecticut Department of Transportation, Office of Legal Services

**Address:** 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06131

**Phone:** 860-594-3045

**E-Mail:** [Alice.Sexton@ct.gov](mailto:Alice.Sexton@ct.gov)

**What Happens Next:** CTDOT expects the proposed project to go forward. This will be the final notice for this project in the *Environmental Monitor*.

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## **2. Post-Scoping Notice for UConn Structures Demolition – Spring Manor Farm Project**

**Address of Possible Project Location:** 104 Spring Manor Lane

**Municipality where it would be located:** Mansfield

**CEPA Determination:**

On [March 3, 2020](#), the University of Connecticut (University) published a Notice of Scoping to solicit public comments for this action in the *Environmental Monitor*. The comment period closed on April 2, 2020. On [October 6, 2020](#), the University posted a Notice of Time Extension after a pause in project planning due to impacts related to the pandemic.

Based on the University's environmental assessment of this project which includes a review of comments provided by the State Historic Preservation Office ([click here](#)) and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection ([click here](#)), dated March 27, 2020, the University has made a determination that the project does not require the preparation of an EIE under the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA). The University has coordinated with SHPO to address their recommendations, and that agreement can be reviewed [here](#). The responses to DEEP comments can be viewed [here](#).

The University's assessment and conclusion is documented the project's [Environmental Review Checklist](#) and the [Memorandum of Findings and Determination](#).

#### Agency contact:

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**E-Mail:** paul.ferri@uconn.edu

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 University expects the proposed action, to go forward. This is the final notice of the action 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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## 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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***No Record of Decision Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.***

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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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## CEPA Project Inventory

The Office of Policy and Management (OPM) maintains a list of projects that have entered the CEPA process. It shows each project's status. The inventory can be found [here](#).

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## CEQ Contact Information

All inquiries and requests of the Council should be sent electronically to: [peter.hearn@ct.gov](mailto:peter.hearn@ct.gov).

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