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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](#)

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

1. Notice of Scoping for Eagleville Green, Mansfield - Multifamily Housing Development

Address: 113-121 South Eagleville Road

Municipality: Mansfield, CT

Project Description:

The proposed project is a multifamily residential mixed-income rental development of 42 units on a 5.2 acre site. The new units will be located in 7 buildings around a central green with 22 units serving 50% of Area Median Income (AMI), 7 units at 60% AMI, 2 units at 80%, and 11 units at 120% AMI/market rate. The complex will include a mix of unit styles and sizes for families as well as single individuals. Five units will meet the federal and state requirements for handicap accessibility. The site is located in a balanced priority funding area surrounded by multi-family and single family homes and will be serviced by public utilities, emergency providers, and local bus transportation. The location offers a short walk to University of Connecticut, retail and grocery stores, banks, post office, restaurants, schools and the Community Center and Town Hall.

The property is currently partially developed with 2 single family structures. One structure will remain to provide a 2-bedroom unit and the other will be demolished. The State Historic Preservation Office has reviewed project and has determined that no historic properties will be affected.

Environmental Site Assessment Reports of the property have been completed and show 2 minor environmental conditions which will be remediated with site preparation. The project will meet state and federal requirements for all site and soil mitigation. The proposed site plan includes the preservation and protection of the existing

wetlands on the eastern portion of the site. Civil engineering measures to maintain and support these wetlands have been reviewed and approved by the Town of Mansfield Inland Wetlands Commission and the project will meet all required measures and conditions of approval. The location does not include critical habitat for any state or federal listed species according to the CT DEEP Natural Diversity Data Base maps and it is not inside of any mapped aquifer protection, watershed, or flood zone areas.

There are no current farming activities at this site and the state's farmland soils map indicate that the property does not include over 5 acres of farmland soils. The scope of work includes connection to the newly constructed municipal high pressure sanitary sewer line to the west of the site. The proposed project has received the review and approval of the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission in March of 2020.

Project Maps:

Click here to view a [**Site Plan 1 of 2**](#) of the project.

Click here to view the [**Site Plan 2 of 2 with Location Plan**](#) of the project.

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

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, October 1, 2021.**

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

Name: JaCinta Frazier

Agency: Department of Housing

Address: 505 Hudson Street, Hartford, CT 06106

E-Mail: DOH.CEPA@ct.gov

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

Name: JaCinta Frazier

Agency: Department of Housing

Address: 505 Hudson Street, Hartford, CT 06106

E-Mail: DOH.CEPA@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:

Name: Randi Pincus, Staff Attorney

Agency: Department of Housing

Address: 505 Hudson Street, Hartford, CT 06106

E-Mail: Randi.Pincus@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.

2. Notice of Scoping for Replacement of Bridge No. 00162 - I-95 over Metro North Railroad

Address of project location: Bridge No. 00162 carries I-95 over Metro North Railroad and is located roughly 0.25 miles west of the I-95/West River crossing.

Municipality where proposed action might be located: West Haven

Project Description: The purpose of this project is to address the bridge's poor condition and functional obsolescence. The project proposes to replace the existing six-span superstructure, piers, and abutments with a new three-span composite continuous superstructure. It is anticipated that the new piers and abutments will be supported on both the existing and newly installed piles. The bridge will be widened to accommodate an additional southbound vehicular lane; and approximately 2,200 feet of I-95, including the southbound Exit 43 off-ramp, will be reconstructed.

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 October 29, 2021**

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

DATE: Thursday October 14, 2021

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Virtual Meeting

NOTES: The meeting will be live streamed via Microsoft Teams Live Event and YouTube Live. A Question and Answer session will immediately follow the presentation. Instructions on how to access the meeting and how to provide comments/ ask questions will be available prior to the meeting on the project webpage: <https://portal.ct.gov/DOTWestHaven156-181>

The public scoping meeting is being held to provide the public and local community the opportunity to offer comments or ask questions regarding the proposed project. Persons with limited internet access may request that project information be mailed to them by contacting Alvaro Garcia Jr. by email at Alvaro.Garcia@ct.gov or by phone at (860) 594-3353. Allow one week for processing and delivery.

Individuals with limited internet access can listen to the meeting by calling (888) 566-5916 and entering the Participant Code when prompted: 9977843. Persons with hearing and/or speech disabilities may dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS). The MS Teams Live Event offers closed-captioning for the hearing impaired and non-English translation options. 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 CTDOT virtual public meetings here:

<https://portal.ct.gov/dot/general/CTDOT-VPIM-Library>

Visit the project webpage for options for Apple users. During the Q&A session and the comment period that follows the meeting, individuals may leave a question or comment via email (preferred) at DOTProject156-181@ct.gov. Individuals may also leave a voicemail question or comment by calling (860) 944-1111. Please refer to project number 156-181 in your voicemail.

Language assistance may be requested by contacting the Department's Language Assistance Call Line (860) 594-2109. Requests should be made at least 5 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.

Written comments, questions about the public meeting, or questions about the project should be sent to (email preferred):

Name: Mr. Alvaro Garcia, Jr., Transportation Supervising Engineer

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

Address: 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06131

Phone: (860) 594-3353

E-Mail: Alvaro.Garcia@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:

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

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*.

3. Notice of Scoping for the Ox Brook Flood Control Master Plan

Project Title: Ox Brook Flood Control Master Plan and Environmental Impact Evaluation

Addresses of possible locations: Various locations along Ox Brook in the City of Bridgeport, extending from Elton Rogers Park at the north end to Lincoln Boulevard at the south end of the Project (See Figures 1 and 2 below).

Municipality where proposed action might be located: Bridgeport

Project Description: The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP) is funding the implementation of Phase 1 of the Ox Brook Flood Control Master Plan, a six-phase project. Phase 1 of the Project has progressed through permitting level design with permit applications submitted, while the remaining Phases (Phases 2-6) are at the preliminary design phase. Note that the overall Project is anticipated to take decades to complete and that funding has only been identified for Phase 1 at this time. The Project is being proposed to address a long history of flooding along the corridor, resulting in roadway flooding and repeated damages to properties along Ox Brook. The Project is located generally along Ox Brook in the City of Bridgeport, CT, roughly extending from Elton Rogers Park at the north (upstream) end (off Kaechele Place) to Lincoln Boulevard at the south (downstream) end (between Lincoln Ave. and Garfield Ave.).

The six phases of the Project are:

- Phase 1: Construction of a storage impoundment within Elton Rogers Park, via rehabilitation of the existing dam and construction of two dikes within the park property, to provide storage and reduce the peak flow discharged to Ox Brook.
- Phase 2: Three main components: (1) construction of a detention pond for storage within Svhira Park with a 18-inch outlet pipe to Island Brook, (2) construction of 3,850 linear feet of 9-ft x 5-ft box culvert in Wayne Street, Bronx Avenue, and Hunting Street, to divert Ox Brook flows to the new detention area, and (3) construction of a 12-ft x 5-ft box culvert to reroute a segment of Ox Brook from a point approximately 100 feet south of Rocton Avenue along Amsterdam Avenue, through several backyards, down Tremont Avenue to Wayne Street to Quince Street. From Quince Street, a 60-inch diameter pipe will discharge flow back to the existing Ox Brook channel. The remainder of the flow would be discharged to the 9-ft x 5-ft box culvert at Wayne Street. The existing Ox Brook channel in the affected reach would remain in place to convey local runoff.
- Phase 3: Channel and crossing improvements from Lincoln Boulevard upstream to Quince Street. Open channel segments would be improved to either a trapezoidal or rectangular cross-sections within this reach. Five street crossings would be improved with box culverts.
- Phase 4: Channel and crossing improvements from Rocton Avenue to Burnsford Avenue. Open channel segments will be improved to either a trapezoidal or rectangular cross-sections within this reach. The culvert beneath Burnsford Avenue would be replaced. Three additional crossings would be improved with larger diameter culverts.

• Phase 5: Channel and crossing upgrades from Burnsford Avenue upstream to Lourmel Street. The existing open channel segment between Burnsford Avenue and Stoehr Place would be improved to a trapezoidal cross-section. Between Lourmel Street and Stoehr Place, the existing brook is piped and improved sections will be installed, ranging in size from 54-inches to 84-inches in diameter.

• Phase 6: Construction of the Island Brook diversion to the Elton Rogers Park storage area. This will consist of approximately 650 LF of 10-ft x 3-ft box culvert in Old Town Road. This phase would also include the construction of an 18-inch pipe discharging flow from the dam to Ox Brook at Lourmel Street.

CT DEEP will be preparing an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) which will incorporate comments from the scoping meeting and evaluate the No Action alternative, the Master Plan alternative, subalternates within the Master Plan, and other Flood Protection Measures.

Project Maps: Click here for maps for this project for general locations of the project area and phases: [Figure 1: Locus Map](#); [Figure 2: Project Phasing Plan](#)

Additional mapping can be viewed at [Ox Brook Scoping](#), and please contact Fred Riese at 860-424-4110 to arrange to view in-person at CT DEEP at 79 Elm Street.

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: **Thursday, November 4, 2021**

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

DATE: Monday, October 18, 2021

TIME: 7:00pm EST

PLACE: Virtual/ Zoom

NOTES: The meeting will be held virtually using Zoom and can be accessed using the following link and passcode:

Meeting ID: 927 2412 2339 Passcode: 958744

Individuals with limited internet access can listen to the meeting by calling 646 876 9923 and entering the Meeting ID/ Participant Code when prompted.

<https://gza.zoom.us/j/92724122339>

Written comments and/ or questions about the meeting or project should be sent to the following (Please use "Ox Brook" in the subject line for emails):

Name: Fred Riese

Agency: Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

Address: 79 Elm Street, Hartford CT 06106

Phone: 860-424-4110

Fax: 860-424-4053

E-Mail: Frederick.Riese@ct.gov

What Happens Next: CT DEEP will prepare an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) under the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA). The EIE will be available for public comment in late fall/winter of 2021/2022. A Post-Scoping Notice will appear in a future edition of the Environmental Monitor.

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](#)

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

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](#)

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

1. Notice of an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) for Naugatuck Valley Regional Wastewater Study

Municipalities where proposed action is to be located: Ansonia, Derby, Seymour

Project Description: The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), together with the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments (NVCOG), evaluated potential wastewater treatment consolidation alternatives for five municipalities in the Naugatuck Valley. The purpose and need of this study are 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 originally evaluated are located in the municipalities of Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Derby, Naugatuck and Seymour. The final recommendation of the study is for a regional wastewater utility providing service to Ansonia, Derby, 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 and capacities at facilities in the participating towns and included community outreach to each of the participating municipalities. Phase 1 was completed in spring 2019 and resulted in a broad list of potential alternatives that required more thorough evaluation.

Phase 2 of the study narrowed down the list of alternatives, only those alternatives considered to be prudent and feasible were the subject of a more extensive technical and engineering analysis. The resulting Environmental Impact Evaluation has identified a preferred alternative.

The public can view a copy of this EIE here: [Naugatuck Valley Regional Wastewater Study](#). It can also be accessed at the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments website at: [NVCOG Wastewater Regionalization Final Report](#).

Scoping Notice and Post Scoping Notice: The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection published a [Scoping Notice on November 5, 2019](#) and a [Post-Scoping Notice on September 21, 2021](#) in the Environmental Monitor.

Any person can ask the sponsoring agency to hold a public hearing by sending such a request to the address below by **October 15, 2021**. If a public hearing is requested by 25 or more individuals, or by an association that represents 25 or more members, the sponsoring agency shall schedule a public hearing.

Comments on this EIE will be accepted until the close of business on: **December 6, 2021**.

For questions on this EIE or to send your written comments about this EIE, please contact:

Name: Stela Marusin, Sanitary Engineer III

Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

Address: 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106

E-Mail: Stela.Marusin@ct.gov

What happens next: DEEP will review the comments received and may conduct further environmental study and analysis or amend the evaluation. DEEP will prepare responses to the substantive issues raised in review of and comment on the EIE 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.

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](#)

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

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](#)

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

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.](#)

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

CEPA Project Inventory

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

CEQ Contact Information

All inquiries and requests of the Council should be sent electronically to: peter.hearn@ct.gov.



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