



**April 5, 2022**

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

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

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

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

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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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### 1. Notice of Scoping for Cromwell Emergency Interconnections

**Project Title:** Cromwell Fire District, Water Division - Emergency Interconnections Project

**Addresses of possible locations:** Approximate potential interconnection addresses:

- (1) 1360 Newfield Street, Middletown, CT (includes water main bridge crossing over Mattabesset River)
- (2) 1250 CT-217, Middletown, CT (includes water main bridge crossing over Mattabesset River)
- (3) 1198 Middle Street, Middletown, CT (Includes directional drilling of water main under Mattabesset River)
- (4) 1398 Shunpike Road, Rocky Hill, CT

**Municipalities where proposed action might be located:** Cromwell, CT

Possible interconnection sites: Berlin, CT, Rocky Hill, CT, Middletown, CT

**Project Description:** The Cromwell Fire District is seeking to establish additional emergency interconnections to its public water system to develop necessary redundancies to ensure system resiliency. The District operates one wellfield with a chemical feed and control building for water treatment. The chemical feed and control building has standby power which could be used to maintain short-term system operation during power outages

and equipment failures. However, in the event of a long term supply disruption, such as groundwater contamination or total wellfield failure, the District would need to utilize an alternative source of supply to serve its customers. To improve system resiliency and continue to provide critical services to its customers, an alternative source of supply is necessary.

The District is analyzing the feasibility of establishing interconnections with neighboring water systems as shown in the linked map.

**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: **April 22, 2022.**

Any person may ask the sponsoring agency to hold a public scoping meeting by sending such a request to the address below. If a public scoping 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: **April 1, 2022.**

**Written comments and/or requests for a Public Scoping Meeting should be sent to:**

**Name:** Mr. Eric McPhee

**Agency:** Department of Public Health – Drinking Water Section

**Address:** 410 Capitol Avenue, MS #12DWS, PO Box 340308, Hartford, CT 06134-0308

**Fax:** 860-509-7359

**E-Mail:** [dph.sourceprotection@ct.gov](mailto:dph.sourceprotection@ct.gov)

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

**Name:** Mr. Eric McPhee

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**E-Mail:** [eric.mcphee@ct.gov](mailto:eric.mcphee@ct.gov)

**Phone:** 860-509-7333

**Fax:** 860-509-7359

**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. John Tyler Castellanete

**Agency:** Department of Public Health, Hearing Office

**Address:** 410 Capitol Avenue, MS #13PHO, Hartford, CT 06134-0308

**E-Mail:** [DPH.foi@ct.gov](mailto:DPH.foi@ct.gov)

**Phone:** 860-566-5682

**What Happens Next:** The Department of Public Health 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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## **2. Notice of Scoping for Bergstrom Wellfield and Treatment Plant**

**Project Title:** Bergstrom Wellfield and Treatment Plant

**Address of possible location:** 49 Plumtrees Road, Bethel, CT 06801

**Municipality where proposed action might be located:** Bethel

**Project Description:** The proposed Bethel Water Department project includes installation of a well pump and associated raw water piping and electrical equipment for the Bergstrom Well and construction of a new water treatment plant building and treatment process (to remove iron and manganese from this well using GreensandPlus™ filter media, sodium hypochlorite for oxidation and disinfection, sodium hydroxide for pH adjustment (if needed) and 50/50 poly/ortho blend for corrosion control), civil site work, piping, electrical, mechanical and instrumentation and control equipment and components, alarms and SCADA connection. The proposed project also includes construction of a finished water transmission main to connect to the existing distribution system on Plumtrees Road, backwash water supply tank, backwash water storage and recycle tank, sanitary pump station and force main and residuals pump station.

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

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### **3. Notice of Scoping for Wallens Hill Storage Tank**

**Project Title:** Wallens Hill Storage Tank

**Address of possible location:** 206 Wallens Street and 3 Stowe Road

**Municipality where proposed action might be located:** Winchester

**Project Description:** The Winsted Water Department project proposes to install a new 0.53 MG water storage tank that is 72 ft in diameter with a 14.7 ft high side wall. The tank will replace an existing storage tank that has reached the end of its useful service life. The proposed tank will be located approximately 600 feet south of the existing one. In addition to construction of the new storage tank, a new access drive is proposed, and a new 16" water line is to be installed to connect the tank to the existing water distribution system. Electrical service and cable communications will also be provided for the tank installation.

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

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## 4. Notice of Scoping for Crystal Lake Storage Tank

**Project Title:** Crystal Lake Storage Tank

**Address of possible location:** 338 Winchester Road, Winchester

**Municipality where proposed action might be located:** Winchester

**Project Description:** The Winsted Water Department project proposes to install a new 0.69 MG water storage tank 89.5 ft in diameter with a 14.7 ft high sidewall. The tank would serve to provide a redundant finished water tank at the Water Treatment Facility. In addition to construction of the new storage tank, a new access drive is proposed as well and a new 12" water supply and discharge lines will be installed to connect the tank to the existing water treatment facility. Electrical service and cable communications will also be provided for the tank installation.

The redundant tank is needed to allow the existing tank to be taken offline for repairs to the internal surface. The tank will also improve the operation of the water treatment plant by providing additional working storage and increases the emergency storage to be within accepted standards.

**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: **April 22, 2022.**

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## 5. Notice of Scoping for Haystack Woods - Norfolk

**Project Title:** Haystack Woods

**Address:** 40 Old Colony Road

## Project Description:

The proposed project is the new construction of 10 single family affordable homes on a 39-acre parcel in the town of Norfolk. Site work includes the construction of a public road and associated extension of utilities. The proposed new construction will be limited to areas previously disturbed by gravel mining operations and will preserve existing forested land. The proposed work preserves the existing wetlands and watercourse at the eastern edge of the site and has received required local inland wetlands approvals and will meet all conditions of approval. The work has also been reviewed by the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection and will meet US Army Corp of Engineer environmental and wildlife protection requirements for wetlands crossings. The Department of Housing intends to fund the roadwork with a grant from the Community Development Block Grant federal program and the housing development with state funding. The project has satisfied the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act with public hearing, environmental review, and notices of release of funds.

## Project Maps:

Click here to view a [Vicinity Map](#) for the project area.

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

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: **Thursday, April 21, 2022.**

Any person may ask the sponsoring agency to hold a public scoping meeting by sending such a request to the address below. If a public scoping 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, April 1, 2022.**

### 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](mailto:DOH.CEPA@ct.gov)

If you have questions about the public scoping 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](mailto: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](mailto: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*.

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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 Hop River State Park Trail

**Address of Possible Project Location:** The project is located on the existing Hop River State Park Trail, beginning at its current terminus on Kings Road in Coventry and extending easterly to the trail bridge over the Willimantic River in Columbia.

**Municipalities where it would be located:** Columbia and Coventry

**CEPA Determination:** On June 8, 2021, the Connecticut Department of Transportation published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this proposed project in the *Environmental Monitor*. Comments were received during the public comment period from the [Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection](#), however no comments were received from the general public. A synopsis of the 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). This determination is documented in a [Memo of Findings and Determination](#) and an [Environmental Review Checklist](#).

**Agency contact (E-Mail Preferred):**

**Name:** Kevin Fleming, Transportation Planner

**Agency:** Connecticut Department of Transportation, Bureau of Policy and Planning

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**Phone:** 860-594-2924

**E-Mail:** Kevin.Fleming@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

**Phone:** 860-594-3045

**E-Mail:** Alice.Sexton@ct.gov

**What Happens Next:** The 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 Removal of Traffic Signals on Route 9 and Associated Improvements

**Address of Possible Project Location:** Route 9 to include Washington Street (Exit 15) and Hartford Avenue (Exit 16). Route 17 overlaps a small section of Route 9 in this area.

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

**CEPA Determination:** On March 6, 2018, the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this proposed project in the *Environmental Monitor*.

A public scoping meeting was held on Thursday March 22, 2018. Several public comments were received during the public comment period and at the public scoping meeting. Additionally, comments were received from the Connecticut Department of Energy and

The comments received and CTDOT's responses are [here](#). After consideration of the comments received, CTDOT has determined not to proceed with the project as described in the Scoping Notice, at this time. Subsequent to the public scoping meeting, CTDOT began evaluating additional alternatives to satisfy the public's comments and meetings have been held with the City of Middletown to discuss the alternatives and recently completed traffic analyses for the alternatives. A formal CEPA public scoping process will take place to present the updated proposed alternative, and CTDOT also plans on holding multiple small scale charrette style meetings to garner feedback from the public, specifically in the area where the proposed project may be constructed.

**Agency contact:**

**Name:** Salvatore Aresco, P.E., Project Manager

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

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

**Phone:** 860-594-3239

**E-Mail:** Salvatore.Aresco@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

**Phone:** 860-594-3045

**E-Mail:** Alice.Sexton@ct.gov

**What Happens Next:** CTDOT will not proceed with the project, as described in the Scoping Notice, at this time. A new Scoping Notice will be published in a future edition of the *Environmental Monitor* for any updated proposed alternatives.

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

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## 1. Notice of an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) for Ox Brook Flood Control Master Plan

**Addresses of Possible Project 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 the attached figures).

**Municipality where proposed action is to be located:** Bridgeport

**Project Description:** The Ox Brook corridor in the City of Bridgeport has been subject to repeated flooding over a period of decades and the area has been studied since the 1970s. Flooding along Ox Brook has resulted in repeated damages to residential properties and commercial and industrial businesses, infrastructure damages, roadway and sidewalk closures and detours, emergency response needs, health hazards for residents, among other impacts.

The Proposed Action is the implementation of the Ox Brook Flood Control Master Plan, a six-phase project, to alleviate chronic flooding along the Ox Brook corridor. Phase 1 of the project is currently funded by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP), which is the Sponsoring Agency for the Project. There is no Participating Agency.

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.). 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. The overall Project is anticipated to take decades to complete and funding has only been identified for Phase 1 at this time. The six phases are as follows:

- Phase 1: Dam rehabilitation and detention area construction at Elton Rogers Park;
- Phase 2: Construction of a diversion to the Svhra Park area and detention area construction;
- Phase 3: Channel and crossing improvements from Lincoln Boulevard to Quince Street;
- Phase 4: Channel and crossing improvements from Rocton Avenue to Burnsford Avenue;
- Phase 5: Channel and crossing improvements from Burnsford Avenue to Lourmel Street; and
- Phase 6: Construction of the Island Brook diversion to the Elton Rogers detention area, additional excavation within the Elton Rogers Park impoundment area to increase stormwater detention storage, and connection of a new discharge from the dam to Lourmel Street.

**Project Maps:** [Click here to view a Locus Map](#). [Click here to view a Project Phasing Plan](#), showing the general location of the Project Area and Project Phases.

**Scoping Notice and Post Scoping Notice:** The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection published a Scoping Notice on [October 5, 2021](#) and a Post-Scoping Notice on [December 7, 2021](#), for the proposed project in the Environmental Monitor.

Comments on this EIE will be accepted until the close of business on: **April 11, 2022**.

**The public can view a copy of this EIE at this link** or at the following [webpage for DEEP's Public Notices](#), or hard copy at the following locations:

- Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection office (see DEEP contact information below to request an appointment),
- Bridgeport City Hall Town Clerk's Office, Bridgeport City Hall Room 122, 45 Lyon Terrace, Bridgeport, CT 06604 (call 203-576-7208 to make an appointment), and
- Bridgeport Public Library - North Branch, 3455 Madison Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06606

**Other information:**

**There is a public hearing scheduled for this EIE on:**

**DATE: Tuesday, March 29, 2022**

**TIME: 7:00 pm EST**

**PLACE: Virtual**

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

<https://gza.zoom.us/j/95677983752>

**Meeting ID: 956 7798 3752**

**Passcode: 873651**

**Individuals with limited internet access can listen to the meeting by calling 1-646-876-9923 and entering the Meeting ID/Participant Code when prompted: 956 7798 3752**

**Written comments and/or questions about the meeting, project, or the EIE for this project should be sent to the following (email preferred) (Please use "OX BROOK" in the subject line):**

**Name:** Fred Riese

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

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

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**Phone:** 860-424-4110

**What happens next:** The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (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.

## 2. Notice of an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) for Mirror Lake Improvements at the University of Connecticut

**Project Title:** Mirror Lake Improvements

**Address of Possible Project Location:** Mansfield Road at the University of Connecticut, Storrs

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

**Project Description:** The University of Connecticut proposes to make improvements to Mirror Lake – an approximately 5-acre stormwater basin on the University's Storrs Campus. The proposed project consists of the following elements:

- Dam safety improvements, including replacing the existing spillway with a stepped spillway and raising the dam's earthen embankment
- Stormwater management improvements, including the rerouting of several discharge points into sedimentation forebays and regrading of upstream and downstream slopes
- Dredging and improvements to aquatic ecosystems, including the use of hydraulic and mechanical dredging to remove accumulated sediments and restore the lake depth
- Landscape improvements, including littoral zone plantings and site-specific amenities that enhance cultural benefits and improve access to the water's edge

The Mirror Lake Improvements project was identified in UConn's Campus Master Plan as a key near-term landscape project aimed at amplifying the University's commitment to sustainable, resilient landscapes and enhancing Mirror Lake's function as a ceremonial entry to the South Campus. This project will be an opportunity for the University to improve the Lake's hydrological performance and natural aesthetic, while also expanding access to the water's edge and celebrating the Lake as an important cultural asset and entry point to the campus.

**Map of Proposed Action:** [Mirror Lake EIE Figure ES1 Proposed Action](#)

**Scoping Notice and Post-Scoping Notice:** Beginning on November 16, 2021, the University of Connecticut published the first of three [Notices of Scoping](#) in the *Environmental Monitor*. A [public scoping meeting](#) was held virtually on December 8, 2021, and the 30-day comment period closed on December 16, 2021. The University of Connecticut published a [post-scoping notice](#) on February 22, 2022 in the Environmental Monitor.

**The University has prepared an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE).** The public may view a copy of this EIE at [Mirror Lake Improvements EIE \\_web](#) or the University Planning, Design and Construction's project webpage at [www.updc.uconn.edu/mirror-lake](http://www.updc.uconn.edu/mirror-lake). A hard copy may be made available for viewing upon request.

**Comments on this EIE will be accepted until 5 pm on: Friday, May 20, 2022**

**There is a public hearing scheduled for this EIE on:**

DATE: Wednesday, April 13, 2022

TIME: 6:30 pm EDT

PLACE: Virtual

NOTES: The meeting will be held virtually on GoToWebinar. You may register to attend using the following link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/992478990610264335>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting (including an option to join by phone). A link to the recording will be available shortly after the hearing at <http://updc.uconn.edu/mirror-lake>.

**Written comments and/or questions about the meeting, project, or the EIE for this project should be sent to the following agency contact (email preferred) (Please use “Mirror Lake EIE” in the subject line):**

**Name:** Ian Dann, Project Manager

**Agency:** University of Connecticut, University Planning, Design and Construction

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**Phone:** (860) 486-6503

**E-Mail:** [ian.dann@uconn.edu](mailto:ian.dann@uconn.edu)

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**What Happens Next:** The University of Connecticut will review the comments received and may conduct further environmental study and analysis or amend the EIE. The University will also prepare responses to substantive issues raised in review of the comments received. Those responses, and all supplemental materials and comments, will be made available in a Record of Decision that will appear in a future issue of the *Environmental Monitor*.

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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

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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 they 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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