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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 Extension of Water Lines from Winsted into Barkhamsted

Address of possible location: Old New Hartford Road, east of Battistoni Drive (close to the Barkhamsted town line), heading east to a location behind the Mallory Brook Plaza

Municipality where proposed action might be located: Barkhamsted

Project Description: This 2022 STEAP (Small Town Economic Assistance Program) grant is to fund the extension of waterlines from Winsted into Barkhamsted. Initially, the plan is to service the shopping center, but similar to the sewer lines, the lines will be sized to provide water to the homes along Old North Road, plus the affordable housing development when it is complete (initial build will be 20 units in 4 buildings that will include a mix of 1, 2 and 3-bedroom apartments).

Having public water and sewer in this area is critical to the success of the shopping center and the affordable housing, both of which are important to both towns. Having a thriving plaza and affordable housing for seniors and those who want to live and work in the area is key to economic development and the social aspects of these towns. The specific request for funding under the STEAP grant is for the installation of the water piping to a point behind the shopping plaza. The cost of running the pipes from the end point to the plaza and to the housing development will be the responsibility of those entities.

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:
December 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: **December 6, 2022.**

Additional information about the project can be viewed online at: [STEAP_Home \(ct.gov\)](http://STEAP_Home(ct.gov))

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

Name: Eric McPhee
Agency: Department of Public Health, Drinking Water Section
Address: 410 Capitol Avenue, MS #12DWS, PO Box 340308, Hartford, CT 06134-0308
E-Mail: dph.sourceprotection@ct.gov

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

Name: Eric McPhee
Agency: Department of Public Health, Drinking Water Section
Address: 410 Capitol Avenue, MS #12DWS, PO Box 340308, Hartford, CT 06134-0308
E-Mail: dph.sourceprotection@ct.gov
Phone: 860-509-7333

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
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Phone: 860-566-5682

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 Elmwood Lofts

Addresses of possible locations: 1051 and 1061 New Britain Ave

Municipality where proposed action might be located: West Hartford

Project Description: The Town of West Hartford has been awarded a Municipal Brownfield Grant to clean-up the properties located at 1051 and 1061 New Britain Ave. The town is partnering with a developer to construct a 131-unit mixed-income, mixed-use, and transit-oriented development on the 2.97-acre site. Fifteen percent (15%) of the residential units will be designated workforce housing.

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 **January 6th, 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 **December 16, 2022**.

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

Name: Shawntay Nelson

Agency: Department of Economic and Community Development

Address: 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT 06103

E-Mail: Shawntay.nelson@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: Mark Burno

Agency: Department of Economic and Community Development

Address: 450 Columbus Blvd, Suite 5, Hartford, CT 06103

E-Mail: mark.burno@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*.

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](#)

1. Notice of Time Extension for Post-Scoping Notice for Interchange Improvements to I-91, I-691, and Route 15

Municipalities where proposed action would be located: Meriden and Middletown

Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) Determination: On September 22, 2020, the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for State project numbers 79-240, 79-245, and 79-246 in the *Environmental Monitor*. A virtual CEPA public scoping meeting was held on October 8, 2020. On [January 4, 2022](#), and [June 21, 2022](#), CTDOT published notices of time extension for a post-scoping notice since further analysis was needed prior to making a final CEPA determination. CTDOT has not yet obtained the proper level of information needed to make a final CEPA determination, therefore an additional extension is needed.

Action Status: CTDOT is awaiting the final results of a noise study prior to publishing a Post-Scoping Notice.

Estimated Publication Date: CTDOT estimates that a Post-Scoping Notice will be published in the *Environmental Monitor* on or before **June 20, 2023**.

If you have questions about the proposed action, contact:

Name: Mr. Sebastian Cannamela, P.E., Transportation Principal Engineer

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

Address: 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06131

Phone: 860-594-2698

E-Mail: Sebastian.Cannamela@ct.gov

What Happens Next: The CTDOT 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 CEPA. A Post-Scoping Notice of its decision will appear in a future edition of the *Environmental Monitor*.

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](#)

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

1. Post-Scoping Notice for Steelpointe Harbor - Mixed-Use Development Project

Address of possible location: 137 East Main Street

Municipality where proposed action is located: Bridgeport

Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) Determination: On October 18, 2022, the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this proposed **Steelpointe Harbor - Mixed-Use Development Project** in the *Environmental Monitor*. No CEPA Scoping meeting was scheduled, and there were no requests to hold a CEPA scoping meeting.

Comments were submitted by the [Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection](#) (CTDEEP) during the public comment period. DECD's responses to the comments received are included in the [Environmental Review Checklist](#).

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

Agency contact:

Name: William Wallach
Agency: Department of Economic and Community Development
Address: 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 5, Hartford, CT 06103
E-Mail: william.wallach@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: Mark Burno
Agency: Department of Economic and Community Development
Address: 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 5, Hartford, CT 06103
E-Mail: mark.burno@ct.gov

What Happens Next: The DECD expects the project to go forward. This is expected to be the final notice of the project to be published in the *Environmental Monitor*.

2. Post-Scoping Notice for Elimination of Bridge Nos. 00388 and 00389 (Route 17) and Construction of Roundabout

Address of Possible Project Location: Bridge No. 00388 carries Route 17 Northbound (NB) over Route 17 Southbound (SB) Ramp 007.

Bridge No. 00389 carries Route 17 SB Ramp 007 over New London Turnpike.

Municipality where it would be located: Glastonbury

Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) Determination: On May 17, 2022, the Connecticut Department of Transportation published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this proposed project in the *Environmental Monitor*.

A public scoping meeting was held on June 13, 2022.

Comments were submitted by the [CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection](#) during the public comment period. CTDOT also received one comment from the public during the public comment period and various comments from the public at the public scoping meeting. A synopsis of comments received and CTDOT's responses, where applicable, are located in the Environmental Review Checklist. Additionally, the report of the public scoping meeting (including comments received at the meeting and CTDOT's responses) can be found by [clicking here](#).

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

Agency contact:

Name: Mr. Jonathan Kang, Transportation Engineer
Agency: Connecticut Department of Transportation, Bureau of Engineering and Construction
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Phone: 860-594-2754

E-Mail: Jonathan.Kang@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 CTDOT expects the project to go forward. This is expected to be the final notice of the project to be published in the Environmental Monitor.

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](#)

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

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](#)

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

1. Record of Decision for Mansfield Apartments Redevelopment at the University of Connecticut

Address of Possible Project Location: 1 South Eagleville Road, Storrs Mansfield, CT 06268

Municipality where proposed action is to be located: Mansfield

Project Description: After several years of planning as part of broader reviews of existing conditions and future needs of student housing at the University of Connecticut (UConn), a new modern apartment-style residential community has been envisioned on the current site of its Mansfield Apartments complex. UConn assessed ways in which the 16-acre site could be redeveloped to provide more contemporary and updated student apartments and determine possibilities that could be built on in place of the 1940s-era complex, which has reached the end of its useful life. UConn intends to continue with the implementation of its Mansfield Apartments Redevelopment project, which consists of the following elements:

- Site Removals - Demolition of the existing buildings, roadway, walks, and utilities in the Mansfield Apartment complex.

- New Construction - New student residential complex consisting of approximately 450,000 gross square feet (SF) and approximately 900 beds among 3 residential buildings.
- Site Amenities - Additional site improvements, loop road reconstruction in its current location, and surface parking of approximately 375 spaces with a new parking deck in the western portion of the site.
- Long-term Improvements - Utility and infrastructure improvements including energy generation and stormwater management. The proposed project will also seek Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold and Sustainable Sites Initiative (SITES) certification.

Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) Determination: On October 4, 2022, UConn published a [Notice of Availability](#) of an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) in accordance with Section 22a-1d of CEPA, in the *Environmental Monitor* and held a public hearing on November 7, 2022 at Konover Auditorium at The Dodd Center for Human Rights with live streaming for remote viewers online.

Comments were received from the general public, the Town of Mansfield, and the CT Forest & Park Association. UConn prepared responses to the substantive issues raised in the comments on the EIE and on supplemental materials or amendments. Comments, responses and UConn's conclusion is documented in the [Record of Decision](#) for the proposed action.

Agency contact:

Name: John Robitaille, Senior Project Manager

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Inquiries and requests to view and or copy documents, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, must be submitted at <https://publicrecords.uconn.edu/make-a-request>.

What happens next: UConn 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*.

OPM's Determination of Adequacy

After an [Environmental Impact Evaluation](#) (EIE) and record of decision are developed, the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) will determine if the EIE and the associated process are 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 that 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: paul.aresta@ct.gov.

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