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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 Barber Pond Dam Removal

Address of possible location: 102 Old Windsor Road

Municipality where proposed action is located: Bloomfield

Project Description: After a routine inspection of the Barber Pond Dam, the State Dams Division of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) determined that Barber Pond Dam is in poor condition due to deficiencies in the concrete of the spillway and training walls. Due to the extensive repair work required, DEEP determined it was not feasible to repair these deficiencies. Since this dam does not provide any flood control to the area, DEEP determined that the spillway and a portion of the earthen embankment would need to be removed. All appropriate permits and determinations needed for dam removal will be obtained by the agency. Because this dam is in a DEEP owned wildlife management area, removal of this dam will eliminate liability and public safety hazards as well as allow free movement of migratory and resident fish and other aquatic organisms within the river system. Removal will be done using a stepped approach that allows for a controlled release of the water in Barber Pond. The flow of Mill River will be temporarily redirected to allow for reconstruction of the Mill River channel which will then be reconnected to the existing Mill Brook.

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 20, 2023.**

There will be a public scoping meeting for this proposed action:

DATE: March 31, 2023

TIME: 2:00PM EST

PLACE: Virtual Zoom Meeting

NOTES: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/87466832658?pwd=cTFRL1AyRkxFRWNFQkg3eIIYMStGUT09>

Meeting ID: 874 6683 2658

Passcode: 1Hfr6c

To submit written comments, or for any questions about the public scoping meeting or other questions about this project, contact:

Name: James Heaven

Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

Address: 79 Elm Street, Hartford CT 06106

E-Mail: James.Heaven@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: James Heaven

Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

Address: 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106

E-Mail: James.Heaven@ct.gov

What Happens Next: DEEP 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 Track Improvement and Mobility Enhancement (Time - 1): Metro North Railroad

Municipalities where proposed project might be located: Bridgeport and Stratford

Address of Possible Project Location: Mile Post (M.P.) 56.77 (east of Seaview Avenue, Bridgeport) running easterly to M.P. 60.30 (approximately 400 feet east of East Main Street/State Route 113, Stratford).

Project Description: The purpose of TIME-1 is to increase the Maximum Authorized Speed (MAS) of a three-mile section of Metro North Railroad (MNRR) in Bridgeport and Stratford from 70 mph to 90 mph. The project will consist of the reconstruction of track to improve track geometry from M.P. 56.77 (east of Seaview Avenue, Bridgeport) running easterly to M.P. 60.30 (approximately 400 feet east of East Main Street/ State Route 113, Stratford), including corresponding overhead catenary adjustments and the reconstruction of eight bridges using accelerated construction techniques. Bridges at Bishop Avenue (Bridgeport), Bruce Avenue (Stratford), W. Broad Street (Stratford), King Street (Stratford), Main Street (Stratford), Longbrook Avenue (Stratford) and East Main Street (Stratford) that intersect with MNRR will be replaced as part of this project.

Project Maps: [Click here](#) to view maps of the project area.

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: **May 9, 2023.**

There will be a hybrid virtual/ in-person public scoping meeting for this proposed action:

DATE: April 25, 2023

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Stratford Town Hall, Council Chambers (Room 211), 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT 06615

NOTES: The meeting location is ADA accessible. Language assistance, including American Sign Language, may be requested by contacting CTDOT's Language Assistance Call Line at (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. Persons with hearing and/or speech disabilities may dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS).

Other Information: If you choose to attend the meeting virtually, you will need to register using the following link: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#). The meeting will also be livestreamed on YouTube at <https://portal.ct.gov/ctdotvpimarchive>. Persons with limited internet access may use the call-in number 877-853-5257 and enter Meeting ID 835 2949 7469. Requests for hardcopies of meeting materials may also be requested by contacting Haresh Dholakia (Hareshkumar.Dholakia@ct.gov; 860-594-3173). Closed captioning will be available. Non-English translation options will be available on Zoom and YouTube. The recording will also be available on CTDOT's YouTube Virtual Public Information Meeting playlist: portal.ct.gov/ctdotvpimarchive.

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

Name: Mr. Haresh Dholakia, Transportation Supervising Engineer

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

Address: 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06131

Phone: 860-594-3173 or 860-594-2020

E-Mail: Hareshkumar.Dholakia@ct.gov or DOTProject300-214@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*.

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](#)

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](#)

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

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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