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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 Bella Vista Apartments Project

Address of possible locations: 501 East Main Street and 65 Main Street

Municipality where proposed action might be located: Ansonia

Project Description: Municipal Brownfield Grant funding will be used for the abatement and remediation of the 2.84-acre Former Farrel Corporation buildings located at the adjacent lots of 501 East Main Street and 65 Main Street to enable the redevelopment of the existing buildings into 200 mixed-income residential units and 20,000 square feet of commercial space.

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: **March 9, 2023.**

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: **February 17, 2023.**

Additional information about the project can be viewed in person at: City of Ansonia Economic Development Department, 253 Main Street, Ansonia, CT 06401.

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

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

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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. Cancellation Notice for Rehabilitation of Heroes Tunnel (Bridge No. 00773)

Address of possible location: Route 15 (Wilbur Cross Parkway) through West Rock Ridge

Municipalities where it would have been located: Woodbridge, Hamden, and New Haven

Agency Determination: The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) has decided to cancel the project, as described the last time a notice appeared in the *Environmental Monitor* on **October 4, 2016**, because of issues unrelated to the environmental review requirements of the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA). Since the time of project scoping, the CTDOT has decided to reassess the transportation needs in the area and will no longer be advancing the project as originally scoped. CTDOT expects the project scope to change from what was presented during the 2016 scoping period, and a new scoping process will take place in the future if warranted under CEPA.

Agency contact:

Name: Mr. Kevin C. Fleming, Transportation Planner

Agency: CT Department of Transportation, Office of Environmental Planning

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What Happens Next: The proposed project is cancelled. Should the project be proposed at a future date, the CEPA process will be initiated again with a new Scoping Notice announcing that intent.

3. Notice of Scoping for Seymour Reservoir No. 4 Dam Repair Project

Address of possible location: Chestnut Tree Hill Road in Naugatuck State Forest

Municipality where proposed action might be located: Oxford.

Project Description: After a regulatory inspection of Seymour No. 4 Dam, the State Dams Division of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) determined that the dam is in poor condition and needs to be repaired. The poor conditions noted during the inspection were several eroded areas of the crest cutting several feet into the dam at some points, numerous small trees growing on the embankments and that the spillway is failing at the downstream end (water is flowing around the outside of the outlet pipes) and it unknown if the low-level outlet is operating as designed. It was also noted that the current spillway is inadequate to discharge the ½ PMF (probable maximum flood) design flood. The proposed reconstruction is designed to improve the dam's safety and efficiency as well as make it easier to maintain. For the proposed reconstruction the dam embankment will be raised one foot and eroded areas will be repaired, the existing 24-inch reinforced concrete pipe spillway will be replaced with a new drop inlet spillway and 48-inch outlet pipe. A new 100-foot-long auxiliary spillway will be constructed to the left of the dam and the normal water level of the reservoir will be lowered by 2 feet in order to meet flood capacity requirements for the ½ PMF design flood.

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: **March 24, 2023**

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: **March 6, 2023**

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

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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](#)

The following notice for additional time has been submitted for publication in this edition.

1. Notice of Time Extension for Scoping Notice for Properties at 18-20 and 30 Trinity Street in Hartford

Addresses of Possible Project Location: 18-20 Trinity Street, and 30 Trinity Street

Municipality where proposed action would be located: Hartford

Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) Determination: On July 19, 2022, the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this action in the *Environmental Monitor*. The DAS is unable to publish its determination regarding this action at this time.

Action Status: DAS is working with the proposed developer to conduct additional analysis and address comments raised during scoping.

Estimated Publication Date: The DAS estimates that a Post-Scoping Notice will be published in the *Environmental Monitor* on or before August 22, 2023.

If you have questions about the proposed action, contact:

Name: Matthew Pafford

Agency: Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

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What Happens Next: The DAS 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 Daniel's Mill Adaptive Reuse and Remediation Project

Address of Possible Project Location: 98 East Main Street

Municipality where it would be located: Vernon

Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) Determination: On November 8th, 2022 the Department of Economic and Community Development published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this proposed **Daniel's Mill Adaptive Reuse and Remediation 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**. The agency's conclusion is documented in a [Memo of Findings and Determination](#) and an [Environmental Review Checklist](#).

Agency contact:

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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 Rehabilitation of Bridge 00793A – Route 15 Northbound Over Quinnipiac River

Address of Possible Project Location: The bridge is located approximately 1.4 miles south of Exit 66 on mile post 59.66.

Municipality where it would be located: Wallingford.

Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) Determination: On July 19, 2022, the CT Department of Transportation (CT DOT) published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this proposed Rehabilitation of Bridge 00793A - Route 15 Northbound over Quinnipiac River in the *Environmental Monitor*.

Prior to CEPA scoping, a Virtual Public Information Meeting was held on May 12, 2022. A report of the meeting including comments received and CT DOT's responses can be found [here](#). During the CEPA scoping process, no requests were made to hold a public scoping meeting.

Comments were received from the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection during the public comment period and are addressed where appropriate within the Environmental Assessment Checklist. No additional comments were received from the public during the scoping period.

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

Agency contact:

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Name: Ms. Alice M. Sexton

Agency: Department of Transportation Office of Legal Services

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

3. Post-Scoping Notice for Riverfront Park Trail & Commercial Development Project

Addresses of possible locations: 228, 590-H, 600-H & 610 Liebert Road, Hartford and 73, 100, & 120 Meadow Road, Windsor.

Municipalities where proposed action might be located: Hartford & Windsor.

Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) Determination: On November 8, 2022, the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this proposed Riverfront Park Trail & Commercial Development Project in the *Environmental Monitor*. No CEPA Scoping meeting was scheduled, and there were no requests to hold a CEPA

Scoping meeting.

One comment was received from the public during the public comment period. The public comment and DECD's responses can be viewed in the [Environmental Review Checklist](#). Comments were also submitted by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CTDEEP) and can be viewed [here](#). DECD's responses to CTDEEP's comments can be viewed in the [Environmental Review Checklist](#).

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

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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.

4. Post-Scoping Notice for Garfield Mills Remediation Project

Address of possible location: 90 and 100 Garfield Avenue

Municipality where proposed action might be located: New London

Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) Determination: On November 8, 2022, the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this proposed **Garfield Mills Remediation Project** in the *Environmental Monitor*. No CEPA Scoping meeting was scheduled, and there were no requests to hold a CEPA Scoping meeting.

No comments were received from members of the public during the public comment period. The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CTDEEP) submitted comments, which can be viewed [here](#). DECD's responses to the comments received are included in the [Environmental Review Checklist](#).

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

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

5. Post-Scoping Notice for Former White Oak Remediation and Redevelopment Project

Addresses of possible locations: 1 & 63 West Main Street

Municipality where proposed action might be located: Plainville

Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) Determination: On November 8, 2022, the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this proposed Former White Oak Remediation and Redevelopment Project in the *Environmental Monitor*.

No comments were received from the public during the public comment period. No CEPA Scoping meeting was scheduled, and there were no requests to hold a CEPA Scoping meeting. Comments were received from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and can be accessed [here](#). DECD's Responses to the comments received are included in the [Environmental Review Checklist](#).

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

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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](#)

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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