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#### Scoping Notices

"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.

The following Scoping Notices have been submitted for review and comment.

1. Notice of Scoping for Runway Safety Area Project, Igor I. Sikorsky Memorial Airport

Municipality where proposed project might be located: Stratford, CT

Address of Project Location: Sikorsky Airport and immediate vicinity

## Background:

This project was subject to previous environmental studies, including a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)/Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE), which led to a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and a written re-evaluation of the EIS in 2011. These documents evaluated the project's scope, alternatives and environmental impacts. The documents were made available for public review and were the subject of public hearings. The purpose of this Public Scoping notice and subsequent meeting is to satisfy the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) requirements for providing public opportunity to comment on the project.

#### **Project Description:**

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) and the City of Bridgeport are proposing to construct improvements to the Runway Safety Area (RSA) adjacent to Runway 24 at the Igor I. Sikorsky Memorial Airport (BDR), in Stratford, Connecticut. A partial relocation of

State Route (SR) 113 is required to accommodate the RSA improvements. These safety improvements include the construction of an Engineered Material Arresting System (EMAS) beyond the Runway 24 threshold. The proposed improvements also include the rehabilitation of existing Runway 6-24. A congressional mandate has been issued requiring completion of the airport safety improvements by December 2015. There will also be a reduction in flooding of Route 113, and improved stormwater management and treatment as a result of the project.

The proposed project includes the following activities within the airport proper:

- Construction of an RSA that is 500 feet in width (250 feet on either side of the runway centerline) by 300 feet in length, including installation of an EMAS (100 feet in width by 300 feet in length);
- Installation of new runway edge lights on Runway 6-24;
- · Relocation of Runway End Identifier Lights (REILS);
- Construction of a new connector taxiway (35 feet in width by 300 feet in length) from Taxiway A to Runway 24 and demolition of the existing connector Taxiway D at the intersection of Runways 6-24 and 11-29;
- Removal of the existing blast fence located adjacent to Runway 24;
- · Installation of new Airport Security Fence;
- Construction of a Turn Around for Runway 6;
- Rehabilitation and removal of pavement (reduction in width) on Runway 6-24;
- Relocation of the Visual Approach Slope Indicator (VASI) and Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) visual landing aids on Runways 6 and 24: and
- The construction of wetland mitigation and listed species mitigation areas.

The proposed project includes the following activities within the vicinity of Route 113:

- Construction of a realigned segment of Route 113 including an improved stormwater drainage system and multi-use path (to accommodate the RSA);
- Relocation of all underground utilities from the existing Route 113 right-of-way to the proposed right-of-way;
- · Closure and removal of the abandoned segment of Route 113;
- Delineation, removal and disposal of existing Raymark Superfund Site waste materials within the vicinity of the realigned Route 113;
- Construction of a new tidal channel to convey treated stormwater runoff and tidal flows;
- · Wetland mitigation activities including restoration and enhancement areas; and
- · Creation and enhancement of several listed species mitigation areas.

Project Maps: Click here to view a map of the project area.

Click here to view proposed construction features.

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: Thursday April 18, 2013

There will be a Public Scoping Meeting for this project at:

DATE: April 3, 2013

TIME: 7:00 pm

PLACE: Stratford Hotel and Conference Center, 225 Lordship Boulevard, Stratford, CT 06615

**NOTES**: The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. Deaf and hearing impaired persons wishing to attend this meeting and requiring an interpreter may make arrangements by contacting the Department's Office of Communication at 860-594-3062 (voice only) at least five days prior to the meeting.

#### Written comments should be sent to:

Name: Mr. Mark W. Alexander, Transportation Assistant Planning Director

Agency: Bureau of Policy and Planning

Connecticut Department of Transportation

Address: 2800 Berlin Turnpike

Newington, CT 06131

**Fax**: 860-594-3028

E-Mail: dot.environmentalplanning@ct.gov

If you have questions about the public meeting, or other questions about the scoping for this project, contact:  $\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \left( \frac{1}{2$ 

Name: Mr. Richard B. Armstrong, Transportation Principal Engineer

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

Address: 2800 Berlin Turnpike

Newington, CT 06131

Phone: 860-594-3187

**E-Mail**: <u>richard.armstrong@ct.gov</u>

# 2. Notice of Scoping for the Connecticut State Police Firearms Training Facility Relocation

Municipality where proposed project might be located: Glastonbury

Address of Possible Project Location: Easterly end point of Toll Gate Road.

Project Description: The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP), Division of State Police (CSP) is proposing to relocate its existing Firearms Training Facility and Program located on Nod Road in Simsbury to a site in Glastonbury. The proposed site is generally situated along Route 2 adjacent to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's (DEEP) Public Shooting Range, located within the Meshomasic State Forest (see project location figures). A land transfer between DESPP and DEEP would occur as part of this project. The exact parcel configuration and project layout is to be determined during design; however, the estimated maximum acreage needed for the project is approximately 30 acres with the potential for less.

The project proposes to maintain and improve the CSP Firearms Training Program to benefit DESPP's critical needs. Other state, federal, international, and host community law enforcement agencies would also utilize this facility as part of the inter-relationships DESPP has with various agencies.

The following are the major facility elements associated with this relocation project:

- Approximately 55,000 gross square feet (GSF) multipurpose training building(s). This building (or combinations of smaller buildings) would contain: classrooms to hold up to approximately 100 troopers and/or cadets; firearms simulator room; open area training room; indoor active-shooter training; gun cleaning and smithing; file storage room; staff offices; firearms vault; ammunition storage vault; recruit/staff kitchen and dinning area; reloading area; target storage area; bathrooms with lockers and showers; and a garage.
- 2 Range Control Towers (approximately 1 story high)
- 1 Qualifying Pistol Range (approximately 200 ft x 170 ft)
- 1 Active Shooter Training Range (approximately 200 ft x 170 ft)
- 1 Rifle Range (approximately 300 yd x 50 yd)
- 1 Shotgun Rifle Range (approximately 100 yd x 30 yd)
- Approximately 125 parking spaces
- · Well and septic systems, telecom, and electrical utilities

**Project Maps**: Click here to view a figure of the general project location and click here to view an aerial of the project site.

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: May 16, 2013.

There will be a Public Scoping Meeting for this project at:

DATE: Thursday, May 9, 2013

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: Riverfront Community Center, Community Room, 300 Welles Street, Glastonbury, CT

NOTES: Doors open at 6:30 PM; meeting starts at 7:00 PM and will conclude after public comments.

On Behalf of DESPP, written comments are to be sent to the following participating agency contact:

Name: Jeff Bolton, Supervising Environmental Analyst

**Agency**: Department of Construction Services

Address: 165 Capitol Avenue, Room 482

Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Fax: (860) 713-7250

E-Mail: jeffrey.bolton@ct.gov

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

Name: Lt. J. Paul Vance, Public Information Officer

Agency: Department of Emergency Services and Public

Protection & the Connecticut State Police

Address: 1111 Country Club Road

Middletown, Connecticut 06457

Phone: (860) 685-8230

Fax: (860) 685-8301

E-Mail: pio.dps@po.state.ct.us

The agency expects to release an Environmental Impact Evaluation for this project, for public review and comment, in August

2013.

Other information:

What is Scoping? (CEQ Website)

What to Expect at a Scoping Meeting (CEQ Website)

What is CEPA? (OPM Website)

# 3. Notice of Scoping for Library Lane and George Washington Turnpike Water Main Project STEAP Grant

Municipality where proposed project might be located: Burlington

Address of Possible Project Location: Library Lane and George Washington Turnpike

**Project Description**: The purpose of this project is to install two segments of 8 inch ductile iron water main: from the intersection of Route 4 and Library Lane 900 feet north along Library Lane, and on George Washington Turnpike from the intersection with Thompsons Way approximately 900' southeast to the intersection with Cornwall Road. This project has been awarded a STEAP grant and will provide water supply to businesses within Burlington's central business zone. The Torrington Water Company will provide the water supply, oversee this project and will own and maintain this extension when the project is completed.

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 May 17, 2013

Any person can 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 April 26, 2013.

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 #51WAT

PO Box 340308

Hartford, CT 06134-0308

Fax: 860-509-7359

E-Mail: <a href="mailto:Dph.sourceprotection@ct.gov">Dph.sourceprotection@ct.gov</a>

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

Name: Ms. Sara Rossetti-Nichols

Agency: Department of Public Health

Drinking Water Section

Address: 410 Capitol Avenue, MS #51WAT

PO Box 340308

Hartford, CT 06134-0308

**Phone**: 860-509-7333 **Fax**: 860-509-7359

E-Mail: Sara Rossetti-Nichols@ct.gov

### 4. Notice of Scoping for UConn Main Accumulation Area

Municipality where proposed project might be located: Mansfield

Address of Possible Project Location: UConn North Campus Parcel G Site located between the existing North Hillside Road and C Lot on the University of Connecticut Storrs Campus. Mansfield. Connecticut

Project Description: UConn proposes to construct a new centralized facility for the temporary storage of chemical, biological/medical, and low-level radioactive wastes from the University's academic research and teaching laboratories and facility operations on the Storrs campus. The University's existing facility, known as the Main Accumulation Area (MAA), is located within the Fenton River watershed and the drainage basin of the Willimantic Reservoir, which is a public water supply. Although the facility has been operated safely since it was established in 1989, the University recognizes the public concern that remains about the location of the facility within the public water supply watershed. The existing MAA facility, which is currently located on Horsebarn Hill Road, is sufficient to serve the current needs of the University and meets or exceeds state and federal requirements for safety and environmental protection. To protect public health and the environment and to ensure regulatory compliance, these wastes are managed by the UConn Department of Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) in

compliance with local, state, and federal regulations, as well as University health and safety policies and procedures. However, space on the existing site is limited, resulting in poor circulation for waste transport vehicles, its design is inconsistent with state-of-the-art MAA facilities at other comparable research institutions, and the facility will likely not meet future needs based on planned research growth at the University. To address these concerns, UConn convened an Advisory Committee consisting of representatives from the Town of Mansfield, Windham Water Works, local watershed organizations, the Connecticut Institute of Water Resources, and University of Connecticut staff from Public Safety, Environmental Policy, and Residential Life. The Advisory Committee conducted a siting study to identify and assess potential sites for an upgraded MAA facility. The study recommended a prioritized list of alternative sites, with the North Campus Parcel G site, located between the existing North Hillside Road and C Lot, being the preferred alternative. An Environmental Impact Evaluation will be prepared to further evaluate the preferred site as well as other alternatives considered, including the existing location (i.e., the No Action alternative). 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: May 16, 2013

# There will be a Public Scoping Meeting for this project at: Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2013

7:00 p.m. (Doors will be open at 6:00 p.m. to allow review of informational materials.) Time:

Place: Room 146, UConn Bishop Center; One Bishop Circle; Storrs, CT

Written comments should be sent to:

Name: Jason Coite

Agency: UConn - Office of Environmental Policy Address: 31 LeDoyt Road, U-3055; Storrs, CT 06269

Fax: 860-486-5477 E-Mail: jason.coite@uconn.edu If you have questions about the Public Scoping Meeting, or other questions about the scoping for this project, please contact Mr. Coite as directed above.

UConn expects to release an Environmental Impact Evaluation for this project, for public review and comment, in September 2013.

#### Post-Scoping Notices: Environmental Impact Evaluation Not Required

This category is required by the October 2010 revision of the <u>Generic Environmental Classification Document</u> for State Agencies. A notice is published here if the sponsoring agency, after publication of a scoping notice and consideration of comments received, has determined that an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) does not need to be prepared for the proposed project.

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

#### 1. Post-Scoping Notice for Route 69, New Haven Rd., Water Line

Municipalities where project will be located: Prospect/Beacon Falls

**CEPA Determination:** On February 5, 2013 the Department of Public Health (DPH) published a <u>Notice of Scoping</u> to solicit public comments for this project in the *Environmental Monitor*.

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection provided <u>comments dated March 7, 2013</u>. Based upon the DPH's environmental assessment of this project including all comments received, it has been determined that the project does not require the preparation of Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) under the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA). The DPH will coordinate with the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Town of Prospect to ensure that the recommendations by the DEEP and DPH will be implemented.

The agency's conclusion is documented in a Memorandum of Findings and Determination and an Environmental Assessment Checklist.

If you have questions about the project, you can contact the agency at:

Name: Mr. Eric McPhee

Agency: Department of Public Health

**Drinking Water Section** 

Address: 450 Capitol Avenue, MS #51WAT

P O Box 340308

Hartford, CT 06134-0308

Phone: 860-509-7333 Fax: 860-509-7359

E-Mail: <u>DPH.sourceprotection@ct.gov</u>

What happens next: The DPH 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 the Spring Hill Reliability Improvement Project

Municipality where project will be located: Norwalk and New Canaan

**CEPA Determination:** On January 8, 2013 the Department of Public Health (DPH) published a <u>Notice of Scoping</u> to solicit public comments for this project in the *Environmental Monitor*.

Based on the DPH's environmental assessment of this project which includes comments provided by the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) on February 7, 2013, it has been determined that the project does not require the preparation of Environmental Impact Evaluation under CEPA. The DPH will coordinate with Norwalk First Taxing District (NFTD) to ensure that the recommendations by the DEEP will be implemented.

The agency's conclusion is documented in a Memorandum of Findings and Determination\_ and an Environmental Assessment Summary including the following attached correspondence: 2013-02-22 Norwalk FTD, 2013-03-08 Norwalk FTD Final Report, 2013-3-20 DPH Correspondence email, 2013-03-22 Norwalk FTD response to DPH comments, 2013-03-26 Norwalk FTD-DPH correspondence email

If you have questions about the project, you can contact the agency at:

Name: Mr. Eric McPhee

Agency: Department of Public Health

Drinking Water Section

Address: 450 Capitol Avenue, MS #51WAT

P O Box 340308

Hartford, CT 06134-0308

**Phone**: 860-509-7333 **Fax**: 860-509-7359

E-Mail: dph.sourceprotection@ct.gov

What happens next: The DPH 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 Windham Region Transit District : Bus Garage and Administration Building

Municipality where project will be located: Mansfield

**CEPA Determination:** On November 6, 2012, the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) published a <u>Notice of Scoping</u> to solicit public comments for this project in the <u>Environmental Monitor</u>. The CTDOT has received comments from the <u>Department of Energy and Environmental Protection</u> and from the <u>Department of Public Health</u>. The CTDOT has taken those comments into consideration and has concluded that the project does not require the preparation of Environmental Impact Evaluation under CEPA.

The agency's conclusion is documented in an Environmental Assessment Checklist and a Memo of Findings and Determination.

If you have questions about the project, you can contact the agency at:

Name: Mr. Mark W. Alexander, Transportation Assistant Planning Director

Agency: Bureau of Policy and Planning

Connecticut Department of Transportation

Address: 2800 Berlin Turnpike Newington, CT 06131

Phone:

Fax: 860-594-3028

E-Mail: dot.environmentalplanning@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 Notices**

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 <a href="Environmental Impact Evaluation">Environmental Impact Evaluation</a> (EIE).

The following EIEs have been submitted for publication in this edition.

### 1. Notice of EIE for the Quinebaug Regional Tech Park

Municipality where project is proposed: Putnam

Address of Possible Project Location: Land adjacent to I-395 on the west bank of the Quinebaug River

**Project Description**: This Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) has been prepared for the Proposed Action on behalf of the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) which is the sponsoring agency and cooperating state agencies the Department of Transportation (DOT) and Department Social Services (DSS).

The Proposed Action is the construction of a new vehicular bridge at the intersection of Kennedy Drive and the I-395 Southbound off ramp at Exit 95 and a new regional YMCA facility. The purpose of the bridge is to provide access to a 267± acre site that is targeted for economic development, which would be an indirect or secondary consequence of the new bridge. The DSS is providing a portion of the funding needed to construct the YMCA facility which will include a 48,000± square foot (SF) building, surface parking, and athletic fields. By providing improved access to the Site, the new bridge has the potential for creating secondary actions that, in addition to the YMCA construction, include the development of the Quinebaug Regional Technical Park (QRTP), a light industrial type of development focused on "green technologies". A significant portion of the QRTP will be set aside for conservation to protect rare species habitat, wetlands, floodplains, farmland soils and a portion of the proposed Aquifer Protection Area (APA).

Three site development alternatives were evaluated in an iterative process that evolved through the analysis of environmental constraints. It is estimated that with the new zoning regulations being drafted, the environmental and physical constraints of the site, the preferred alternative would be approximately 20 building lots of 7 – 8 acres in size that would each be capable of supporting up to 70,000 square feet of such development in addition to the YMCA.

Project Map: Click here to view a map of the project area.

Comments on this EIE will be accepted until the close of business on: April 22, 2013.

A copy of this EIE will be available for public review starting March 8, 2013 at:

The Putnam Town Clerk, 126 Church Street, Putnam, CT, 06260

The Putnam Public Library, 225 Kennedy Dr Putnam, CT, 06260

It also will be available at the following website starting March 8, 2013:

http://www.gza.com/quinebaug-regional-technical-park-environmental-impact-evaluation

There is no public hearing scheduled for this EIE. The agency will hold a public hearing if 25 or more persons or an association that has at least 25 members requests a hearing. A public hearing request must be made no later than March 18, 2013.

#### To request a public hearing contact:

Name: Nelson Tereso, Project Manager

Agency: Department of Economic and Community Development

Office of Financial & Technical Review

Address: 505 Hudson Street
Hartford, CT 06106

E-Mail: nelson.g.tereso@ct.gov

Phone: 860-270-8213

#### Send your comments about this EIE to:

Name: Mark Hood

Agency: Department of Economic and Community Development

Address: 505 Hudson Street Hartford, CT 06106

E-Mail: mark.hood@ct.gov

# 2. Notice of EIE for the Eastern Connecticut State University 2008 Campus Plan Update

Municipalities where project is proposed: Windham (Willimantic) and Mansfield

Address of Possible Project Location: 83 Windham Street, Windham, CT (see Project Location figures)

**Project Description**: The Eastern Connecticut State University Campus Master Plan is part of an update to the master plan first prepared in 1992 and revised in 1997. The Plan is a baseline for future campus development and funding requests to the Board of Regents. The Plan update for Eastern is a guide for incremental growth that responds to stated needs, planned expansions, and changes in facilities needs. Eastern is comprised two campuses: the Main Campus, located south of Route 6; and the Mansfield Campus which consists of athletic facilities, located north of the Route 6 within walking distance of the main campus.

The Plan is a ten-year comprehensive physical development plan to enhance the academic, residential, and community life of the campus. It identifies new building and renovation projects that should be made by the target year 2017; with the understanding that all projects may not be accomplished over the ten-year period.

The full Plan can be viewed online here: <a href="https://www.ct.gov/dcs/cwp/view.asp?a=4224&Q=520014&PM=1">https://www.ct.gov/dcs/cwp/view.asp?a=4224&Q=520014&PM=1</a>

Project Map(s): (1) General Location figure (2) Campus Master Plan figure

Comments on this EIE will be accepted until the close of business on: April 19, 2013

The public can view a copy of this EIE at: https://www.ct.gov/dcs/cwp/view.asp?a=4224&Q=520014&PM=1

Any person can ask the sponsoring agency to hold a Public Hearing on this EIE by sending such a request to the address below by March 15, 2013. If a hearing is requested by 25 or more individuals, or by an association that represents 25 or more members, the Sponsoring and Participating Agencies will schedule a Public Hearing.

#### Send your comments about this EIE to:

Name: Keith Epstein, AIA

Title: Director of Capital Projects
Agency: Connecticut Board of Regents
Address: 61 Woodland Street

Hartford, Connecticut 06105

Fax: 860-493-0059 E-Mail: epsteink@ct.edu

If you have questions about requesting a public hearing, or where you can review this EIE, or similar matters, please contact:

Name: Jeff Bolton

Title: Supervising Environmental Analyst

Agency: Connecticut Department of Construction Services

Address: 165 Capitol Avenue, Room 482

Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Phone: 860-713-5706
E-Mail: jeffrey.bolton@ct.gov

Other information: http://www.easternct.edu/

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