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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 I-84 Hartford Project

Municipality where proposed project might be located: Hartford, CT

Address of Project Location: I-84 from approximately Hamilton Street to I-91 interchange in downtown Hartford.

Project Description: The I-84 Hartford Project was initiated by the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) to address structural deficiencies, improve traffic operations and safety, and reduce congestion on I-84 mainline and its interchanges from approximately Hamilton Street to I-91 in the City of Hartford. At the same time, the I-84 Hartford Project will strive to reduce the highway's adverse impact and footprint on the City, while integrating it more closely into the regional multimodal and interstate transportation system, both existing and planned.

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

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

DATE: January 21, 2015 (snow date January 28, 2015; same time and location)

TIME: Open House from 3:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Presentation at 5:30 p.m.

PLACE: Hartford Public Library, 500 Main Street, Hartford, CT 06103

Purpose of Meeting: The Scoping Meeting will present information about the project and solicit public comments on the project's purpose and need, preliminary alternatives, and areas of key environmental concern.

The study team will be available from 3:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. and after the presentation until 7:30 p.m. to discuss the proposed project. The presentation will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Written comments from the public are welcomed. Public comments may be submitted verbally at the meeting, either in front of an audience, one-on-one with a stenographer, or in writing. The meeting facility is ADA accessible. Language assistance may be requested by contacting the Department of Transportation's Office of Communications (voice only) at (860) 594-3062 at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting. Language assistance is provided at no cost to the public, and efforts will be made to respond to requests for assistance. The Scoping Initiation Packet and other scoping materials are available online at www.i84hartford.com.

While comments may be submitted at any time throughout the course of this project, **comments must be postmarked by February 20, 2015 to be part of the scoping record.**

Written comments should be sent to:

Name: Mr. Richard Armstrong, Transportation Principal Engineer

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

Address: P.O. Box 317546, Newington, CT 06131-7546

E-Mail: richard.armstrong@ct.gov (Please use the subject heading "I-84 HARTFORD Project")

Phone: (860) 594-3187

Other Information: I-84 Hartford Project Website, www.i84hartford.com

If you have questions about the public meeting, or other questions about the scoping for this project please contact Mr. Armstrong as directed above.

¿Habla español? Visite www.i84hartford.com/ y use la función "Google Translate."

2. Notice of Scoping for East Side Water Storage Tank and Pump Station

Municipality where proposed project might be located: Southington

Addresses of Possible Project Locations: Flanders Street on the Southington High School Property, Smith Street ROW, and Chesterwood Terrace

Project Description: In order to address pressure deficiencies in the existing distribution system, the Southington Water Department (SWD) has proposed to install a 1.0 million gallon pre-stressed concrete tank, approximately 1,500 lineal feet of transmission main, approximately 550 lineal feet of twin distribution mains, a new pump station, and associated components. The tank is proposed to be located in wooded area to the east of the Smith Street right-of-way. A new gravel access road will be constructed from the end of Smith Street to the tank site and a small parking area will be provided in front of the tank. Twin 8-inch water pipes will be installed to connect the pump station proposed to be constructed on the Southington High School Property to the existing water mains on Flanders Street.

Project Maps: Click <u>here</u> for a map of the project area. Click <u>here</u> for a more detailed view of the proposed East Side Water Storage tank. Click <u>here</u> for a more detailed view of the proposed pump station.

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: Friday, February 20, 2015.

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 Friday, January 30, 2015.

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: <u>DPH.SourceProtection@ct.gov</u>

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

Name: Patricia Bisacky

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: Patricia.Bisacky@ct.gov

3. Notice of Scoping for Hawleyville Low-Pressure Sewer Extension

Municipality where proposed project would be located: Newtown

Project Location: Residential and commercial/industrial properties along Route 6 (Mount Pleasant Road), Route 25 (Hawleyville Road), Covered Bridge Road and Hillcrest Drive.

Project Description: As part of an economic development project, the Town of Newtown desires to provide developed and undeveloped parcels with access to public sewers as depicted in Figure 1. The purpose of the

project is to incentivize development within the Hawleyville Area pursuant to the goals established by the Town's Economic Development Commission and in accordance with Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials (HVCEO) Guidance Bulletin #94.

Utilizing a Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) Grant and benefit assessments not exceeding the appraised value of each property that connects to the system, the town intends to provide a low-pressure sanitary sewer system servicing the properties abutting the above listed roadways. Properties that are currently developed will be provided with a semi-positive displacement grinder pump and a service lateral extending from the grinder pump discharge to the low-pressure sewer main in the street. For commercial/industrial properties that are currently undeveloped, the intent of the project is to provide an adequately sized, low-pressure sewer connection stub to the property line to serve the property in the future. In addition, the Town intends to purchase and stockpile pumps capable of pumping the design flowrate based upon existing zoning for the undeveloped properties.

In order to convey the complete buildout scenario presented in the 1998 Hawleyville Area Facility Plan and based on the land use mix presented in the HVCEO Bulletin #94, a 6-inch dry forcemain will be installed in the same trench as the low pressure sewer, providing sufficient project budget exists. The 6-inch forcemain will extend from the proposed manhole directly in front of the Midway Home Estates to the intersection of Route 6 and Route 25 and be capped there. The purpose of this forcemain will be to convey future wastewater, which can drain via gravity along Mount Pleasant Road to the intersection with Route 25. The developers of the two large vacant properties would be responsible for siting and providing the pump station to serve their properties.

Wastewater collected from the proposed collection system will flow westward and discharge into an existing manhole directly upstream of the existing Toll Brothers Pump Station at 164 Mount Pleasant Road. From there, the wastewater flow is pumped along Route 6 to Bethel's collection system and ultimately discharged for treatment at the Danbury Wastewater Treatment Facility. In all, it is estimated that approximately 7,350 linear feet of low pressure sewer and approximately 500 linear feet of gravity sewer will be provided as part of this project.

Project Maps: Click here to view a map of the proposed sewer infrastructure.

Click here to view a map of the sewer service area.

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: March 6, 2015

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 February 13, 2015.

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

Name: Carlos Esguerra

Agency: Department of Energy & Environmental Protection

Bureau of Water Protection & Land Reuse

Address: 79 Elm Street

Hartford, CT 06106-5127

Phone: 860-424-3756 **Fax:** 860-424-4067

E-Mail: carlos.esguerra@ct.gov

If you have questions about the public meeting, or other questions about the scoping for this project, contact Mr. Esguerra, as directed above.

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer that is committed to complying with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person with a disability who may need a communication aid or service may contact the agency's ADA Coordinator at 860-424-3194 or at deep.hrmed@ct.gov. Any person with limited proficiency in English, who may need information in another language, may contact the agency's Title VI Coordinator at 860-424-

4. Notice of Scoping for the Norwalk River Railroad Bridge, Norwalk

Project Title: Replacement of the Norwalk River Railroad Bridge (WALK Bridge)

Municipality where proposed project might be located: Norwalk, Connecticut

Project Description: The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) proposes to replace the Norwalk River Railroad Bridge, which carries the New Haven Line Railroad over the Norwalk River in the city of Norwalk. The bridge was built in 1896 and is a truss swing bridge with three fixed spans and one movable span. Total length is 565 feet. The activities associated with total replacement of the existing bridge include the following:

- Complete replacement of the entire bridge
- Complete replacement of the fender system
- Complete replacement of the high towers
- · Replacement of the track rails and ties
- Signal and communications replacements which will include the installation of a new cable spanning the river either via submarine or aerial path

The purpose of this project is to replace the existing, deteriorated bridge with a resilient bridge structure which will enhance the safety and reliability of commuter and intercity passenger rail service, offer operational flexibility and ease of maintenance, as well as provide for increased capacity and efficiencies of rail transportation along the New Haven Line/ Northeast Corridor.

Project Maps: Click here to view a map and an aerial photograph of the project area.

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: Tuesday, March 10, 2015

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

DATE: Tuesday, **February 24, 2015** (In case of inclement weather: Thursday, February 26, 2015 same time and place)

TIME: 7:00 pm

PLACE: City Hall Community Room, 125 East Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut 06851

NOTES: The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities (ADA accessible). Deaf and hearing impaired persons and those with limited English proficiency wishing to attend this meeting and requiring an interpreter may make arrangements by contacting the CTDOT's Office of Communications at 860-594-3062 (voice only) at least five working days prior to the meeting. Language assistance is provided at no cost to the public.

Additional information about the project can be viewed in person at CTDOT's Office of Engineering, 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, Connecticut, during regular office hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Written comments should be sent to:

Name: Mr. Mark Alexander, Transportation Assistant Planning Director

Connecticut Department of Transportation, Bureau of Policy and

Agency: Planning

Address: 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, Connecticut, 06131

E-Mail: dot.environmentalplanning@ct.gov

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

Name: Mr. John Hanifin, Transportation Supervising Engineer

Agency: Connecticut Department of Transportation, Bureau of Engineering and

Agency. Construction

Address: 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, Connecticut, 06131

Phone: (860) 594-2899 E-Mail: John.Hanifin@ct.gov

5. Notice of Scoping for Milford Property Acquisition

Municipality where proposed project might be located: Milford

Address of Possible Project Locations: Railroad Avenue between High Street and River Street

Project Description: The City of Milford is the recipient of an Urban Act grant to acquire four parcels of property along Railroad Avenue between High Street and River Street, in order to relieve current parking constraints and to provide future opportunities for mixed-use, transit-oriented development. The properties are located at 0 River Street, 44-64 River Street, 0 Railroad Avenue and 145 High Street.

State assistance would enable the city's acquisition of the aforementioned properties and commencement of Phase 1 of the project, intended to relieve parking constraints. Phase 1 includes property acquisition, design and site work, and any necessary demolition of existing structures. Phase 2 of the project will include the creation of surface parking and landscaping with the addition of several sources of multi-modal transportation hubs for bikes, electric vehicles and incentivized ride-share vehicles. Phase 3 of the project may entail the construction of a low-profile parking structure for additional parking, coupled with planned mixed-use development. Phase 2 of the project will result in 150-180 additional parking spaces, with a cumulative total of approximately 325 additional parking spaces anticipated by the end of Phase 3 depending on market conditions. Phase 2 and 3 will be funded through local and private funds.

As the sponsoring agency for this project, the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) is seeking public input on the potential for significant impacts associated with the acquisition and intended use of the referenced properties.

Project Maps: Click <u>here</u> to view a map of the project area. Click <u>here</u> to view a map of the alternative project sites previously considered.

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: Thursday, March 19, 2015.

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 Friday, February 27, 2015.

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

Name: Mr. Zack Hyde

Agency: Connecticut Office of Policy and Management

Address: 450 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106

Fax: 860-418-6467 **E-Mail:** Zack.Hyde@ct.gov

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

Name: Mr. Zack Hyde

Agency: Connecticut Office of Policy and Management

Address: 450 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106

Phone: 860-418-6261Fax: 860-418-6467E-Mail: Zack.Hyde@ct.gov

6. Notice of Scoping for the University of Connecticut South Campus Development

Municipality where proposed project might be located: Mansfield

Address of Possible Project Locations: The area approximately bounded by Bolton Rd, Coventry Rd, Mansfield Rd, and Whitney Rd on the University of Connecticut Storrs Campus, Mansfield, Connecticut

Project Description: This scoping notice encompasses multiple University of Connecticut (UCONN) projects, including the Honors Residence Hall for which a Scoping Notice was published in the November 18, 2014 Environmental Monitor.

UCONN proposes to undertake several projects in the area of the Storrs Campus known as South Campus. The projects are in close proximity, being located in the area approximately bounded by Bolton Road to the south, Coventry Road to the east, Mansfield Road to the east and north, and Whitney Road to the west. The earliest these projects are planned to start is during the fall of 2015 and all are expected to be complete prior to the fall of 2017. As these projects have a common setting and construction schedule, UCONN will address Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) requirements for these projects by grouping them into a single Proposed Action known as the South Campus Development (SCD). The SCD will consist of the following elements, all of which are consistent with the on-going campus master planning process:

- Construction of a new Honors Program Residence Hall at the corner of Gilbert Road and Mansfield Drive. The proposed residence hall will include approximately 650 beds and an integrated dining facility providing approximately 700 seats. The proposed facility will total approximately 210,000 gross square feet (gsf) within a 5- to 6-story structure and an 8- to 9-story tower element. Removal of an 18-space parking lot off of Gilbert Road will also result from the Honors Residence Hall project.
- Construction of an approximately 30,000 gsf addition to the Fine Arts building to add production space including paint, scene, costume, and prop shops. The addition will extend north from the Nafe Katter Theatre and west from the Drama-Music Building and will also result in removal of 28 to 34 spaces from Lot 1.
- Removal of two houses on the south side of Gilbert Road that are contributing structures to the University of Connecticut National Register Historic District.
- Closure of Gilbert Road to vehicular traffic for approximately 950 feet between Whitney Road and Mansfield Road to create a pedestrian walkway and modifications to Whitney Road, potentially including removal of an undetermined number of on-street parking spaces, to accommodate redirected traffic from Gilbert Road.
- Closure of Coventry Road and Maple Lane to vehicular traffic and replacement with a pedestrian access that will also accommodate emergency (life/safety) vehicles and equipment.

The new building construction (Honors and Fine Arts) will tie into central utilities and will be designed to achieve a minimum Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Silver designation. The conversion of Gilbert and Coventry Roads and Maple Lane will further strengthen the pedestrian core of the campus. All elements of the SCD are within the portion of the Fenton River watershed that drains to Mirror Lake and are in areas of existing development.

In addition to addressing potential impacts associated with the SCD projects, secondary and cumulative impacts resulting from projects constructed in 2013-2015, as well as projects that will foreseeably be constructed during 2015-2017 will be addressed in the SCD CEPA process (see figure). Projects constructed in 2013 that met or exceeded the thresholds within the Generic Environmental Classification Document have

followed the CEPA process and are documented at http://www.envpolicy.uconn.edu/eiearchivedCEPA-NEPAreviews.html.

Project Map(s): Click here to view a map of the project area. Clickhere to view a map of the projects.

Written comments: from the public are welcomed and will be accepted through **March 19, 2015.** Comments previously received during the Honors Residence Hall's scoping period will also be considered as comments received on the SCD proposed action.

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

Date: March 11, 2015

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

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

Written comments should be sent to:

Name: Paul Ferri

Agency: UConn - Office of Environmental Policy

Address: 31 LeDoyt Road, U-3055; Storrs, CT 06269

Fax: 860-486-9295

E-Mail: paul.ferri@uconn.edu

If you have questions about the Public Scoping Meeting, or other questions about the scoping for this project, please contact Mr. Ferri as directed above.

The agency expects to release an Environmental Impact Evaluation for this project, for public review and comment late spring 2015.

Post-Scoping Notices: Environmental Impact Evaluation Not Required

This category is required by the October 2010 revision of the <u>Generic Environmental Classification</u>
<u>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.

No Post-Scoping Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.

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 Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE).

No Environmental Impact Evaluation has been submitted for publication in this edition.

State Land Transfer Notices

Connecticut General Statutes <u>Section 4b-47</u> 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. <u>Read more about the process.</u>

The Following State Land Transfer Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.

1. NOTICE OF PROPOSED LAND TRANSFER

Complete Address of Property: Portion of 64 Center Street, Hartland

Number of acres to be transferred: 2.439 acres (in exchange for 11.275 acres)

Click to view map of property location

Description of Property

Brief Description of Historical and Current Uses: In 2009, during a routine inspection of Tunxis State Forest, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection ("DEEP" or the "Department") discovered that there were encroachments onto State land by Daniel Nelson, who lives at 58 West Center Street, Hartland. The encroachments included a crushed stone driveway, a frame garage, a canopy, concrete pavers, man-made ponds, a stone retaining wall, clay and PVC piping, flood lights, and an ATV trail.

While there were several encroachments, they did not extend very far onto State land. Further, DEEP believes that Mr. Nelson did not knowingly encroach. Removing the encroachments, especially the retaining wall and the manmade ponds that do not extend far onto State land would be extremely difficult and expensive.

In order to resolve this issue, an exchange was requested to eliminate the need to remove the encroaching structures. DEEP evaluated this request pursuant to DEEP's 2008 Directive – Exchanges of Land or Interests in Land (the "Directive"). The Directive states that land or interests in land shall not be exchanged, except in extenuating circumstances and only when all of the following criteria are met:

- The exchange is not contrary to the terms or conditions under which the acquisition, gift, or bequest of such land or interest in land was accepted;
- The land or interest in land has been evaluated by Department personnel and determined not to be integral or significant to the resource management programs of the Department;
 Appraisals have determined that the fair market value of the land or interest in land to be received
- Appraisals have determined that the fair market value of the land or interest in land to be received by the Department is equal to or greater than the fair market value of the land or interests in land being conveyed out by the Department;
 The land or interests in land to be received by the Department provides substantially greater
- The land or interests in land to be received by the Department provides substantially greater utility to the resource management programs of the Department than the land or interests in land being conveyed out by the Department;
- The Commissioner has determined that any proposed use of the land or interests in land to be exchanged, if known at the time of the exchange, is consistent with the State Conservation and Development Policies Plan; and
- Except in extraordinary circumstances, the land or interest in land being conveyed out by the Department will be conveyed subject to: 1) a conservation or other easement or similar encumbrance in favor of the state ensuring that any restriction on such land or interest in land that was in effect immediately prior to the exchange remains in effect after the exchange; and 2) a reverter clause stipulating that the land or interest in land will revert back to the DEEP if the easement or similar encumbrance is violated or not upheld. Any finding of extraordinary circumstances shall not apply to land subject to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 23-8a.

Mr. Nelson proposed exchanging approximately 11.275 acres of other lands he owns in Hartland that abuts Peoples State Forest and is located off of Center Hill Road for approximately 2.439 acres of the State-owned Tunxis State Forest.

DEEP evaluated this proposal and determined by that:

- the to be conveyed that has been impacted by the encroachment is not subject to any terms or conditions that would prevent an exchange;
- the land to be conveyed is not integral or significant to the resource management programs or other DEEP business purposes, and the land being exchanged provides substantially greater utility to DEEP's resource management programs;
- the value of the land being exchanged is greater than that to be conveyed; and
- the land being conveyed by DEEP will be conveyed with a conservation restriction and reverter clause.

The property to be transferred contains the following:

■ Buildings in use
■ Buildings not in use
✓ Wooded land
Nonagricultural fields
Active agriculture
Paved areas
✓ Ponds, streams or other water
Water Supply: ☐ Public water supply ☐ On-site well ☑ Unknown
Waste Disposal: ☐ Served by sewers ☐ On-site septic system ☑ Unknown
The Connecticut Conservation and Development Policies Plan identifies the property as being in
the following categories:
Regional Center
Neighborhood Conservation Area
Growth Area
Rural Community Center
Conservation Area
Preservation Area
The property is in the following municipal zone:
Not zoned
☑ Residential
Industrial
Commercial
Institutional
Other:
■ Not known
Value of property, if known: \$15,000
☐ If checked, value is not known.
Type of Sale or Transfer:
✓ Sale or transfer of property in fee
Sale or transfer of partial interest in the property (such as an easement). Description of interest:
Proposed recipient, if known: Daniel Nelson

Proposed use by property recipient, if known: Continue existing residential and recreational uses with no additional development, pursuant the conservation restriction and reverter clause described below.

The agency is proposing to transfer the property with the following restrictions on future uses: The property will be transferred with a conservation restriction preventing any additional improvements on the property and a reverter clause that will cause the conveyed land to revert to DEEP if the conservation restriction is violated or not upheld.

Reason the State of Connecticut is proposing to transfer this property: The property owner is willing to transfer 11.275 acres of other nearby land, with an appraised value of \$65,000, which will provide better access to a section of Tunxis State Forest in exchange for 2.439 acres of land valued at \$15,000 that is of substantially less utility, even before impacted by an encroachemnt. The 11.275 acres are shown on the survey by following this <u>link</u>.

Comments from the public are welcome and will be accepted until the close of business on: March5, 2015

Comments may include information that you have about significant natural resources or recreation resources on the property, as well as your recommendations for means to preserve such resources.

Written comments* should be sent to:

Name: Patrick O'Brien

Title: Bureau of Assets Management
Agency: Office of Policy and Management
Address: 450 Capitol Avenue MS#52 ASP

Hartford, CT 06106-1379

E-Mail: Patrick.Obrien@ct.gov

*E-Mail submissions are preferred.

What Happens Next

When this comment period closes, the proposed land transfer can take one of three tracks:

- 1. If no public comments are received, the sale or transfer can proceed with no further public comment and no further notices in the Environmental Monitor, unless the Department of Environmental Protection elects to conduct a review of the property (see #3).
- 2. If public comments are received, the Office of Policy and Management will respond to those comments. The comments and responses will be published in the Environmental Monitor. Fifteen days after publication of the comments and responses, the proposed sale or transfer can proceed, unless the Department of Environmental Protection elects to conduct a review of the property (see #3).
- 3. If the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) elects to conduct a further review of the property, it may submit to the Office of Policy and Management a report with recommendations for preserving all or part of the property. The report and recommendations will be published in the Environmental Monitor, and there will be a 30-day public comment period. The DEP will publish its responses to any comments received and its final recommendation about the property in the Environmental Monitor. The Office of Policy and Management will then make the final determination as to the ultimate disposition of the property, and will publish that determination in the Environmental Monitor. Fifteen days after publication of that final determination, the sale or transfer can proceed.

To find out if this proposed transfer is the subject of further notices, check future editions of the Environmental Monitor. Sign up for e-alerts to receive a reminder e-mail on publication dates.

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