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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 Seaview Avenue Corridor Improvements

Municipality where proposed project might be located: Bridgeport, Connecticut

Project Location: Along Seaview Avenue beginning at Barnum Avenue and extending approximately 2,500 feet north to Boston Avenue (US Route 1), then continuing northerly along a new alignment just west of, and parallel to Bond Street from Boston Avenue approximately 2,250 feet north to Stewart Street, and then extending approximately 600 feet to the west from Stewart Street.

Project Description: The City of Bridgeport, with technical and financial assistance from the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), proposes reconstruction, streetscape enhancements, and a new transportation corridor centered upon Seaview Avenue in Bridgeport. The project will reconstruct and provide streetscape enhancements on Seaview Avenue and construct a new arterial roadway which will provide access to the planned Lake Success Business Park (LSBP), as well as the new Harding High School which is to be located at 379 Bond Street and is scheduled to open in Fall 2017.

Improvements on Seaview Avenue from Barnum Avenue to US Route 1 are anticipated to include pavement rehabilitation, replacement and upgrade of traffic signal equipment, new sidewalks, streetscape enhancements, transit service features, and relocation of above ground utilities to below grade. The intersection at US Route 1 will be realigned to accommodate a "normalized" four-way intersection with Seaview Avenue and Bond Street, thus eliminating the current offset alignment of the north/south legs. The new proposed arterial roadway is adjacent to the existing Bond Street alignment north of US Route 1 to the intersection with Stewart Street, and would continue westerly from the present Stewart Street alignment to provide access to the proposed LSBP. Based on the final preliminary engineering determination of the most suitable access point for the proposed LSBP, a new structure may also be proposed spanning the Yellow Mill Channel.

Project Maps: Click [here](#) to view a location map and an aerial view of the project area.

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: **Friday May 7, 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 **Thursday April 17, 2015.**

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

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

Agency: Connecticut Department of Transportation
Bureau of Policy and Planning

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:

Name: Mr. Jonathan M. Dean, Project Engineer
Agency: Connecticut Department of Transportation
Bureau of Engineering and Construction
Address: 2800 Berlin Turnpike
Newington, CT 06131
Phone: 860-594-3211
E-Mail: jonathan.dean@ct.gov

2. Notice of Scoping for Springborn Dam Removal

Municipality where proposed project might be located: Enfield

Address of Project Location: Dam is on Scantic River in Scitico section of Enfield, adjacent to 504 Hazard Avenue

Project Description: *NOTE: This project was the subject of a Scoping Notice in April 2014. It is being noticed again because the project now includes demolition of the mill buildings.*

The Springborn dam, owned by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, is located on the Scantic River in Enfield. It is a run-of-river dam built in 1890 to provide power for an adjacent mill. The structure has deteriorated over time and is considered to be in very poor condition. The dam currently consists of the failed remains of timber crib over stone masonry.

It is the goal of the Department to remove the dam in order to eliminate a public safety risk and reconnect habitat by restoring a stretch of free-flowing river. Contaminated sediments in the impoundment will be identified and excavated prior to dam removal.

In order to facilitate the dam removal, the Department is also proposing to remove the adjacent former mill buildings, which are currently unoccupied and deteriorating.

Project objectives include:

- Eliminate a public safety risk
- Eliminate a migratory barrier to diadromous fish and eastern brook trout
- Promote the restoration of runs of American shad, river herring, sea lamprey, and American eel
- Remove contaminated sediment from the river to eliminate exposure hazard to recreationalists and downstream residents (in the event of dam failure) and strengthen the long-term resiliency of the aquatic organisms
- Restore natural riverine functions (e.g. sediment transport, restoration of floodplain functions and values, maintenance of normal thermal regimes, re-establishment of natural riverine vegetative communities)

Project Maps: [Click here to view a map of the project location.](#)
[Click here to view an aerial photograph of the dam and buildings.](#)

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: **May 22, 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 Department of Energy & Environmental Protection will schedule a Public Scoping Meeting. Such requests must be made by **May 1, 2015.**

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

Name: Jennifer L. Perry, P.E.
Agency: Department of Energy & Environmental Protection

Bureau of Water Protection & Land Reuse
Address: 79 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106-5127
Phone: 860-424-3802
Fax: 860-424-4075
E-Mail: jennifer.perry@ct.gov

If you have questions about a public meeting, or other questions about the project or scoping, contact Ms. Perry 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 860-424-3035 or at deep.aaoffice@ct.gov. ADA or Title VI discrimination complaints may be filed with DEEP's EEO Manager at (860) 424-3035 or at deep.aaoffice@ct.gov.

3. Notice of Scoping for Norwich Combined Sewer Overflow Control Plan

Municipality where proposed project might be located: Norwich

Project Location: The Greenville, Eastside, Thamesville, Laurel Hill and Downtown areas of Norwich

Project Description: Norwich is a combined sewer overflow (CSO) community, where both sanitary sewage and stormwater are carried in a single pipe. During rainfall events of sufficient intensity and duration, the capacity of the collection system is overwhelmed and excess flows discharge to nearby rivers via built-in overflows in the collection system. The overflows were designed to prevent the combined sewer flows from backing up into basements and surcharging onto the streets.

The collection system will undergo a separation which will involve the construction of a new sewer parallel to the existing combined sewer, thereby segregating the sources. After completion of a separation, one dedicated stormwater sewer will transport runoff directly to the local receiving waters, while the other sewer will be dedicated to carrying wastewater to the wastewater treatment plant for treatment prior to discharge into the river.

The CSO Long Term Control Plan recommends complete separation of all remaining combined sewer areas in Norwich, with the separation projects to be implemented in a phased approach, over a 20 year period. The highest priority areas would be done first, with the option to reevaluate the final phase of separation as the project progresses, based on environmental improvements, changes in regulations and new technological solutions that may emerge.

The proposed sewer separation project will be conducted according to a "Five-Phase Implementation Plan." The separation plan is structured to give the highest environmental benefits at the beginning of the program. At the end of the first phase, in year 4 of the "Five-Phase Implementation Plan," the Greenville area separation will be completed, which is projected to eliminate half of the CSO discharge volume. At the end of the third phase, in year 8, over 98% of the CSO discharge volume will be eliminated. In year 15 of the program, after the first four separation phases are completed, over 99% of the CSO discharge volume (on an annual basis for the typical year) will be removed. At that point Norwich will evaluate the progress made to date and the cost-effectiveness of implementing the final phase, phase 5, of the separation work.

Project Maps: [Click here to view a table outlining the Five-Phase Implementation Plan](#)
[Click here to view a figure depicting the Five-Phase Implementation Plan](#)

Additional information about the project can be viewed in person at:

Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Protection & Land Reuse (2nd floor)

79 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: **June 5, 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 **May 15, 2015.**

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

Name: Stela Marusin
Agency: Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Protection & Land Reuse
Address: 79 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106-5127
Phone: 860-424-3742
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E-Mail: stela.marusin@ct.gov

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

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4. Notice of Scoping for Covey Road Water Main Extension

Municipality where proposed project might be located: Burlington

Address of Possible Project Location: Covey Road

Project Description: The project comprises the installation of approximately 1,000 lineal feet of eight-inch water main and associated appurtenances along a portion of Covey Road in Burlington, CT. The new main will be connected to the existing water main of The Torrington Water Company, located on George Washington Turnpike. The project will be funded through the Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) distributed by the Office of Policy and Management (OPM).

Project Maps: Click [here](#) for a map of the project location. Click [here](#) for a conceptual site plan of the project.

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: **Thursday, June 4, 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, May 15, 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: Dph.sourceprotection@ct.gov

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

Name: Ms. 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

5. Notice of Scoping for Connecticut State Police Firearms Training Facility Relocation

Municipalities where proposed project might be located: East Windsor and Willington

Addresses of Possible Project Locations: Apothecaries Hall Road & Windsorville Road, East Windsor ("East Windsor Site"); Ruby Road, Willington ("Willington – Ruby Site"); and Eldredge Mills Road, Willington ("Willington – Eldredge Site").

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 new site. The proposed sites are:

- East Windsor Site: is located south of Apothecaries Hall Road, west of Windsorville Road, and east of a railroad line. The site is comprised of two parcels: parcel IDs: 048-65-007 (124.8 acres) and 057-65-001 (98 acres). Total Site acreage: 222.8 acres.
- Willington – Ruby Site: is located east of Ruby Road (Route 320) and north of Cosgrove Road. The site is comprised of two parcels: parcel IDs: 33/019-00 (315.99 acres) and 33/017-00 (10.59 acres). Total Site acreage: 326.58 acres.
- Willington – Eldredge Site: is located at the end of Eldredge Mills Road (west of Ruby Road [Route 320]) and east of River Road. The site is comprised of three parcels: parcel IDs: 33/004-00 (105.71 acres), 33/012-00 (41.7 acres), and 33/001-00 (5.61 acres). Total Site acreage: 153.02 acres.

At this point, the State has not begun the design phase, therefore the actual project layout would occur after a final site is selected and a design team is hired. However, the estimated maximum acreage needed for the main project elements is approximately 30 acres. This does not include axillary infrastructure improvements that may be necessary for the project.

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 dining 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:

- East Windsor Site: [General Location](#) (7.7 MB) [Aerial Parcel Map](#) (6.3 MB)
- Willington – Ruby Site: [General Location](#) (7.3 MB) [Aerial Parcel Map](#) (7.7 MB)
- Willington – Eldredge Site: [General Location](#) (7.3 MB) [Aerial Parcel Map](#) (7.7 MB)

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: **June 4, 2015.**

There will be two Public Scoping Meetings for this project at:

DATE: May 18, 2015

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: East Windsor High School, 6 South Main Street, East Windsor, CT.

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

DATE: May 28, 2015

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Willington Town Library, 7 Ruby Road, Willington, CT.

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

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

Name: Jeff Bolton, Supervising Environmental Analyst

Agency: Department of Administrative Services, Division of Construction Services

Address: 165 Capitol Avenue, Room 483
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Fax: (860) 713-7251
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: Sgt. Shane Hassett
Agency: Connecticut State Police
Address: 1111 Country Club Road
Middletown, CT. 06457
Phone: (860) 685-8230
Fax: (860) 685-8301
E-Mail: shane.hassett@ct.gov

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

Post-Scoping Notices: Environmental Impact Evaluation Not Required

This category is required by the October 2010 revision of the [Generic Environmental Classification Document](#) 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 the Rehabilitation of the Pucker Street Bridge over the Hop River

Municipalities where project will be located: Coventry & Columbia

CEPA Determination: On June 19, 2012 the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this project in the *Environmental Monitor*. OPM was originally requested to administer this project as a Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) grant and began the scoping process. However, this project is now being administered by the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT), so all CEPA compliance and the responsibility for the post scoping notice transferred to CTDOT. Comments were received by the [Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection](#) and the [Connecticut Department of Public Health](#). CTDOT has taken all comments received 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 a [Memo of Findings and Determination](#) and [Environmental Assessment Checklist](#).

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

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

Agency: Connecticut Department of Transportation
Bureau of Policy and Planning

Address: 2800 Berlin Turnpike Newington, CT 06131

Phone: 860-594-2931

E-Mail: dot.environmentalplanning@ct.gov

Phone: 860-594-2931

What happens next: The Connecticut Department of Transportation 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 Milford Land Acquisition

Municipality where project will be located: 44-64 & 0 River Street, 145 High Street, 0 Railroad Avenue, Milford, CT

CEPA Determination: On February 17, 2015 the Office of Policy & Management (OPM) published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this project in the *Environmental Monitor*. Comments were received from the Office of Environmental Review of the [Department of Energy and Environmental Protection](#), the Intergovernmental Policy Division of the [Office of Policy and Management](#), and the Drinking Water Section of the [Department of Public Health](#).

In direct answer to questions posed by the Intergovernmental Policy Division of the Office of Policy and Management, the [City of Milford](#) drafted a letter of response. As the project sponsor, the OPM has reviewed the content of this reply letter and accepts the responses as its own.

The OPM is also in receipt of comments from the [State Historic Preservation Office](#) of the Department of Economic and Community Development and one comment from a member of the [general public](#).

The OPM has taken all comments into consideration and has concluded that the project does not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Evaluation under CEPA.

The agency's conclusion is documented in an [Environmental Assessment Review](#) and a [Memo of Findings and Determination](#).

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

Name: C. Zack Hyde

Agency: Office of Policy & Management

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MS# 55SEC

Hartford, CT 06106

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What happens next: The OPM 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 Replacement of Bridge No. 02866 - Route 275 over Willimantic River

Municipalities where project will be located: Coventry and Mansfield

CEPA Determination: On March 17, 2015 the Connecticut Department of Transportation (Department) published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this project in the *Environmental*

Monitor. During the scoping period, the Department received comments from the [Mansfield Department of Public Works](#), the [Willimantic River Alliance, Inc.](#), the [Office of Policy and Management](#), the [Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection](#), and the [Department of Public Health](#). The Department has taken all comments into consideration and has concluded that the project does not require the preparation of Environmental Impact Evaluation under CEPA.

The Department'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: Connecticut Department of Transportation
Bureau of Policy and Planning

Address: 2800 Berlin Turnpike
Newington, Connecticut 06131

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E-Mail: dot.environmentalplanning@ct.gov

What happens next: The Department 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 [Environmental Impact Evaluation](#) (EIE).

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

State Land Transfer Notices

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.

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