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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.

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

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### **1. Notice of Scoping for North Stonington Water Main Extension**

**Municipality where proposed project might be located:** North Stonington

**Address of Possible Project Location:** Rocky Hollow Road and Wyassup Road

**Project Description:** The Town of North Stonington has received a Small Town Economic Assistance Grant (STEAP) to extend the public water main within North Stonington Village. The water main installation will extend 1) from Main Street to the New Emergency Service complex and 2) from the Public Works Garage to the North Stonington Grange. Upon completion of the project, the system extension will be transferred to the Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority for operation, service and maintenance.

**Project Maps:** Please click on the links to view the North Stonington STEAP project [overview map](#), and the North Stonington [Project Location Map](#).

**Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: **Friday, April 8, 2016.****

**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, March 18, 2016.****

**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](mailto:DPH.SourceProtection@ct.gov)

**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  
410 Capitol Avenue, MS #51WAT  
**Address:** PO Box 340308  
Hartford, CT 06134-0308  
**Phone:** 860-509-7333  
**Fax:** 860-509-7359  
**E-Mail:** [Patricia.Bisacky@ct.gov](mailto:Patricia.Bisacky@ct.gov)

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## **2. Notice of Environmental Assessment for the Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) – Off-Airport Tree Obstruction Removal at the Windham Airport**

**Municipality where project is proposed:** Town of Windham.

**Address of Possible Project Location:** Airport Road, Windham, CT (off of US Route 6).

**Project Description:** Preparation of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) environmental document as required to evaluate the potential impacts associated with tree obstruction removal in areas surrounding Windham Airport. The evaluation addresses tree obstruction removals associated with Federally-defined airspace surfaces surrounding the airport necessary for the continued safe operation of aircraft. Objects that penetrate these surfaces are classified as obstructions by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

The project sponsoring agencies, the Connecticut Aviation Authority (CAA), and FAA have identified that trees penetrate the airspace at Windham Airport, including locations beyond the airport property boundaries. Per FAA practice, review of off-airport obstruction removal should be evaluated and documented via a NEPA Environmental Assessment (EA) and state CEPA Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE). This project includes the identification of each affected property owner and associated parcels (both public and private) with anticipated obstruction removals.

**Project Diagram:** Project maps can be found at the following location:

<http://windhamairport.caa-analysis.com/project-documents/>

**The EA/EIE can be viewed in person at:**

Mansfield Public Library  
55 Warrenville Road  
Mansfield Center, CT 06250

**The EA/EIE can also be found on the study website:**

<http://windhamairport.caa-analysis.com/project-documents/>

**Written comments on this EA/EIE will be accepted until the close of business on: Monday, May 31, 2016.**

**Written comments should be sent to:**

**Name:** Mr. Robert J. Bruno, Director of Planning, Engineering, & Environmental  
**Agency:** Connecticut Airport Authority  
**Address:** 334 Ella Grasso Turnpike, Suite 160  
Windsor Locks, CT 06096  
**Phone:** (860) 254-5516  
**E-Mail:** [environmental@ctairports.org](mailto:environmental@ctairports.org)

The CAA is holding an informal **Public Information Meeting** on **Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 2016** from 7 to 9 PM, at the Mansfield Public Library in the Buchanan Auditorium (55 Warrenville Road, Mansfield Center, CT 06250). A formal public hearing has not been scheduled.

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### **3. Notice of Scoping for State Office Building Renovations**

**Municipality where proposed project might be located:** Hartford

**Addresses of Possible Project Location:** 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford and 309 Buckingham Street, Hartford

**Project Description:** The following main elements of the Proposed Action are: A complete interior renovation of the existing 321,000 gross square foot State Office Building, which was built in 1931, restoration and renovation of the building exterior, renovation of the central exterior courtyard, and reconfiguration of the existing building entrances. Site work includes the creation of a civic landscaped plaza located to the immediate east of the existing building, redevelopment of all existing perimeter streetscape and redevelopment of the existing surface parking lot on the eastern section of the site. The overall project also includes the demolition of the existing 450 car parking structure and the 309 Buckingham Trade Shop located at the corner of Washington and Buckingham Streets, the development of a new 1,000 space parking structure, and related site improvements. The new multi-level 1,000 space parking structure is proposed to have six levels above grade and three below on the Washington Street side. An option is to provide retail space along Washington Street as part of the overall parking structure. The remaining green space at the corner of Washington and Buckingham Streets would be a landscaped park-like area.

This Proposed Action is related to the long range planning strategy aimed at reducing the quantity of leased office facilities for State employees by maximizing the utilization of State owned properties. The process of this consolidation calls for the current occupants of the State Office Building to be relocated to other State owned facilities in Hartford so the existing space can be renovated, reprogrammed, and re-occupied by agencies currently in leased spaces. The Proposed Action of acquiring property for this overall long range planning was previously covered under a separate Early Public Scoping Notice (see CEQ, October 2, 2012, State Buildings Space Needs, Hartford, Environmental Monitor).

**Project Map(s):** [Click here to general location](#) (1.1 MB). [Click here to view a map of the project area](#) (6.1 MB). [Click here to view the design concept](#) (439 KB).

**Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: **May 5, 2016****

**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 15, 2016**.**

**An Initial Environmental Review has been completed and is available to review by clicking [here](#).**

**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  
**Address:** 165 Capitol Avenue, Room 483, Hartford, CT 06106  
**Fax:** 860-713-7251  
**E-Mail:** [jeffrey.bolton@ct.gov](mailto:jeffrey.bolton@ct.gov)

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

**Name:** Jeff Bolton, Supervising Environmental Analyst  
**Agency:** Department of Administrative Services  
**Address:** 165 Capitol Avenue, Room 483, Hartford, CT 06106  
**Phone:** 860-713-5706  
**Fax:** 860-713-7251  
**E-Mail:** [jeffrey.Bolton@ct.gov](mailto:jeffrey.Bolton@ct.gov)

**The agency expects to release an Environmental Impact Evaluation for this project, for public review and comment, in August, 2016.**

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## **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.

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

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### **1. Post-Scoping Notice for The Hamlet on East South St.**

**Municipality where project will be located:** Suffield

**CEPA Determination:** On October 20, 2015 the Department of Housing (DOH) published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this project in the *Environmental Monitor*. The DOH received comments from the [Department of Energy and Environmental Protection](#) and [Department of Public Health](#). The DOH 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 a [Memo of Findings and Determination](#) and an [Environmental Assessment Checklist](#).

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

**Name:** Helen Muniz

**Agency:** Department of Housing

**Address:** 505 Hudson Street, Hartford, CT 06106

**Phone:** 860-270-8023

**Fax:** 860 270-8032

**E-Mail:** [helen.muniz@ct.gov](mailto:helen.muniz@ct.gov)

**What happens next:** The DOH expects the project to go forward. This is expected to be the final notice of the project to be published in the *Environmental Monitor*.

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## 2. Post-Scoping Notice for Chester/Haddam Prescribed Burn

**Municipality where project will be located:** Chester & Haddam

**CEPA Determination:** On February 2, 2016, the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments concerning this project in the *Environmental Monitor*. Comments were received from the Department of Public Health (DPH) [Drinking Water Section](#) and the [Connecticut Water Company](#). Responses to the comments are included in the Environmental Assessment Summary. Based on DEEP's environmental assessment of the project and the comments provided, the agency has concluded that the project does not require the preparation of Environmental Impact Evaluation under CEPA.

The agency's conclusion is documented in a [Memorandum](#) and an [Environmental Assessment Summary](#).

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

**Name:** Emery Gluck, Forester

**Agency:** Department of Energy & Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Natural Resources

**Address:** Cockaponset State Forest  
18 Ranger Road, Haddam, CT 06438

**Phone:** 860-345-8522

**E-Mail:** [emery.gluck@ct.gov](mailto:emery.gluck@ct.gov)

**What happens next:** DEEP expects the project to go forward. This is expected to be the final notice of the project to be published in the *Environmental Monitor*.

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## 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).

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**The following EIE Notice has been submitted for review and comment.**

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# 1. Notice of EIE for Wildlife Hazard Deterrent Fence at Hartford-Brainard Airport

**Project Title:** Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) Installation of a Wildlife Deterrent Fence

**Municipalities where project is proposed:** City of Hartford, Town of Wethersfield

**Address of Possible Project Location:** Hartford – Brainard Airport, Maxim Road, Hartford, CT

**Project Description:** This DRAFT Environmental Assessment (EA)/Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) to address potential impacts associated with the installation of a wildlife deterrent fence while providing the opportunity for public involvement and comments, since the project is partially funded by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The airport is a public-use General Aviation airport located entirely in the City of Hartford, Connecticut owned and operated by the CAA. **All action alternatives were found to *not* be reasonable, feasible or practicable upon preliminary review, and the project will not be implemented at this time.**

The purpose of the project was to enclose the entire Hartford-Brainard Airport with an 8 foot chain link fence with a 3 foot horizontal burrowing deterrent chain link "skirt" attached to the bottom and 3 strands of barbed wire on the top, in accordance with FAA specifications. The need for the proposed project is to protect aircraft and their passengers from hazardous conditions at the airport as a result of medium to large sized wildlife, including deer, coyote, raccoons and woodchuck, from entering the airport property. The airport is currently surrounded on the three landward sides by a wildlife fence. The project would have included inspection of and repairs to this fence, as well as the installation of additional fencing along a portion of the airport abutting Clark Dike and the Connecticut River.

**Project Map of proposed action and alternatives:** [http://public.ctairports.org/dl/HFD-Wildlife\\_Fence/Plan/](http://public.ctairports.org/dl/HFD-Wildlife_Fence/Plan/). Click here to view a map of the project area.

**Written comments on this DRAFT EIE will be accepted until the close of business on: **May 6, 2016.****

**The public can view a copy of the DRAFT EIE at:** [http://public.ctairports.org/dl/HFD-Wildlife\\_Fence/Report/](http://public.ctairports.org/dl/HFD-Wildlife_Fence/Report/).

**Written comments about this DRAFT EIE should be sent to:**

**Name:** Mr. Robert J. Bruno, Director of Planning, Engineering & Environmental

**Agency:** Connecticut Airport Authority

**Address:** 334 Ella Grasso Turnpike, Suite 160, Windsor Locks, CT 06096

**E-Mail:** [environmental@ctairports.org](mailto:environmental@ctairports.org)

**If you have questions on where you can review this DRAFT EIE, or similar matters, please contact:**

**Name:** Mr. Robert J. Bruno, Director of Planning, Engineering & Environmental

**Agency:** Connecticut Airport Authority

**Address:** 334 Ella Grasso Turnpike, Suite 160, Windsor Locks, CT 06096

**E-Mail:** [environmental@ctairports.org](mailto:environmental@ctairports.org)

**Phone:** (860) 254-5516

**A formal public hearing as *not* been scheduled. The sponsoring agency (CAA) will hold a public hearing on the draft evaluation if twenty-five persons, or if an association having not less than twenty-five persons, requests such a hearing within ten days of the publication of this notice in the Environmental Monitor, **April 1, 2016.****

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## 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.](#)

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

### 1. Notice of Proposed Transfer of Land in Putnam

**Complete Address of Property:** 380 Pomfret Street, Putnam, CT

**Commonly used name of property or other identifying information:** "Putnam Group Home"

**Number of acres to be transferred:** 1.00 +/-

[Click to view map of property location \(6 MB\)](#)

#### Description of Property

Below is some general information about the property. It should not be considered a complete description of the property and should not be relied upon for making decisions. If only a portion of a property is proposed for transfer, the description pertains only to the portion being transferred.

**Brief Description of Historical and Current Uses:** Has only been used as a Group Home. The main house is approximately 4,000 SF and has a detached garage of approximately 500 SF. The proposed 1-acre parcel will need to be split from the current parcel, which is the CT DDS Putnam Satellite Office.

**The property to be transferred contains the following:**

**Structures:**  Buildings in use  Buildings not in use  No Structures

**Other Features:**  Wooded land  Nonagricultural fields  Active agriculture

Paved areas  Ponds, streams, other water, wetlands

**Water Supply:**  Public water supply  On-site well  Unknown

**Waste Disposal:**  Served by sewers  On-site septic system  Unknown

[Click to view aerial view of property \(3 MB\)](#)

**The property is in the following municipal zone(s):**

Residential  Industrial  Commercial  Institutional

Other: Medical/Office Development District

Not zoned  Not known

**Special features of the property, if known:** None

**Value of property, if known:**

If checked, value is not known.

**Links to other available information**

**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:** unknown

**Proposed use by property recipient, if known:** Unknown

**The agency is proposing to transfer the property with the following restrictions on future uses:**

If checked, the state is not currently proposing restrictions on future uses.

**Reason the State of Connecticut is proposing to transfer this property:** The subject property is no longer needed by the State.

Comments from the public are welcome and will be accepted until the close of business on **April 7, 2016**.

Comments may include (but are not limited to) information you might 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  
Agency: Office of Policy and Management  
Address: 450 Capitol Avenue MS#52 ASP  
Hartford, CT 06106-1379  
E-Mail: [Patrick.O'Brien@ct.gov](mailto:Patrick.O'Brien@ct.gov)

Please also send a copy of the comments to:

Shane Mallory, DAS  
165 Capitol Ave, G-1  
Hartford, CT 06106  
[shane.mallory@ct.gov](mailto:shane.mallory@ct.gov)


\*E-Mail submissions are preferred.

(Comments from state agencies **must** be on agency letterhead and signed by agency head. Scanned copies are preferred.)

### [What Happens Next?](#)

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 Environmental Monitor publication dates.

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