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Special Notices

1. Conservation and Development Policies: The Plan for Connecticut, 2018-2023 (State C & D Plan)

The Office of Policy and Management (OPM) has published a revised draft of the *Conservation and Development Policies: The Plan for Connecticut, 2018-2023 (Draft State C&D Plan),* in accordance with CGS Section 16a-28(b). The *Draft State C&D Plan,* including the Draft Locational Guide Map, can be viewed at: https://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=2990&Q=587532&PM=1.

OPM, in cooperation with Regional Councils of Governments (COGs), will schedule, publicize, and conduct formal public hearings on the *Draft State C&D Plan* in each of the state's nine planning regions over a five-month period.

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on October 16, 2017.

Written comments should be sent to:

Name: Daniel Morley

Agency: Office of Policy and Management Address: 450 Capitol Avenue, MS #54 ORG

Hartford, CT 06106-1379

Fax: 860-418-6486 E-Mail: <u>Daniel.Morley@ct.gov</u>

This notice is published in the Environmental Monitor at the request of the Office of Policy and Management to provide notice of the availability of the revised draft of Conservation and Development Policies: The Plan for Connecticut, 2018-2023. There is a strong link between this plan and CEPA.

2. Connecticut State Water Plan Final Draft Report: Notice of Request for Written Comments

The State Water Planning Council (WPC) is soliciting and collecting public comments on the Connecticut State Water Plan Final Draft Report. A copy of the draft plan and associated resources can be found at www.ct.gov/water..

Members of the public may submit written comments on the plan. Comments must be filed no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 20, 2017.

Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. 22a-352(c), the (WPC) is required to provide a time period of not less than one hundred twenty days for public review and comment of the State Water Plan Draft Report prior to finalizing the State Water Plan Report and submitting it to the legislature. The WPC will fully consider all written and oral comments concerning the proposed state water plan and will make the electronic text of the finalized state water plan available on www.ct.gov/water, along with a report summarizing all public comments received, and (2) the changes made to the finalized state water plan in response to such comments and the reasons for such changes.

Written comments may be submitted electronically (recommended) or by mail.

To submit comments electronically, complete the web-based comment form at the following link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CT_StateWaterPlan. This form provides the option to either (1) upload comments as a PDF or Word document (maximum size 16MB), or (2) input comments in a text box directly on the form.

To submit hard-copy comments by mail, send a letter to:

Public Utilities Regulatory Authority

10 Franklin Square

New Britain, CT 06051

ATTN: State Water Plan Draft Report Comments

All comments submitted using the methods above will become part of the formal public record and posted to www.ct.gov/water for viewing.

Please report any technical issues you are experiencing with this website to the site administrator at wpc@ct.gov.

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.

No Scoping Notice has been submitted for review and comment.

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 Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.

1. Post-Scoping Notice for Intersection Improvements on Route 74 and Route 195 near Tolland Green

Municipality where project will be located: Tolland

CEPA Determination: On November 17, 2015 the Connecticut Department of Transportation published a Notice of Scoping to solicit public comments for this project in the Environmental Monitor. A public scoping meeting was held on December 10, 2015; and the public scoping period concluded on December 24, 2015. Comments were received from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, the Department of Public Health Drinking Water Section, the Department of Public Health Environmental Engineering Program, the Tolland Historical Society, and seven (7) members of the public. The Connecticut Department of Transportation has taken those comments into consideration and has concluded that the project does not require the preparation of Environmental Impact Evaluation under CEPA.

The Connecticut Department of Transportation's conclusion is documented in an <u>Environmental Review Assessment</u> and a <u>Memo of Findings</u> and <u>Determination</u>

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

Name: Mr. Kevin Fleming, Transportation Planner

Agency: Connecticut Department of Transportation, Bureau of Policy and Planning

Address: 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06111

Phone: (860) 594-2924

E-mail: Kevin.Fleming@ct.gov

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*.

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).

The Following EIE Notices have been submitted for publication in this edition.

1. Notice of EIE for Seaside State Park Master Plan

Project Title: Seaside State Park Master Plan

Municipality where project is proposed: Waterford

Address of Project Location: 36 Shore Road

Project Description: The Proposed Action is the implementation of a development concept from the Seaside State Park Master Plan. The Master Plan depicts four potential concepts for the 32-acre site located at 36 Shore Road in Waterford. A summary of the four alternatives follows:

- Destination Park- This concept emphasizes passive and active recreation along with a lodging experience. Existing historic buildings
 would be restored for lodging and auxiliary uses and the ground and waterfront would be modified and enhanced to support passive and
 active recreational uses.
- Ecological Park- This concept emphasizes maintenance and enhancement of ecological features of the site, both in the terrestrial and waterfront environments. Under this concepts, the historic buildings would be demolished.
- Passive Recreation Park- This concept most closely resembles the Park in its current condition/ use with minimal improvements to the grounds. Under this concept, the historic buildings would be demolished.
- Hybrid Park- This concept is an amalgam of the other alternatives. The historic buildings would be converted to lodging, the grounds would be enhanced, and the ecological habitats would be created or enhanced along the waterfront.

Project Documents:

Seaside State Park Location Map

Aerial Photo of Existing Site

Seaside Master Plan EIE

Appendix A: Public Scoping Notice, Presentation and Comments

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Errata - New (7/11/17)

Comments on this EIE will be accepted until the close of business on: August 25, 2017

Beginning on June 20, 2017, the public can view a copy of this EIE at:

Waterford Town Hall, Town Clerk's Office, 15 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford CT 06385

Town of Waterford Library, 49 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford CT 06385

Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (by appointment only), 79 Elm Street, 6th floor Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, Hartford CT 06106

Additional information about this project, including the Master Plan, can be viewed online at www.ct.gov/deep/seaside.

There is a public hearing scheduled for this EIE on:

DATE: Monday, July 31, 2017

TIME: 7:00 PM, doors will open at 6:30 PM

PLACE: Waterford Town Hall Auditorium, 15 Rope Ferry Road

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Additional information about this project can be found online at: www.ct.gov/deep/seaside

Send your comments about this EIE to:

Name: Michael Lambert, Bureau Chief, Outdoor Recreation

Agency: CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

Address: 79 Elm Street, Hartford CT 06106

E-Mail: <u>DEEP.seasideEIE@ct.gov</u>

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

Name: Michael Lambert, Bureau Chief, Outdoor Recreation

Agency: CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

Address: 79 Elm Street, Hartford CT 06106

E-Mail: DEEP.seasideEIE@ct.gov

Phone: 860-424-3030

2. Notice of EIE for Franklin Sewer and Water Main Extension

Project Title: Franklin Water and Sewer Main Extension

Municipality where project is proposed: Franklin

Address of Possible Project Locations: Along Route 32, from Murphy Road to Old Route 32; and along New Park Avenue

Project Description: The proposed project will consist of the design, permitting and construction of approximately 8,000 linear feet of 12" water main, one wastewater pumping station, and 7,500 linear feet of 8-inch and 12-inch gravity sewer.

The sanitary sewer will run from the connection to the City of Norwich sewer system along a portion of Old Route 32, continuing northerly along State Route 32 to the intersection of Murphy Road. Wastewater would be transmitted to the Norwich wastewater treatment plant. The construction of the sanitary sewer extension is being funded by a \$5 million grant-in-aid authorized by Public Act 1979-607, Section 21(b)(6) (B).

The water main will run from the interconnection with the City of Norwich Water system on New Park Avenue, and along State Route 32 between the intersections of Old Route 32 and Murphy Road. The construction of the water main extension is being funded by the United States Department of Agriculture and the United States Economic Development Administration.

Project Map: Franklin Project Area Map and Project Service Map

Project Document: Franklin Environmental Impact Evaluation Sewer & Water Main Extension

Comments on this EIE will be accepted until the close of business on: Friday, August 25, 2017

The public can view a copy of this EIE at the following locations:

Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse, 2nd floor, 79 Elm Street, Hartford CT 06106 (by appointment only).

Franklin Town Hall, Town Clerk's Office, 7 Meetinghouse Hill Road, Franklin CT 06254

Send your comments about this EIE to:

Name: Ivonne Hall

Agency: Department of Energy & Environmental Protection

Bureau of Water Protection & Land Reuse

Address: 79 Elm Street, 2nd Floor

Hartford, CT 06106 E-Mail: ivonne.hall@ct.gov (860) 424-4067

If you have any questions on where you can review this EIE, or other questions about the project, please contact:

Name: Ivonne Hall

Agency: Department of Energy & Environmental Protection

Bureau of Water Protection & Land Reuse

Address: 79 Elm Street, Hartford CT 06106

E-Mail: ivonne.hall@ct.gov Phone: (860) 424-3754

Other information:

FAX:

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3. ELE Notice for Ridgefield Route 7 Wastewater Treatment Facility Decommission and Construction of New Pump Station & Force Main to South Street Wastewater Treatment **Facility**

Project Title: Route 7 Wastewater Facility Decommission and Construction of New Pump Station & Force Main to South Street Wastewater Treatment Facility

Municipality where project is proposed: Ridgefield

Addresses of Project Locations: South Street Plant: 22 South Street. Route 7 Plant: 9101 Ethan Allen Highway (Route 7).

Project Description:

The project is being undertaken to address aging and worn equipment and structures at the Town's two treatment facilities that are reaching the end of their service life, as well as to meet new, more stringent effluent limits. The Town is proposing to decommission the Route 7 Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) and consolidate treatment operations at the South Street WWTF. This involves the demolition of the Route 7 WWTF, and installation of a force main and pump station to convey flow to the South Street WWTF. The project also includes the potential to expand the South Street WWTF sewer service area by approximately 90 acres and 126 parcels based on an assessment of potential future sewer needs to address public health concerns with two areas of existing development. The South Street WWTF will be upgraded to comply with the anticipated facility effluent limits, as well as to handle the flow from the decommissioned facility and potential additional sewered areas.

The public can view a copy of this EIE at:

Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Bureau of Water Protection & Land Reuse 2nd Floor 79 Elm Street, Hartford CT 06106

Ridgefield Town Clerk's Office Ridgefield Town Hall 400 Main Street Ridgefield, CT 06877

Project Document: Ridgefield Environmental Impact Evaluation

Project Map(s): Figures 1 to 11 from the Draft EIE

Comments on this EIE will be accepted until the close of business on: October 6, 2017.

Additional information about this project can be found online at <u>DEEP's Environmental Impact Evaluations for Water Projects</u>

Send your comments about this EIE to:

Name: Max Fan

Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

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Fax: 860-424-4067

E-Mail: Maxwell.Fan@ct.gov

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>

No Land Transfer Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.

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