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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.

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 Notices have been submitted for publication in this edition.

1. Post-Scoping Notice for the Middletown Boat House Redevelopment

Municipality where project will be located: Middletown

**CEPA Determination:** On November 22, 2016 the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) published a <u>Notice of Scoping</u> to solicit public comments for this project in the *Environmental Monitor*. During the scoping period, the DECD received comments from the <u>Department of Public Health (DPH) Environmental Health Section</u>, the <u>DPH Drinking Water Section</u>, the <u>Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP)</u> and <u>DEEP's Natural Diversity Data Base program</u>. The DECD 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 Environmental Assessment Checklist.

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

Name: Christine Marques

Agency: Department of Economic and Community Development

Address: 505 Hudson Street, Hartford, CT 06106

**Phone**: 860-270-8050

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

# 2. Post-Scoping Notice for Hockanum Mill

Municipality where project will be located: Vernon

#### **CEPA Determination:**

On February 7, 2017 the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) published a <u>Notice of Scoping</u> to solicit public comments for this project in the Environmental Monitor. During the scoping period, the DECD received comments from the <u>Department of Public Health (DPH) Environmental Health Section</u>, the <u>DPH Drinking Water Section</u> and the <u>Department of Energy and Environmental Protection</u>. The DECD 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 Environmental Assessment Checklist.

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

Name: Lilia Kieltyka

Agency: Department of Economic and Community Development

Address: 505 Hudson Street, Hartford, CT 06106

Phone: 860-270-8193Fax: 860-707-1810E-Mail: lilia.kieltyka@ct.gov

What happens next: The DECD 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="mailto:environmental-impact-evaluation">environmental-impact-evaluation</a> (EIE).

The Following EIE Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.

# Notice of Public Hearings for Environmental Impact Evaluation and Environmental Assessment Re: Tree Obstruction Removal at Hartford-Brainard Airport

**Municipality where project is proposed:** The Harford-Brainard Airport is located in the City of Hartford approximately two miles southeast of Downtown Hartford, CT.

Address of possible Project Location: The Airport office is located at 251 Maxim Road, just east of Interstate 91 and west of the Connecticut River.

**Project Description**: Preparation of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) environmental documents as required to evaluate the potential impacts associated with tree obstruction removal in areas on, as well as north, south, east and west of the Hartford-Brainard Airport. The evaluation addresses obstruction removals associated with Federally-defined airspace surfaces surrounding the airport needed for the continued safe operation of aircraft. Objects that penetrate these surfaces are classified as obstructions, and should be removed to safely accommodate approaching and departing aircraft.

The project sponsoring agencies, the Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), have identified that trees penetrate the airspace at the Airport, including locations beyond the southern airport property boundary. Per FAA and CAA 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.

The Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) will be holding three (3) Public Hearings on the Hartford-Brainard Airport draft Federal Environmental Assessment (EA) and State Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) for Tree Clearing. At these meetings, information on the overall project and the study's findings, including the Preferred Alternative, will be presented. The doors for all meetings will open at 6:30 PM with each public hearing beginning at 7:00 PM.

Public Hearings will be held at the following locations on the specified dates:

Meeting 1- Hartford:

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

Bulkeley High School (300 Wethersfield Ave., Hartford, CT 06114)

Meeting 2- Glastonbury:

#### Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Glastonbury Town Hall, Council Chambers (2155 Main St., Glastonbury, CT 06033)

#### Meeting 3-Wethersfield:

Thursday, April 27, 2017

Wethersfield Town Hall (505 Silas Deane Hwy., Wethersfield, CT 06109)

NOTES: Free language assistance or sign interpretation may be requested by contacting Colin Goegel at the address below at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Efforts will be made to respond to requests for assistance.

The public can view a copy of the draft EIE/EA on the project website at: <a href="http://hartfordairport.caa-analysis.com/">http://hartfordairport.caa-analysis.com/</a>, and at the following locations:

Hartford Public Library 500 Main Street Hartford, CT 06103

Wethersfield Public Library 515 Silas Deane Hwy Wethersfield, CT 06109

East Hartford Public Library 840 Main Street East Hartford, CT 06108

Welles-Turner Memorial Library 2407 Main Street Glastonbury, CT 06033

Send your comments or questions about the draft EIE/EA: 1) via the project website listed above, or 2) to Mr. Colin Goegel at the mailing address or e-mail below:

Name: Mr. Colin Goegel, Supervising Engineer

Agency: Connecticut Airport Authority

334 Ella Grasso Turnpike, Suite 160

Windsor Locks, CT 06096

Phone: (860) 254-5628

E-Mail: cgoegel@ctairports.org

Comments on the draft EIE/EA will be accepted until the close of business on:

Monday, May 22, 2017.

## 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  ${}^\star. \\$ 

## 1. 101 Clermont Street, Hartford.

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