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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:

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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](http://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](http://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](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](http://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](mailto:wpc@ct.gov).

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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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**No Scoping Notice has been submitted for review and comment.**

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

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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 publication in this edition.**

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### 1. EIE 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** [DEEP's Environmental Impact Evaluations for Water Projects](#)

**Send your comments about this EIE to:**

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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 Land Transfer Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.**

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### 1. Notice of Proposed Pomfret Sewer Easement

**Complete Address of Property:**

From Route 44/169 Crossing in Pomfret to Town Farm Road in Putnam

**Number of acres to be transferred:**

Non-exclusive easement along 3.27 miles of former railroad right-of-way

**Click to View Maps:**

[Figure 1](#). Map of Property Location

[Figure 2](#). Map of Property Location

#### Description of Property

**Brief Description of Historical and Current Uses:**

The Town of Pomfret has requested a non-exclusive easement for the installation of a force main sanitary sewer line beneath 3.27 miles along the Air Line State Park Trail (the Trail) to address operational and pollution concern issues associated with onsite wastewater management systems available at The Pomfret School, the Rectory School, Loos & Company, Inc., and municipal buildings (e.g., town library; Pomfret Community School). The proposed sewer line will be dedicated to such users and will not be available for

other users. The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) maintains the Trail for public recreation purposes and such uses will be enhanced and continued after completion of the sewer installation project. DEEP acquired this segment of former railroad line in 1976, as a part of its acquisitions from the Department of Transportation that now comprise the North Section of the Air Line State Park Trail property.

**The property 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

**The Connecticut Conservation and Development Policies Plan identifies the property as being in the following category:**

- Regional Center  
 Neighborhood Conservation Area  
 Growth Area  
 Rural Community Center  
 Rural Area  
 Conservation Area  
 Preservation Area  
 Existing Preserved Open Space

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

- Residential  Industrial  Commercial  Institutional  
 Other:  
 Not zoned  Not known

**Value of property, if known:**

- 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: **Non-exclusive Easement**

**Proposed recipient:** Town of Pomfret

**Proposed use by property recipient:**

The Town of Pomfret intends to install a pressurized sanitary sewer line (i.e., force main pipe) beneath the Trail and an associated pump station off-trail. Each of the above-mentioned users will utilize an individual pump station that will convey wastewater to a centralized pump station located near the intersection of Route 44/169 in Pomfret (See Figure 2). From the centralized pump station, wastewater will be pumped over to the Wastewater Treatment Facility in the Town of Putnam via the force main pipe installed along the Trail for final treatment.

As owner of the Air Line State Park Trail, DEEP will continue to maintain the property for public recreation purposes. The centralized pump station would generally consist of a concrete wet well, submersible pumps, valve vault, remote alarm system, odor control system, a standby emergency generator, and approximately a 60'x12' stockade fencing enclosure.

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

DEEP will reserve the right to continue to use the land within which the easement will be granted for any use and purposes. The easement will limit the future installation of above ground wastewater infrastructure or appurtenances associated therewith. The easement will require the installation of odor control measures. DEEP will ensure that it incurs no expense as a result of said easement and ensure that the Town of Pomfret bears all direct and indirect costs of construction, building, repairing, operation and maintenance of said easements.

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

**Reason the State of Connecticut is proposing to transfer this property:**

DEEP, in cooperation with the Department of Transportation, will be developing the Trail to enhance recreational opportunities following the Town of Pomfret's sewer installation project. In exchange, the Town is proposing to provide DEEP with an A-2 survey of the property and create engineering plans for the development of the trail, including 7 road crossings (2 of which are pedestrian bridge designs), all to DOT construction specifications.

Comments from the public are welcome and will be accepted until the close of business on **OCTOBER 5, 2017**

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: Paul F. Hinsch  
Title: Bureau of Assets Management  
Agency: Office of Policy and Management  
Address: 450 Capitol Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06106-1379  
E-Mail: Paul.Hinsch@ct.gov

\*E-Mail submissions are preferred.

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