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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 Connecticut State Police Training Facility

Municipality where proposed project might be located: Griswold

Address of Possible Project Location: 100 and 101 Lee Road

Project Description: The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP), Division of State Police is proposing to relocate its existing Firearms Training Facility and Program, currently located on Nod Road in Simsbury, to a 110± site at 100 and 101 Lee Road in Griswold, CT.

The size and configuration of the existing training facility does not allow for all aspects of the Connecticut State Police's (CSP's) needed training and the site configuration results in the rifle range being located behind the pistol range, preventing simultaneous use of the ranges due to safety concerns. The existing training facility is also within a floodplain and has suffered repeated damages from flooding that have led to deteriorated conditions resulting in permanent loss of an onsite classroom building and permanent sanitary facilities, damages to equipment, and repeated interruptions that impact training schedules and overall operations.

The proposed project would provide DESPP with a new facility in Griswold that allows the DESPP to meet the current and future needs of the agency and to maintain and improve the CSP Firearms Training Program. Other state and federal law enforcement agencies with whom the State Police partners would also periodically utilize the facility.

At this preliminary planning stage, four (4) layout alternatives have been proposed, showing potential full buildout layouts for the facility. The proposed project construction may be phased based on prioritization of needs and available state funding. The estimated maximum acreage needed for the main project elements is approximately 30 acres. This acreage does not include auxiliary infrastructure improvements that may be necessary for the project.

Each alternative includes the following major elements:

A multipurpose training building (or series of structures) of up to a total of 55,000 gross square feet (GSF), which would include space for classrooms, a firearms simulator, and open area training room, gun cleaning and smithing, file storage, offices, vault space, ammunition storage, kitchenette and dining, reloading, target storage, bathrooms with showers and lockers, and garage space,

- Range control tower(s),
- Two (2) pistol ranges,
- One (1) rifle range,
- One (1) rifle/shotgun range,
- Sim Training and Live Fire Shoot House and a facility for low light training,
- Approximately 125 parking spaces,
- Site access improvements, and
- Well, septic system, telecom, and electrical utilities.

Project Maps:

[Locus Map](#)
[Alternative 1](#)
[Alternative 2](#)
[Alternative 3](#)
[Alternative 4](#)

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until **June 21, 2018**.

There will be a Public Scoping Meeting for this project on/at:

DATE: **June 5, 2018**

TIME: Presentation to begin at 7:00 PM

PLACE: Griswold High School Auditorium, 267 Slater Avenue, Griswold, CT

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

Written comments should be postmarked by **June 21, 2018** and sent to:

Name: Stephen Lecco, AICP, CEP
Firm: GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc.
Address: 655 Winding Brook Drive, Suite 402
Glastonbury, CT 06033
Fax: (860) 652-8590

Comments may also be emailed to:

Email: CSPtraining@gza.com (Please use the subject heading "Scoping Comment" and keep all email attachments to less than 25 MB)

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

Name: Stephen Lecco, AICP, CEP
Firm: GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc.
Address: 655 Winding Brook Drive, Suite 402
Glastonbury, CT 06033
Fax: (860) 652-8590
Email: CSPtraining@gza.com

The agency expects to release an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) for this project for public no later than early 2019.

2. Notice of Scoping for Marlborough Town Center Water System Phase Three

Municipality where proposed project might be located: Marlborough

Address of Possible Project Location: North Main Street and Jones Hollow Road

Project Description: The town of Marlborough is utilizing the remainder of a 2016 Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) Grant to fund the proposed construction of 900 feet of 8" water main on Jones Hollow Road and 200 feet of 12" water main on North Main Street, including service lines and associated appurtenances. This water main construction is Phase 3 of a multi-phase water main extension project that also was funded by the 2016 STEAP Grant. It will be serviced by the Marlborough Municipal Water System. The proposed water main is intended to provide a reliable supply of safe drinking water to critical facilities such as the Marlborough Medical Center and Fire Department, as well as the Town Hall and allow for the consolidation of additional small public water systems that serve several existing businesses in the area.

Project Map: Click [here](#) to view a map of the project area.

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: **July 20, 2018.**

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 **June 29, 2018.**

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 #12DWS
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: Patricia Bisacky
Agency: Department of Public Health
Drinking Water Section
Address: 410 Capitol Avenue, MS #12DWS
PO Box 340308
Hartford, CT 06134-0308
Phone: 860-509-7333
Fax: 860-509-7359
E-Mail: Patricia.Bisacky@ct.gov

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 Proposed Disposition of the University of Connecticut Greater Hartford Campus

Municipality where project will be located: West Hartford

CEPA Determination:

The University of Connecticut has determined that an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) is not required at this time. Depending on the ultimate disposition of the campus, a new CEPA process may or may not be required.

On June 17, 2014 the University of Connecticut published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this project in the *Environmental Monitor*. At the time of the scoping notice, the actual proposed disposition for the Greater Hartford (i.e., West Hartford) campus had not yet been determined and several alternatives were being contemplated. Click [here](#) to see a summary of comments received during the scoping period are attached.

The Town of West Hartford entered into a Purchase and Sale Agreement with the University of Connecticut effective July 14, 2016 to purchase the campus. The closing was anticipated to be on or about October 1, 2017. After UConn granted the Town seven extensions, on December 13, 2017 the Town notified UConn that the Town was cancelling the Agreement.

During 2018 UConn has been seeking to sell the property to a private buyer. The final disposition of the campus remains undetermined.

Given the amount of time that has passed since the publication of the scoping notice in June 2014 and given that the long-term disposition remains undetermined, the University of Connecticut has taken what it considers to be appropriate steps to stabilize and secure the campus buildings and grounds while it continues to pursue other sale or reuse options. With this notice, the University closes the CEPA process initiated in June 2014.

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

Name: Paul Ferri

Agency: University of Connecticut

Address: 31 LeDoyt Road, Storrs, CT

Fax: 860-486-5477

E-Mail: paul.ferri@uconn.edu

2. Post-Scoping Notice for Replacement and Improvements of the East Avenue Bridge

Municipality where project will be located: Norwalk

CEPA Determination: On September 19, 2017 the Connecticut Department of Transportation published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this project in the *Environmental Monitor*. The [Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection](#) was the only regulatory agency to submit comments. No comments were submitted by the general public. The Connecticut Department of Transportation has taken the 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 an [Environmental Assessment Checklist](#).

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

Name: Kevin Fleming

Agency: Connecticut Department of Transportation

Address: 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06131

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 Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.

1. EIE Notice for Coastal Wastewater Management Project. Town of Old Lyme (Sound View Beach Association and Miscellaneous Town Area B)

Project Title: Coastal Wastewater Management Project. Town of Old Lyme.

Municipality where project is proposed: Old Lyme

Addresses of Possible Project Locations: Sound View Beach Community and Miscellaneous Town Area B (MTA-B) located along Route 156 in Old Lyme.

Project Description:

The Town of Old Lyme (Old Lyme) retained an independent engineering firm to perform detailed evaluations of local and regional wastewater management alternatives for Sound View Beach Association and Miscellaneous Town Area B (MTA-B). Old Lyme and three chartered beach communities, including Miami Beach Association (MBA), Old Colony Beach Club Association (OCBCA) and Old Lyme Shores Beach Association (OLSBA) have expressed a desire to implement a coordinated solution to address the wastewater management needs identified in this area of Old Lyme.

The engineering evaluation identified a gravity sewer system as the most cost effective and technically feasible solution to address wastewater management needs within Sound View and MTA-B on a long term basis. Wastewater from these two areas would be collected via gravity pipes

and conveyed to a shared pump station and force main. It is currently envisioned that the centralized pump station will be located within Sound View. This pump station would be shared by the Town of Old Lyme and chartered beach associations. From the shared pump station, the wastewater flows from Sound View, MTA-B and chartered beach associations would be transported via a force main pipe through the Towns of East Lyme and Waterford for final treatment at the New London Water Pollution Control Facility.

The engineering evaluation recommended performing additional groundwater monitoring within the Hawks Nest Beach Community. The additional groundwater monitoring program will allow the Town to more accurately define groundwater quality conditions and wastewater management needs within this community. It is anticipated that the additional monitoring program will be implemented during the course of two years, starting in 2018. The results of the additional groundwater monitoring program will be used to generate a wastewater management recommendation for this beach community.

This CEPA process started with the issuance of a Scoping Notice that was published in the Environmental Monitor available on the [Council on Environmental Quality's website on July 22, 2014](#) for the Beach Associations, as well as for the Town Sub-Areas.

Project Document: [Environmental Impact Evaluation for Coastal Wastewater Management Plan](#)

Project Map: [Coastal Municipal Wastewater Project Map](#)

Comments on this EIE will be accepted until the close of business on: Friday, August 3, 2018.

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

Or
Town Clerk's Office
Old Lyme Town Hall
52 Lyme Street
Old Lyme, CT 06371

Any person can ask the sponsoring agency to hold a Public Hearing on this EIE by sending such a request to the address below. If a meeting is requested by 25 or more individuals the sponsoring agency shall schedule a public hearing. Such requests must be made by Friday, June 29, 2018.

To request a public hearing, or to comment on this EIE, please contact:

Name: Carlos Esguerra
Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Address: 79 Elm Street, Hartford CT 06106
Fax: 860-424-4067
E-Mail: carlos.esguerra@ct.gov

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

Name: Carlos Esguerra
Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Address: 79 Elm Street, Hartford CT 06106
E-Mail: carlos.esguerra@ct.gov
Phone: 860-424-3756

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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.](#)

The following State Land Transfer Notice has been submitted for notice in this edition.

1. Notice of Proposed Land Transfer, Hartford

Complete Address of Property: 25 Sigourney Street, Hartford, CT 06106

Commonly used name of property or other identifying information: N/A

Number of acres to be transferred: 2.39 acres

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

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: 17-story office building built in 1986, with 863 parking spaces and a gross building area of 467,000 square feet. Currently not in use.

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 parcel map of the property](#)

[Click to view photograph of the property](#)

The property is in the following municipal zone:

Residential Industrial Commercial Institutional
 Other: Multi-Use Mix District
 Not zoned Not known

Special features of the property, if known: None

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:

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: No longer meets the State's needs.

Comments from the public are welcome and will be accepted until the close of business on **July 19, 2018**.

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

*E-Mail submissions are preferred.

Send copies of comments to:

Name: Shane Mallory
Agency: Department of Administrative Services
Leasing & Property Transfer Unit
Address: 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 1402
Hartford, CT 06103
E-Mail: Shane.Mallory@ct.gov

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

[What Happens Next?](#)

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