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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 the Manchester Water Department-Glastonbury Water Main Extension

Municipality where proposed project might be located: Glastonbury

Address of Possible Project Location: Cedar Ridge Drive

**Project Description**: The Manchester Water Department (MWD) is seeking financial assistance under the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program to support the extension of a water main on Cedar Ridge Drive in Glastonbury to serve approximately 10 properties that are currently served by private wells. Based on information provided by the Town of Glastonbury, these private wells contain elevated levels of naturally occurring uranium and pose a health risk to residents. This project is intended to resolve a demonstrated public health concern at a scale which responds to the existing need without serving as an attraction to more extensive development.

The proposed project includes the installation of approximately 465 linear feet of 8-inch diameter concrete lined ductile iron pipe (CLDIP) and associated appurtenances. The new main will be connected to the existing 6-inch diameter distribution main located on Cedar Ridge Drive. The new main will be extended along Cedar Ridge Drive to the tip of the cul-de-sac to serve the homes with contaminated wells.

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: October 18, 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 September 28, 2018.

Written comments and/or requests for a Public Scoping Meeting should be sent to

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Hartford, CT 06134-0308

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## 2. Notice of Scoping for the Re-scoping of Stony Brook North and South Transmission Main Rehabilitation

Municipalities where proposed project might be located: Montville and Bozrah

Addresses of Possible Project Location: Cherry Lane and Leffingwell Road in Montville and Route 82 and Noble Hill Rd. in Bozrah

**Project Description**: The City of Norwich applied for financial assistance from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program to support the rehabilitation/improvements of the northern and southern portions of the Stony Brook Transmission Main. The project scoping notice of the original project was posted on the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ)-Environmental Monitor (EM) website on <u>August 7. 2012</u>. The project post scoping notice was published on the CEQ-EM website on <u>January 8, 2013</u>.

Since this project was originally proposed, the Norwich Public Utilities (NPU) public drinking water system exceeded the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for disinfection byproducts (DBP) and Trihalomethanes (TTHM). NPU signed Consent Agreement (DWS 16-104-044) dated August 18, 2017 with the Department of Public Health-Drinking Water Section (DWS) which documents actions that NPU agrees to take to resolve the MCL violation and comply with state health regulations. One of the actions the City agreed to do is make improvements to the water system components to address the regulatory requirements.

NPU has proposed to make revisions to the original Transmission Main project design to reduce water age in the distribution system and improve water quality. The proposed project revision comprises of transmission main realignment and installation of approximately 3,700 linear feet of 24-inch diameter main and 600 linear feet of 16-inch diameter main. The new transmission main (24-inch diameter) installation begins on Leffingwell Road approximately 1,000 feet west of the intersection of Cove Brook Lane then runs along the road heading to Noble Hill Road and onto Route 82.

The new 24-inch diameter transmission main will be connected to the terminal end of a new 16-inch diameter distribution main that will be installed by the Town of Bozrah on Route 82. The new main will be comprised of 2,700 linear feet of 16-inch diameter water main on Route 82 along the parcel where The Optimus assisted living facility is proposed to be constructed in addition to the proposed replacement of approximately 1,300 linear feet of 6-inch distribution main with a new 16-inch diameter water main between New Concord Drive and the Norwich-Bozrah municipal boundary. This portion of main will be funded by the Town of Bozrah. The Town of Bozrah's main segment will be utilized to complete the transmission main looping of NPU's distribution main along Route 82 to eliminate an existing dead end and reduce

water stagnation. Locating the transmission main within public rights-of-way will avoid crossing the sensitive environmental area, wetlands, and watercourses. This will also provide NPU crew easy accessibility in the future for maintenance and repairs as needed. The existing 24-inch diameter main located off public rights-of-way will be abandoned in place.

**Project Map**: Click <u>here</u> to view a map identifying the location of the project including the location of the existing transmission main, the proposed realigned main, and the main extension funded by the Town of Bozrah.

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: October 18, 2018.

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## 3. Notice of Scoping for the New Parking Garage at Stamford Transportation Center

Municipality where proposed project might be located: Stamford

Address of Possible Project Location: South State Street, Stamford

**Project Description**: The Connecticut Department of Transportation (Department) is proposing to construct a new parking garage for the Stamford Transportation Center (STC) on South Street in the City of Stamford. The proposed garage will be connected to the station via an enclosed pedestrian bridge over Washington Boulevard. The proposed project site is State of Connecticut property bounded of the south by Metro-North Railroad right-of-way, on the east by Washington Boulevard, on the west by the Rippowam River, and the north by I-95. The site is partially occupied by an existing surface parking lot for the STC.

The purpose of the proposed project is to replace the aging original garage structure (currently located at Station Place) with a low maintenance, long service life facility that meets the demand for State-owned commuter parking spaces located proximate to the STC. The needs for the project include:

- Addressing the poor condition and continued degradation of the original garage structure that have precipitated closing of two levels of the garage to traffic and parking;
- Satisfying existing commuter parking demands at the STC;
- Replacing the potential loss of private commuter parking supply for the STC with State-owned and maintained parking spaces that
  provide similar convenience and commuter amenity as the existing private parking facilities;
- Meeting customer expectations for availability, accessibility, and convenience of commuter parking accommodations of the STC; and

• Minimizing and managing commuter disruption and commuter parking impacts during the construction of the proposed parking garage.

The proposed garage will provide approximately 960 commuter parking spaces, resulting in a net increase of approximately 130 State-owned spaces at the STC. The proposed parking garage and pedestrian bridge to the station will be advanced to design and construction as a design-build project, which is planned to begin in 2019. Parking will be maintained in the original garage structure throughout construction of the proposed garage to help minimize commuter parking impacts. The original garage will be closed upon completion of the proposed garage and will be demolished in the future under a separate construction contract.

The Department previously pursued a new parking project for the STC as part of a transit-oriented development (TOD). The current proposal is not a TOD project. Under this previous effort, the Department completed an Environmental Impact Evaluation in accordance with the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) to evaluate and document the potential environmental impacts of the project and to outline recommended mitigation for those impacts. The EIE (dated August 2012) is available <a href="here">here</a> for information. The Department issued a Record of Decision (ROD) in December 2012 and the Office of Policy and Management issued a Determination of Adequacy in January 2013. The ROD and Determination of Adequacy are available <a href="here">here</a>.

As part of the current project effort, the Department is conducting a new early public scoping process in accordance with CEPA. A public scoping meeting will be conducted in conjunction with a public information meeting for the project.

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: Wednesday, November 7, 2018

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

DATE: Wednesday, October 24, 2018

TIME: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

PLACE: Stamford Senior Center Auditorium, 2nd Floor, Stamford Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT 06901

**NOTES**: The meeting facility is ADA accessible. Language assistance may be requested by contacting the Department's Language Assistance Call Line at (860) 594-2243 at least five business days prior to the meeting. Persons with hearing and/or speech disabilities may dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS). Language assistance is provided at no cost to the public and efforts will be made to respond to timely requests for assistance.

Written comments should be sent to:

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

Address: 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06131

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

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Agency: Services

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# 4. Notice of Scoping for the Environmental Assessment for the Connecticut Training Center Installation Master Plan Connecticut Army National Guard/Connecticut Military Department

Municipalities where proposed project might be located: East Lyme, Lyme, Old Lyme, and East Haven

Addresses of Possible Project Locations: Stones Ranch Military Reservation, 10 Stone Ranch Road, East Lyme, CT 06333; Camp Niantic, 38 Smith Street, Niantic, CT 06357; East Haven Rifle Range, 591 N. High Street, East Haven, CT 06512

Project Description: In compliance with the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Connecticut Military Department/Connecticut Army National Guard (CTARNG) will prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) of their proposed action to approve a new Installation Master Plan (IMP) for the Connecticut Training Center (CTC) that is consistent with the requirements of the Department of Defense's (DoD) Unified Facilities Criteria (UFC) 2-100-01, Installation Master Planning, which provides guidance for master plan development on DoD installations. The EA will evaluate the potential environmental, cultural, and socioeconomic effects from the UFC 2-100-01 IMP.

The CTC is comprised of three noncontiguous installations: Stones Ranch Military Reservation, Camp Niantic, and East Haven Rifle Range. The UFC 2-100-01 IMP would inform future planning and programming decisions for real property construction, renovation, maintenance, and repair at the CTC over the near-term (within 5 years) and long-term (20 years) planning horizon. The UFC 2-100-01 IMP represents a comprehensive approach to developing the CTC using planning strategies that reinforce capabilities to support the CTARNG's mission, promote quality of life, and enhance sustainability and environmental viability at the CTC. The UFC 2-100-01 IMP would replace CTC's current planning document, which went in to effect in 2001 and no longer provides sufficient direction for future CTC projects.

The EA will evaluate two alternatives: the proposed action to approve the UFC 2-100-01 IMP (the preferred alternative), or to not approve the UFC 2-100-01 IMP (the no action alternative). The proposed action would provide an updated master plan to guide CTARNG's mission at CTC for the next 20 years using the latest techniques in planning. The no action alternative would be to continue managing the CTC under the 2001 planning document.

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: November 1, 2018

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Written comments and/or requests for a Public Scoping Meeting should be sent to

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Agency: Connecticut Military Department/Connecticut Army National Guard

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

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### 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.

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

## **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-impacts">Environmental impact Evaluation</a> (EIE).

No EIE Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.

### **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 State Land Transfer Notice has been submitted for notice in this edition.

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