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Scoping Notice

"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. [Read More](#)

The following Scoping Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.

1. Notice of Scoping for Old Farms Road Realignment and Improvements

Municipality where proposed action might be located: Avon

Address of possible location: Old Farms Road

Project Description: The Town of Avon has received funding from the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP) to improve the safety conditions without drastically changing the rural character of Old Farms Road. The proposed project will be approximately 3,205 feet, extending from at 3-way tee intersection at Thompson Road, continuing north with a slight turn to the west to a proposed 3-way intersection with Scoville Road, then continuing north to a high point and then gradually curved to the east, where the proposed alignment ends at the current alignment terminus. The proposed alignment will provide a safer pedestrian environment, safer driving environment, and minimal additional right of way requirements, avoidance of wetland resources, ease of construction /maintenance of traffic and reasonable construction cost. This proposed new alignment will be constructed conforming to the Town of Avon and CTDOT "Urban Collector" guidelines and was endorsed as the preferred alignment by the Avon Town Council.

Project Map: [Click Here](#) to view an aerial map of the project area showing the proposed realignment.

**Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on:
August 7, 2020**

There will be a virtual Public Scoping Meeting for this proposed action:

DATE: July 22, 2020

TIME: 6:30 PM

PLACE: Virtual Meeting

NOTES: Participants can join the virtual Public Scoping Meeting through the following link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7048447185480454414>

Individuals with limited internet access can listen to the meeting by calling 1-562-247-8422 and entering the Participant Code when prompted: 379-397-901.

Any meeting updates and the registration link, as well as meeting materials, a comment form, information on accessing the meeting, and a recording of the meeting after July 24 can be found at:

<https://www.avonct.gov/engineering-sewer-and-gis-department/pages/old-farms-road>

Persons with hearing and/or speech disabilities may dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS). Language assistance may be requested by contacting the Department's Language Assistance Call Line (860) 594-2109. Requests should be made at least 5 business days prior to the meeting. Language assistance is provided at no cost to the public and efforts will be made to respond to timely requests for assistance.

Persons with limited internet access or similar needs may request by **July 15, 2020** that project information be mailed to them by contacting:

Mr. Lawrence Baril, Town Engineer
60 West Main Street, Building # 7 - Second Floor
Avon, CT 06001
Phone: 860-409-4378
Email: lbaril@avonct.gov

A project webpage is available which contains pertinent information about the project and contains a link to the upcoming virtual Public Scoping Meeting event. The webpage will remain available throughout the 16-day comment period following the meeting and can be found at <https://www.avonct.gov/engineering-sewer-and-gis-department/pages/old-farms-road>

Written comments (email preferred) should be sent to:

Name: Kevin Fleming

Agency: Connecticut Department of Transportation, Office of Environmental Planning

Address: 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06131

E-Mail: dot.EnvironmentalPlanning@ct.gov

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

Name: Lawrence Baril, Town Engineer

Agency: Town of Avon, Engineering, Sewer and GIS Department

Address: 60 West Main Street, Building #7 - Second Floor, Avon, CT 06001

Phone: (860) 409-4378

Fax: (860) 409-4364

E-Mail: lbaril@avonct.gov

Inquiries and requests to view and or copy documents, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, must be submitted to the sponsoring state agency:

Name: Ms. Alice M. Sexton

Agency: Connecticut Department of Transportation, Office of Legal Services

Address: 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06131

Phone: (860) 594-3045

E-Mail: Alice.Sexton@ct.gov

What Happens Next: CTDOT will make a determination whether to proceed with preparation of an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) or that the project does not require the preparation of an EIE under CEPA. A Post-Scoping Notice of its decision will appear in a future edition of the Environmental Monitor.

Scoping Notice - Post-Scoping Notice (Need More Time)

If an agency is unable to publish a Post-Scoping Notice within six months after the comment period for scoping, the agency will publish an update with an action status and an estimate as to when a Post-Scoping Notice will be published. Such an update will be published by the agency at six-month intervals until the Post-Scoping Notice is published. [Read More](#)

No notice for additional time has been submitted for publication in this edition.

Post-Scoping Notice

A Post-Scoping Notice is the determination by a sponsoring agency, after publication of a Scoping Notice and consideration of comments received, whether an [Environmental Impact Evaluation \(EIE\)](#) needs to be prepared for a proposed State action. [Read More](#)

The following Post-Scoping Notices have been submitted for publication in this edition.

1. Post-Scoping Notice for Route 7 and Route 15 Interchange Project

Municipality where it would be located: Norwalk

CEPA Determination: On October 3, 2017 the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this proposed action in the *Environmental Monitor*. A public scoping meeting was held on October 17, 2017 at Norwalk City Hall. Comments were received during the public comment period and at the Public Scoping Meeting. Comments and general responses to the comments received are found in the [Scoping Summary Report](#). After consideration of the comments, CTDOT has determined: **to proceed with the preparation of an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE).**

Agency contact:

Name: Mr. Andy Fesenmeyer, Supervising Engineer

Agency: Connecticut Department of Transportation, Bureau of Engineering and Construction

Address: 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06131

Phone: (860) 594-3228

E-Mail: Andy.Fesenmeyer@ct.gov

Inquiries and requests to view and or copy documents, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, must be submitted to the sponsoring State Agency.

Agency contact:

Name: Ms. Alice M. Sexton

Agency: Connecticut Department of Transportation, Office of Legal Services

Address: 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06131

Phone: (860) 594-3045

E-Mail: Alice.Sexton@ct.gov

What Happens Next: CTDOT expects the proposed action to go forward. The EIE will be published in a future edition of the *Environmental Monitor*. Currently, it is expected that the EIE will be circulated for public review and appear in the *Environmental Monitor* in Late 2020/ Early 2021.

2. Post-Scoping Notice for Huckleberry Hill Water Main Extension

Project Title: Huckleberry Hill School Water Main Extension

Municipality where project will be located: Brookfield

CEPA Determination: On May 5, 2020, the Department of Public Health (DPH) published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this project in the *Environmental Monitor*.

Based on the DPH's environmental assessment of this project which includes a review of [comments](#) provided by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) dated June 2, 2020, it has been determined that the project does not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) under CEPA. The DPH will coordinate with the Town of Brookfield to ensure that the recommendations received during the Scoping period are implemented.

The agency's conclusion is documented in a [Memorandum of Findings and Determination](#) and an [Environmental Assessment Summary](#).

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

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

E-Mail: DPH.SourceProtection@ct.gov

Inquiries and requests to view and or copy documents, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, must be submitted to the sponsoring State Agency:

Name: Mr. Av Harris

Agency: Department of Public Health

Address: 410 Capitol Avenue, MS #13CMN , PO Box 340308

Hartford, CT 06134-0308

E-Mail: DPH.foi@ct.gov

What happens next: The DPH 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 Notice

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 \(EIE\)](#). [Read More](#)

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

Agency Record of Decision

After an [Environmental Impact Evaluation \(EIE\)](#) is developed, an agency will prepare a concise public record of decision, which takes into consideration the agency's findings in the EIE, and any comments received on that evaluation. [Read More](#)

The following Record of Decision Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.

1. Record of Decision for University of Connecticut Ice Hockey Arena Development

Municipality where proposed action will be located: Mansfield

CEPA Determination: On February 18, 2020 and March 17, 2020, the University of Connecticut published a [Notice of Availability](#) of an [Environmental Impact Evaluation](#) (EIE) in the *Environmental Monitor*, in accordance with Section 22a-1d of CEPA.

The University held a public hearing on April 8, 2020 in accordance with Executive Order 7B during the State's public health and civil preparedness emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Comments on the EIE were received through April 17, 2020 from the general public, the Town of Mansfield, and the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. The University prepared responses to those comments, supplemental materials and amendments, and its conclusion is documented in the [Record of Decision](#) for the proposed action.

Agency contact:

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Agency: University Planning, Design & Construction - UConn

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E-Mail: john.robitalle@uconn.edu

Inquiries and requests to view and or copy documents, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, must be submitted to the sponsoring state agency.

What happens next: The University of Connecticut has submitted the Record of Decision to the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) for review. OPM's determination regarding the Record of Decision will appear in a future edition of the Environmental Monitor.

OPM's Determination of Adequacy

After an [Environmental Impact Evaluation](#) (EIE) is developed, the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) will determine if the EIE is adequate. If not, OPM will specify the areas of inadequacy with reference to CEPA or the CEPA regulations and specify the corrective action required. [Read More](#)

No Determination of Adequacy Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.

State Land Transfer Notice

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.](#)

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

CEPA Project Inventory

The Office of Policy and Management maintains a list of projects they have entered the CEPA process. It shows each project's status. The inventory can be found at <ftp://ftp.ct.gov/opm/CEPA/CEPA%20Project%20Inventory.xlsx>.

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