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Agency Specific Environmental Classification Document (ECD)

An Environmental Classification Document (ECD) is the basic criterion for an agency's determination to enter into the public scoping process for a project or an action. **Read More**

The following notice for an agency specific ECD has been submitted for publication in this edition.

1. Proposed Environmental Classification Document for the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

The proposed Environmental Classification Document (ECD), which is the basic criterion for the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's (DEEP) determination to enter into the public scoping process for an action, is available for review and comment. The ECD includes 1) a list of typical actions that require public scoping and the preparation of an environmental impact evaluation (EIE); 2) a list of typical actions that require public scoping to determine whether an EIE is required; and 3) a list of typical federal/state actions for which environmental impact statements are prepared, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, and for which DEEP is the cognizant or sponsoring agency in the state. The proposed ECD also includes a list of actions or categories of actions that do not warrant a review pursuant to the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) and regulations and therefore do not require public scoping or the preparation of an environmental review document.

<u>Click here</u> to view the proposed ECD.

Written comments on the proposed ECD for DEEP are welcome and will be accepted until the close of business on: **Friday, April 19, 2024.**

Written comments should be sent to:

Name: Eric Hammerling
Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Address: 79 Elm Street, Hartford CT 06106
E-Mail: Eric.Hammerling@ct.gov

What Happens Next: DEEP will forward all comments received during the public comment period to the Office of Policy and Management (OPM), which shall distribute them to the Council on Environmental Quality (Council). Following consultations with DEEP and the Council, OPM will either approve the proposed ECD or disapprove it with recommendations for change.

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 Notices have been submitted for publication in this edition.

1. Notice of Scoping for Jack's Farm

Address of possible location: 1538 South Main Street, Cheshire. Connecticut 06410

Municipality where proposed action might be located: Cheshire

Project Description: The Jack's Farm Housing development plan includes the demolition of a vacant, residential house with a commercial extension and the construction of 45 new, residential apartments consisting of eight one-bedroom, 29 two-bedroom, and 6 three-bedroom units with a 1,200 square foot community room. Included are storage rooms, a meeting room, and an on-site Resident Service Coordinator's office. Parking facilities for 101 cars will be developed around the proposed buildings. Jack's Farm Housing is designed as a mixed-income, residential development targeting individuals and families earning between 25 and 110% of the area's median income (AMI) and will be deed restricted as affordable housing for 50 years. This site is located 144 feet, a one-minute walk, from bus service to New Haven, Hamden, and Waterbury. Jack's Farm is located right over the Cheshire-Hamden town line and about three miles from downtown Cheshire, a mixed-use area containing the range of uses typically associated with a New England town center. Retail, service, institutional, industrial, restaurant, offices, churches, medical and residential industries can all be found in the area. The site was used formerly as horse pasture and an apple orchard sine at least 1934 and since approximately 1955 to the present has been used as a residence. The USDA Web soil survey map identify the area as prime farmland soil. The State historic preservation office (SHPO) provided a letter of no historic properties will be affected. The project location is not within 100- or 500-year floodzone. The location is not within any designated wetland area. The project area doesn't have any critical habitat.

Project Map: <u>Click here</u> 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: April 19, 2024.

Any person may ask the sponsoring agency to hold a public scoping meeting by sending such a request to the address below. If a public scoping 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: **March 29, 2024.**

Written comments and/or requests for a public scoping meeting should be sent to

Name: Mithila Chakraborty, Ph.D.

Agency: Department of Housing

Address: 505 Hudson Street, Hartford, CT 06106-7106

E-Mail: mithila.chakraborty@ct.gov

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2. Notice of Scoping for Coliseum Parcel 1C

Addresses of possible locations: 265 South Orange Street, New Haven, CT 06510 (Parcel ID 113023)

Municipalities where proposed action might be located: New Haven

Project Description: The City of New Haven has been awarded a \$999,000 grant from the Brownfield Municipal Grant program to remediate impacted soils on the 0.8-acre property located at 265 South Orange Street, New Haven to support the construction of a Class A life sciences and tech office building. The remediation will be performed through excavation of impacted soils and offsite disposal.

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: **April 18**, **2024.**

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Written comments and/or requests for a public scoping meeting should be sent to

Name: Gregory Ambros Agency: Department of Economic and Community Development Address: 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT 06103 E-Mail: Gregory.Ambros@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: Mark BurnoAgency: Department of Economic and Community Development

Address: 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 5, Hartford, CT 06103 E-Mail: mark.burno@ct.gov

What Happens Next: The sponsoring agency 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 the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA). A Post-Scoping Notice of its decision will appear in a future edition of the *Environmental Monitor*.

3. Notice of Scoping for Science Park Tract A

Addresses of possible locations: Eastern Courtyard of 275 Winchester Avenue, New Haven, CT 06511 (Parcel ID 14691)

Municipalities where proposed action might be located: New Haven

Project Description: The City of New Haven has been awarded two \$2,000,000 grants from the Brownfield Municipal Grant program and a \$6,800,000 grant from the Urban Sites Remedial Action Program to demolish and abate structures on the eastern courtyard of Tract A on the 3.11-acre property located at 275 Winchester Avenue, New Haven to support the construction of residential and/or laboratory space.

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: **April 18**, **2024.**

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4. Notice of Scoping for Middlebury Commons Interconnection with Connecticut Water Company Naugatuck Region - Central System

Address of possible location: Nutmeg Road into Middlebury Commons Condominium Complex

Municipality where proposed action might be located: Middlebury

Project Description: The work to be performed under this project includes abandoning the drinking water wells at Middlebury Commons and consolidating their small public water system with Connecticut Water Company's Naugatuck Region - Central System. The current infrastructure that provides water to Middlebury Commons is aged and lacks redundancy that is causing increasing risk of extended periods without potable water to residents of the condominium community. The project would require installing approximately 460 feet of 6" water main (8" if a fire hydrant is needed) from Connecticut Water Company's existing water main on Nutmeg Road, providing an easement to Connecticut Water Company, connecting each building to the water main, and abandoning the existing drinking water wells.

Project Map: <u>Click here</u> 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: May 16, 2024.

Any person may ask the sponsoring agency to hold a public scoping meeting by sending such a request to the address below. If a public scoping 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: **April 26, 2024.**

Written comments and/or requests for a public scoping meeting should be sent to:

Name: 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:

Agency: Department of Public Health, Hearing Office

Address: 410 Capitol Avenue, MS #13PHO Hartford, CT 06134-0308

E-Mail: DPH.foi@ct.gov

What Happens Next: The sponsoring agency 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 the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA). A Post-Scoping Notice of its decision will appear in a future edition of the *Environmental Monitor*.

5. Notice of Scoping for Removal of Traffic Signals on Route 9

Address of possible location: Route 9 between log miles 22.9 and 25.4. At the southern limit, the proposed project begins near the Eastern Drive interchange (Exit 22) and extends to the north and terminates near the Route 99 interchange (Exit 25).

Municipality where proposed action might be located: Middletown, Connecticut

Project Description: Route 9 is a major north/south route connecting Old Saybrook and West Hartford. Through the downtown Middletown area, it is flanked by the Connecticut River to the east and an active Providence and Worcester Railroad line to the west.

The purpose of the project is to improve safety and reduce congestion. The presence of two traffic signals on Route 9 leads to crash rates substantially higher than adjacent segments of freeway. To remove the traffic signal on Route 9 at the Washington Street interchange (Exit 23C), a new off-ramp from Route 9 Northbound is proposed to provide access to River Road, approximately 3,500 feet south of Washington Street. Access to Washington Street is proposed to be removed from Route 9. The interchange will encompass the existing Providence and Worcester rail line and will provide access to Route 9 Southbound. An acceleration lane to Route 9 Southbound will provide access from Washington Street prior to Route 17 (Exit 23A). The existing access from Route 9 Southbound to Washington Street will be removed and motorists will be directed towards the previous exit for access to Route 66.

The traffic signal on Route 9 at the Route 17 interchange onto Hartford Avenue (Exit 24) will be removed by elevating the southbound direction of Route 9. The grade separation will allow for free flow acceleration from Hartford Avenue to Route 9 Northbound, crossing under Route 9 Southbound. This acceleration lane will be constructed in the existing median of Route 9 and will serve as an additional through lane for Route 9 Northbound until Exit 25 for Route 99 in Cromwell. The existing access to Hartford Avenue from Route 9 Northbound will be relocated south. Access to and from Hartford Avenue from Route 9 Southbound will be maintained with full length deceleration and acceleration lanes.

A 200-foot right turn lane is proposed on Rapallo Avenue at Main Street. The additional lane requires approximately five feet of widening within the street right of way. This requires the removal of seven parking spaces, with sidewalks maintained on both sides of the road.

Project Map: <u>Click here</u> 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: Thursday, May 16, 2024.

There will be a public scoping meeting for this proposed action:

DATE: Tuesday April 30, 2024

TIME: 5:00 p.m. Open House, 7:00 p.m. formal presentation

PLACE: Wesleyan University - Beckham Hall - 45 Wyllys Avenue, Middletown, CT 06459

NOTES: The meeting location is ADA accessible. Language assistance, including American Sign Language, may be requested by contacting CTDOT's Language Assistance Call Line at (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 hearing and/or speech disabilities may dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS).

Closed captioning and non-English translation options will be available for the presentation posted on CTDOT's YouTube Virtual Public Information Meeting playlist: https://portal.ct.gov/ctdotvpimarchive.

Persons with limited internet access may also request that project information be mailed to them by contacting Stephen Hall, Project Manager, at Stephen.Hall@ct.gov or 860-594-2591.

Additional information can be found here: https://portal.ct.gov/DOT/Projects/0082-0318-Route9-Middletown-Home.

Comments/ questions about the public meeting, or comments/ questions about the project should be sent to (email preferred):

Name: Mr. Stephen Hall, Project Manager

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

Address: 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06131

E-Mail: DOT.Rte9Middletown@ct.gov

Phone: 860-594-2591

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

E-Mail: Alice.Sexton@ct.gov

What Happens Next: The sponsoring agency 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 the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (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**

The following notice for additional time has been submitted for publication in this edition.

1. Notice of Time Extension for Post-Scoping Notice for The Camelot Flats and Lofts

Address of Possible Project Location: 900 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford, Connecticut

Municipality where proposed action would be located: West Hartford

Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) Determination: On August 8, 2023, the Department of Housing published a <u>Notice</u> <u>of Scoping</u> to solicit public comments for this action in the *Environmental Monitor*. The DOH is unable to publish its determination regarding this action at this time.

Action Status: Evaluating comments.

Estimated Publication Date: The DOH estimates that a Post-Scoping Notice will be published in the *Environmental Monitor* on or before June 10, 2024.

If you have questions about the proposed action, contact:

Name: Mithila Chakraborty, Ph.D. Agency: Department of Housing Address: 505 Hudson Street, Hartford, CT 06106-7106 Phone: 860-270-8230 E-Mail: mithila.chakraborty@ct.gov

What Happens Next: The DOH 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 the CEPA. A Post-Scoping Notice of its decision will appear in a future edition of the Environmental Monitor.

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 Wall Street Place

Address of Possible Project Location: 61 Wall Street & 17 Isaacs Street, Norwalk, CT 06850

Municipality where it would be located: Norwalk

Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) Determination: On August 8, 2023, the Department of Housing published a <u>Notice</u> <u>of Scoping</u> to solicit public comments for this proposed redevelopment in the *Environmental Monitor*.

<u>Comments</u> were received during the public comment period. The DOH's responses to the comments received are <u>here</u>. After consideration of the comments received, the Department of Housing has determined: **the project does not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) under the CEPA**. The agency's conclusion is documented in a <u>Memo of Findings and</u> <u>Determination</u> and an <u>Environmental Review Checklist</u>.

Agency contact:

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What Happens Next: The Department of Housing expects the project to go forward. This is expected to be the final notice of the project to be published in the *Environmental Monitor*.

2. Post-Scoping Notice for 85 Tremont Street

Address of Possible Project Location: 85 Tremont Street, Meriden, CT 06450

Municipality where it would be located: Meriden

Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) Determination: On August 22nd, 2023, the Department of Housing published a <u>Notice of Scoping</u> to solicit public comments for this proposed adaptive reuse in the *Environmental Monitor*.

<u>Comments</u> were received during the public comment period. The DOH's responses to the comments received are <u>here</u>.

After consideration of the comments received, the DOH has determined: **the project does not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) under the CEPA**. The agency's conclusion is documented in a <u>Memo of Findings and</u> <u>Determination</u> and an <u>Environmental Review Checklist</u>.

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What Happens Next: The DOH 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**

No Record of Decision Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.

OPM's Determination of Adequacy

After an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) and record of decision are developed, the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) will determine if the EIE and the associated process are 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 (OPM) maintains a list of projects that have entered the CEPA process. It shows each project's status. The inventory can be found here.

CEQ Contact Information

All inquiries and requests of the Council should be sent electronically to: ceq@ct.gov.

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