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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 Notices have been submitted for publication in this edition.

1. Notice of Scoping for Cheshire Highland

Address of possible location: 1728 Highland Avenue, Cheshire, CT 06410

Municipality where proposed action might be located: Cheshire

Project Description: The proposed development, Cheshire Highland in Cheshire, CT, will include 71 apartments across 7 buildings (the "Development"). The Development is identified by Map block and lot # 11-46 in Cheshire, CT, 06410, USA. Cheshire highland is an undeveloped, wooded lot with frontage on Route 10, a state road. The total site is 13.82 acres, but the development area is limited to approximately 5 acres. A Phase I report has been completed and there are no known environmental issues on the site. A project notification was made to the State Historic Preservation Office ("SHPO") in September of 2023. SHPO recommended archeological reconnaissance of the project area. Subsurface testing during the reconnaissance survey yielded only a small quantity of 19th century and later ceramics, modern window and bottle glass, an adding machine or calculator button, and a metal gear fragment. No Native American artifacts or cultural features were encountered during the assessment or reconnaissance survey. The survey did not identify any archaeological resources that meet the criteria for eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places. The state soil scientist stated that, site is not subject to the requirements of the Farmland Protection Policy Act because it is identified as Urbanized area on the

Census Bureau Map. The location is in the Aquifer protection area. Cheshire Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission Permit is available. No other major environmental concern was identified.

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: **September 6, 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: **August 16, 2024.**

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

Name: Mithila Chakraborty, Ph.D.

Agency: Department of Housing

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

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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*.

2. Notice of Scoping for 1600 New Britain Avenue

Address of possible location: 1600 New Britain Avenue, Farmington, CT 06032

Municipality where proposed action might be located: Farmington

Project Description: The proposed development, 1600 New Britain Avenue, will include 90 apartments across 8 buildings (the "Development"). The Development is located at 1600 New Britain Avenue in Farmington, CT, 06032, USA. The Farmington Canal Heritage Trail directly abuts the property to the west. The development team is planning a direct connection to that trail for residents which the town approved as part of the site plan approval. 1600 New Britain was previously a part of the adjacent parcel, which is now known as 1690 New Britain Avenue. As far as we can tell, the only improvements on 1600 New Britain Avenue have been minor improvements associated with the adjacent office use at 1690 New Britain Avenue, including a small azimuth house. The total development area will include 9.09 acres. There are no known environmental issues on the site. A project notification was made to the State Historic Preservation Office ("SHPO"), who reviewed the project location and determined, in their opinion, that no historic properties will be affected by the proposed undertaking. Readily available soil data and historic aerial imagery indicate that the entirety of the project parcel has been previously disturbed, which was part of the basis for SHPO's determination that it is unlikely that the proposed project will impact significant archaeological deposits. SHPO reviewed the proposal of work for the project site and confirmed in their letter dated October 4, 2023, that no historic properties will be affected by the proposed work to be performed. No major environmental concern was identified.

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

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3. Notice of Scoping for Portland Water Department Development of Public Drinking Water Infrastructure

Address of possible location: 301 Gospel Lane, Portland, Connecticut

Municipality where proposed action might be located: Portland

Project Description: This project will develop a new drinking water well as an additional water source for the Portland Water Department to support residents and businesses in Portland. The project will include a pumphouse facility, piping, and possibly water treatment, all of which will be determined following development and testing of the new well. The well will be plumbed into existing Portland Water Department distribution piping on Gospel Lane.

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: **September 6, 2024**

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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*.

4. Notice of Scoping for 122 Wilton Road

Address of possible location: 122 Wilton Rd., Westport, CT 06880

Municipality where proposed action might be located: Westport

Project Description: Homes with Hope (HWH) is securing a grant in the amount of \$7.6 million from the Connecticut State Department of Housing (DOH) to acquire a 19 unit newly constructed housing development at 122 Wilton Road in Westport. Working in conjunction with the current owner and DOH, the property will be constructed and conveyed to HWH upon its completion and certificate of occupancy (which is in hand). 122 Wilton Road is HWH's first significant opportunity to own and manage a property that provides permanent housing for the homeless and working poor. The development will showcase 13 units at deeply affordable rent levels, at 50% of the HUD median income. Since HWH's mission is addressing homelessness and housing issues, we have secured State rental subsidies from DOH for these 13 deeply targeted units for housing homeless individuals and families, currently in homeless shelters. The remaining 6 units at 122 Wilton Road will be marketed to families at 60% and 80% of the HUD area median, also part of HWH's mission of producing mixed income communities. This mix of incomes will ensure HWH that it can both meet the needs of the homeless, as well as serve those who cannot afford suitable housing in the community. The 4 one-bedroom units, 8 two-bedroom units and 7 three-bedroom units contain their own bathroom and kitchen. As building owner, HWH will be responsible for rent up, expenses, maintenance and operating the project for the term of the grant, which is expected to be 30 years. The project construction area is in zone-x, out of 100-year floodzone, tidal wetland and aquifer protection area. Natural Diversity Database Review (NDDB) was also done,

and approval received. Phase I ESA didn't identify any recognized environmental concern (REC).

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: **September 6, 2024.**

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

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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 Town of Vernon Exit 67 Sanitary Sewer Extension

Addresses: Reservoir Road, Exit 67 off of Interstate 84 in the Town of Vernon, CT.

Municipality: Town of Vernon

Project Description: The Town of Vernon proposes to extend sanitary sewers to the area in and around exit 67 off of Interstate 84. This project was documented in a Town report from July 2017 and a subsequent feasibility study by Tighe & Bond from March 2021. These studies recommended the construction of sanitary sewers to the area around Exits 66 and 67 off of Interstate 84 in Vernon to provide sewer service to existing residential lots to allow the development of undeveloped properties in and around these exits in support of the industrial and commercial growth vision adopted by Vernon in its 2021 Plan of Conservation and Development and to address failing septic systems in certain areas.

The project is financially supported by a \$1,636,696 grant-in-aid (Urban Act grant) from the State of Connecticut assigned to the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) for its administration. The total funding appropriated by the Town for this project is \$4,424,210 which includes the state grant.

The work consists of the installation of approximately 5,600 linear feet of 8" new gravity sewer main, approximately 1,200 linear feet of 6" new sewer service laterals, approximately 2,100 linear feet of 6" sewer force main, and 1 new pump station. The gravity sewer main, low-pressure sewer main, and pump station would be maintained by Vernon's Water Pollution Control Authority. The new gravity sewer will connect to the new pumping station and the new sewer force main will connect to an existing 18-inch gravity sewer main. The pump station will have an average design flow rate of 123,400 gallons per day. A public hearing was held on April 8, 2024, for affected residents to comment on the project.

Project Maps: [Sewer Extension Location Map](#) [Locus Map](#)

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: **September 5, 2024.**

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

Date: August 19, 2024

Time: 6:00pm

Place: Virtual utilizing Zoom. The link to register for the public meeting is:

https://ctdeep.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_rOjZRSzOR4e_3e87cUCa9Q

Additional information about the project can be viewed in person at the Vernon Town Hall:

Address: 14 Park Place, Vernon

Hours: Monday-Wednesday 8:00am- 4:00pm, Thursdays 8am-7pm.

Written comments, information, and/or questions about the public scoping meeting should be sent to:

Name: Jueda Shytko

Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

Address: 79 Elm Street, Hartford CT 06106

E-Mail: Jueda.Shytko@ct.gov

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

Name: Jueda Shytko

Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

Address: 79 Elm Street, Hartford CT 06106

E-Mail: Jueda.Shytko@ct.gov

What Happens Next: The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection 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*.

6. Notice of Scoping for Connecticut Water Company Green Springs System Consolidation

Address of possible location: The intersection of Ridge Road and Green Hill Road to the intersection of Durham Road (Route 79) and Green Springs Drive in Madison, CT.

Municipality where proposed action might be located: Madison

Project Description: This project proposes to connect and consolidate the Connecticut Water Company's (CTWC) Green Springs public water system (Green Springs) with the CTWC Shoreline Region Guilford public water system by constructing a 6,500 linear foot water main between the two systems. This project is intended to mitigate per- and polyfluoroalkyl substance (PFAS) contamination present in the Green Springs well(s). A booster station, not proposed to be funded as part of this project, may be required to address elevation differences.

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: **September 20, 2024**

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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

Website Address: https://dphct.govqa.us/WEBAPP/_rs/

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*.

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 notices for additional time have been submitted for publication in this edition.

1. Notice of Time Extension for Post-Scoping Notice for Church Street Commons

Address of Possible Project Location: 60 Church Street, Hebron, CT

Municipality where proposed action would be located: Hebron

Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) Determination: On November 21, 2023, the Department of Housing published a [Notice of Scoping](#) 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 **February 20, 2025**.

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

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*.

2. Notice of Time Extension for Post-Scoping Notice for Waltersville Commons

Address of Possible Project Location: 167 Steuben Street, Bridgeport, CT 06608

Municipality where proposed action would be located: Bridgeport

Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) Determination: On December 5, 2023, the Department of Housing published a [Notice of Scoping](#) 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: Awaiting additional information.

Estimated Publication Date: The DOH estimates that a Post-Scoping Notice will be published in the *Environmental Monitor* on or before **February 20, 2025**.

If you have questions about the proposed action, contact:

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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*.

3. Notice of Time Extension for Post-Scoping Notice for Barber Pond Dam Removal

Address of Possible Project Location: 102 Old Windsor Road

Municipality where proposed action would be located: Bloomfield

Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) Determination: On March 21, 2023, the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this proposed dam removal in the *Environmental Monitor*.

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection is unable to publish its determination regarding this action at this time.

Action Status: The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection is currently awaiting additional information on water quality so effects on water quality noted in the Environmental review Checklist will be accurate.

Estimated Publication Date: The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection estimates that a Post-Scoping Notice will be published in the *Environmental Monitor* on or before November 4th, 2024.

If you have questions about the proposed action, contact:

Name: James Heaven

Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

Address: 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106

Phone: (860) 519-7029

E-Mail: James.Heaven@ct.gov

What Happens Next: The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection 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](#)

1. Post-Scoping Notice for Coliseum Parcel 1C

Address of Possible Project Location: 265 South Orange Street, New Haven, CT 06510 (Parcel ID 113023)

Municipality where it would be located: New Haven

Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) Determination: On March 19, 2024, the Department of Economic and Community Development published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this proposed Coliseum Site Parcel 1C in the *Environmental Monitor*.

Comments were received from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. DECD's responses to the comments from CT DEEP are included in the [Environmental Review Checklist](#).

After consideration of the comments received, DECD 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 [Memo of Findings and Determination](#) and an [Environmental Review Checklist](#).

Agency contact:

Name: Jennifer Schneider

Agency: Department of Economic and Community Development

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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 Burno

Agency: Department of Economic and Community Development

Address: 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 5, Hartford, CT 06103

E-Mail: mark.burno@ct.gov

What Happens Next: DECD 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 The Monarch

Address of Possible Project Location: 149-169 Derby Avenue, New Haven, CT 06511

Municipality where it would be located: New Haven

Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) Determination: On December 5, 2023, the Department of Housing published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this proposed project in the *Environmental Monitor*.

Comments were received during the public comment period. The DOH's responses to the comments received are [here](#).

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 [Memo of Findings and](#)

Agency contact:

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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*.

3. Post-Scoping Notice for Science Park Tract A

Address of Possible Project Location: Eastern Courtyard of 275 Winchester Avenue, New Haven, CT 06511 (Parcel ID 14691)

Municipality where it would be located: New Haven

Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) Determination: On March 19, 2024, the Department of Economic and Community Development published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this proposed Science Park Tract A in the *Environmental Monitor*.

Comments were received from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. DECD's responses to the comments from CT DEEP are included in the [Environmental Review Checklist](#).

After consideration of the comments received, DECD 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 [Memo of Findings and Determination](#) and an [Environmental Review Checklist](#).

Agency contact:

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E-Mail: Jennifer.Schneider@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 Burno
Agency: 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 DECD expects the project to go forward. This is expected to be the final notice of the project to be published in the Environmental Monitor.

4. Post-Scoping Notice for Relocation of Route 8 Southbound (SB) Interchange 34

Address of Possible Project Location: Route 8 in the southbound (SB) direction and on the local roadway network within the vicinity of Interchange 35 On-ramp (Route 73) and Interchange 34 Off-ramp. The proposed project area encompasses Route 8 SB from Mile Marker 31.56 to Mile Marker 30.62. The existing Interchange 35 On-Ramp begins at E. Aurora Street. The existing Interchange 34 Off-Ramp terminates at West Main Street. The local roadway network of interest extends from E. Aurora Street to the north, West Main Street to the south, Grandview Avenue to the west and northbound (NB) Watertown Avenue to the east.

Municipality where it would be located: Waterbury

Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) Determination: On October 17, 2023, the Connecticut Department of Transportation published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this proposed Relocation of Route 8 SB Interchange 34 in the *Environmental Monitor*.

A public scoping meeting was held on Wednesday November 15, 2023, at 6:00 PM.

Comments were received during the public comment period and during the Public Scoping Meeting. CTDOT received comments from the [Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection \(CTDEEP\)](#) and several members of the public. A synopsis of the comments received and CTDOT's responses are included in the [Environmental Review Checklist](#), which also includes the report of meeting from the public scoping meeting.

After consideration of the comments received, the CTDOT 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 [Memo of Findings and Determination](#) and an [Environmental Review Checklist](#).

Agency contact:

Name: Mr. Jonathan Dean, Project Manager

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

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E-Mail: Jonathan.Dean@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: Ms. Alice M. Sexton

Agency: Connecticut Department of Transportation, Office of Legal Services

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What Happens Next: The CTDOT 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 Route 7 and Route 15 Interchange Project

Address of Possible Project Location: The project is located in the northern portion of Norwalk at the interchange of Routes 7 and 15 (Interchange 39) and includes the interchange of Route 15 and Main Avenue (Interchange 40); Route 719 (Main Avenue); and Glover Avenue/Creeping Hemlock Drive in the vicinity of Main Avenue. The proposed limits of construction extend along Route 15 from approximately 0.5 miles west of Route 7 to approximately 0.5 miles east of Main Avenue and along Route 7 from approximately 0.5 miles south to approximately 0.5 miles north of Route 15.

Municipality where proposed action is to be located: Norwalk

Project Description: The proposed project will address the missing connections on the existing Route 15 and Route 7 interchange and would consequently improve the mobility for motorists at the following locations:

- Southbound Route 15 to northbound Route 7
- Southbound Route 15 to southbound Route 7
- Northbound Route 7 to northbound Route 15
- Southbound Route 7 to northbound Route 15

Additionally, improvements to the Route 15 and Main Avenue ramps will address the substandard acceleration lanes, steep changes in grade, sharp curves, and limited sight distance. These factors contribute to a high number of crashes on the Merritt Parkway.

Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) Determination: On July 18, 2023, the Connecticut Department of Transportation published a [Notice of Availability](#) of an [Environmental Impact Evaluation](#), (EIE) in accordance with Section 22a-1d of CEPA, in the *Environmental Monitor*. CTDOT held a public hearing on August 16, 2023, at Norwalk City Hall.

Comments were received from the general public and from the following agencies and organizations:

- Friends of the Norwalk River Valley Trail
- CT Council on Environmental Quality
- CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
- Norwalk River Watershed Association, Inc.
- Western CT Council of Governments
- Preservation Connecticut

- CT State Historic Preservation Office
- US Environmental Protection Agency

CTDOT has prepared responses to the substantive issues raised in the comments on the EIE and on supplemental materials or amendments. CTDOT's conclusion, including the comments received and responses, is documented in the [Record of Decision](#) for the proposed action.

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What happens next: The CTDOT has submitted the Record of Decision to the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) for review. Notice of 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) 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.](#)

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](#).

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

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