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## **November 18, 2025**

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No notices for additional time have been submitted for publication in this edition.

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

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

### State Land Transfer

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

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Scoping Notice			
Scoping" is for projects in the earliest stages environmental impacts does not yet exist. Spulternatives and environmental impacts that some date indicated. Read more about the reg	oonsoring agencies are asking for should be considered for further s	comments from other agencies study. Send your comments to the	and from the public as to the scope of
The following	g Scoping Notices have been s	ubmitted for publication in thi	s edition.

Notices in the Environmental Monitor are written and formatted by the sponsoring agencies and are published unedited. Questions about the content

## Notice of Scoping for Connecticut Army National Guard Aircraft Hangar Alteration/Addition

Project Title: Proposed Aircraft Hangar Addition/Alteration

Address of possible location: 139 Tower Avenue

of any notice should be directed to the sponsoring agency.

Municipality where proposed action might be located: Groton

### **Project Description:**

The Groton-based unit is one of only four units in the U.S. Army's footprint designated for large-scale rotary-wing maintenance and covers a geographical region spanning fourteen states. The unit's state-of-the-art maintenance facility allows it the capability to repair and test nearly every component in the UH-60 Blackhawk and CH-47 Chinook helicopters. The daily work being performed by the TASMG, including soldiers, technicians, and contractors, is focused on keeping the military's current operational fleet in the air.

The modernization of this facility is required for the national mission of theater aviation sustainment maintenance. This facility continues to expand in mission requirements, required quantity of space, and personnel assigned. This project is to construct an addition/alteration for TASMG personnel of permanent type construction to serve the missions of the assigned units. The space will permit all personnel to perform the necessary tasks that will improve the unit's readiness posture.

Known as the "Proposed Aircraft Hangar Addition/Alteration", the Proposed Action to be assessed under the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) process consists of the following elements:

- Renovation of 33,127 square feet (SF)
- Addition of 56,579 SF

The Connecticut Army National Guard will incorporate comments from the public and evaluate the Proposed Action. Direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts associated with the Proposed Action will be assessed.

Project Map: CTARNG Groton Scoping Notice Fig1 Site Location 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 20, 2025.

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 **October 30, 2025.** 

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

Name: Robert Dollak, REM, Supervising Environmental Analyst

**Agency:** State of Connecticut Military Department

Address: 360 Broad Street, Suite 224, Hartford, CT 06105

E-Mail: Robert.f.dollak.nfg@army.mil

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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Agency: State of Connecticut Military Department

Address: 360 Broad Street, Suite 224, Hartford, CT 06105

E-Mail: Robert.f.dollak.nfg@army.mil

### What Happens Next:

The State of Connecticut Military Department will make a determination whether to proceed with the 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*.

## **Notice of Scoping for Judds Homestead**

Address of possible location: 980 High Street, Fairfield, CT 06824

Municipality where proposed action might be located: Fairfield

**Project Description**: This development effort proposes the new construction of 40 multifamily dwelling units in five (5) buildings on 2.48 acres as well as the adaptively reused existing circa 1890's farmhouse into a community room and management offices. The project is 100% affordable with projected household incomes ranging from 30% to 80% AMI in 18 one bedroom, 16 two bedroom and 6 three bedroom dwelling units. All first floor apartments will be fully accessible units. The site is located in a pedestrian friendly neighborhood and is an 8 minute walk to Holland Hill elementary school, and many retail and medical establishments on Black Rock Turnpike, and a bus stop. According to State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) "The property located at 980 High Street does not appear eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Portions of the soil series descriptions reported for the project area are noted to be urban land, characterized by periods of filling, cutting, and other ground disturbing activities. Review of historic aerials show a period of rapid development around the project area between 1934 and 1949. These conditions indicate that the project area has a low potential to yield intact archaeological deposits. Based on the information provided, no historic properties will be affected". No 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: December 4, 2025.

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

Name: Mithila Chakraborty, Ph.D.

Agency: Connecticut Dept. of Housing

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

E-Mail: mithila.chakraborty@ct.gov

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## **Notice of Scoping for River Ridge Apartments**

Address of possible location: 2364 State Street, Hamden, CT

Municipality where proposed action might be located: Hamden

**Project Description**: The proposed project contemplates the preservation of existing affordability and moderate rehabilitation of 62 dwelling units in an existing mixed-age affordable apartment complex known as River Ridge Apartments, originally constructed in 2001 and is located on 4.43 acres at 2364 State Street in Hamden, CT. The complex consists of (3) two-story buildings and (1) 3-story wood-frame buildings containing a total of sixty-two (62) dwelling units, along with a free-standing single-story Community Building which also houses the management offices. The two-story buildings are arranged as flats (49 units total), with entry from the front of the buildings at one level, and entry from the rear at another level. The three-story building consists of thirteen (13) 3 bedroom townhouse units. The scope of renovation work contemplates replacement and maintenance of existing sidewalks and asphalt parking lots, landscaping maintenance, etc. with no new or expansion of buildings or increase to impervious surfaces. Building exteriors will receive new roofs, windows, siding and trim repairs as well as accessibility-compliant levered hardware on doors. Interior improvements include but not limited to replacement with high-efficiency HVAC equipment, new flooring, cabinetry and finishes. The project area is not inside any wetland/floodzone but within Natural Diversity DataBase (NDDB) blobs.

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: December 4, 2025

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# Notice of Scoping for Starr Winchester Homeownership

Addresses of possible locations: 136 Starr Street, 139 Starr Street, 205 Starr Street, 209 Starr Street, 213 Starr Street, 219 Starr Street, 222 Starr Street, 261 Starr Street, 265 Starr Street, 274 Starr Street, 552 Winchester Avenue, 606 Winchester Avenue, 614-616 Winchester Avenue, 632 Winchester Avenue, New Haven, CT 06511

Municipality where proposed action might be located: New Haven

Project Description: The project consists of new construction of a single-family home, two-family homes, and duplexes on the abovementioned vacant lots. The single-family design will be a three-story homeownership unit with massing similar to that of existing neighborhood homes. The first floor will contain a garage and the second two stories, living space. The two-family design will include two units with a homeownership unit that combines a second/third floor, two and a half bathrooms, three bedrooms and a rental unit with two bedrooms and least one and a half bathrooms. The duplex design will be similar to the two-family design except that the units will be side-by-side and consist of two homeownership units. All structures will contain interior and exterior basement access, rear structure access and rear porch and off-street parking. The structures shall be designed in a similar style to the existing neighborhood and improve the existing streetscape. The City of New Haven LCI is conducting development of properties to address the need to provide homeownership and rental units. The funding is made available through the Neighborhood Renewal Program provided by the State of Connecticut Department of Housing and City of New Haven. This is a homeownership (first homebuyers) and affordable rental (80% AMI) project. The Project meets the City of New Haven's need for homeowner occupied houses and affordable rental units. The project aims to revitalize under-utilized spaces where homes have been demolished in response to fire, blight, etc. An initial State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) notice was filed for the block of addresses along Starr Street. A response was received dated March 19, 2024. Their response was that in keeping with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, the new structures should be compatible with the existing historic buildings within the district in scale, massing, setback,

rhythm and design. When architectural plans are completed at 30%, they must be shared with SHPO for comment. Contingent on the

undertaking following the guidance described above, the undertaking will have a conditional no adverse effect to historic resources. An additional SHPO notice was filed for the parcels later added to the project comprising the Winchester Ave. parcels and 136 and 139 Starr Street. A response was received dated December 27, 2024. All of the Winchester Ave. parcels were determined to have been contributing resources while they were still extant. The parcels on Starr Street were listed as non-contributing resources. As the plans are not yet complete, SHPO said that they cannot make a determination of effect at this time. However, the office has no objection to the development of project plans, provided SHPO be provided with design documents for review and comment as part of additional consultation. A Tribal outreach letter was also sent to the contacts gathered from the Tribal Database Assessment Tool (TDAT) developed by HUD to locate tribes with interests in the area. One response was received from the Mohegan Tribe stating that the tribe had no interest in the project. 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: December 18, 2025.

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

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# **Notice of Scoping for Oyster Harbor Village**

Addresses of possible locations: 185, 212, and 213 Front Street, New Haven CT 06513

Municipality where proposed action might be located: City of New Haven

**Project Description**: The City of New Haven will be using a \$947,500 remediation grant award for the demolition and abatement of blighted buildings and excavation of petroleum-impacted soil at 185, 212, and 213 Front Street, New Haven. The 1.34-acre site, located along the Quinnipiac River, has a history of industrial use, including a coal yard, fuel tank farm, and metalworking shop. The remediation will pave the way for the construction of 70 residential units (10% affordable at 50% or below AMI), retail spaces, and a 29,000 sq. ft. green space and boardwalk by River Front Development, LLC, to improve pedestrian access.

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: December 19, 2025.

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 **November 28, 2025.** 

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: <u>Gregory.Ambros@ct.gov</u>

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: Chaimae Sabir

**Agency:** Department of Economic and Community Development Address: 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 5, Hartford, CT 06103

E-Mail: Chaimae.Sabir@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*.

## Notice of Scoping for Town of Coventry Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF)

Project Title: Coventry Water Pollution Control Facility Upgrade

Addresses of possible locations: 394 Main St., Coventry, potentially with a transmission line to 2 Main St., Willimantic (via various potential routes: Route 31 to Route 32 to Route 6, OR crossing the Willimantic River [using either Jude Lane, Depot Road, or an easement area] to Route 32 to Route 6).

Municipalities where proposed action might be located: Coventry, with a potential transmission line to Willimantic

Project Description: The Town of Coventry owns and operates a Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) that treats wastewater generated in the area around Coventry Lake and primarily from residential properties. The treated wastewater is then discharged to groundwater through a series of Rapid Infiltration Basins (RIBs). The WPCF, constructed in 1985, is designed and permitted to treat an average daily flow of 200,000 gallons per day (GPD). The WPCF's discharge to groundwater was initially permitted in 1997 and the permit coverage has been maintained to present day.

The major treatment processes at the WPCF include influent pumping, preliminary treatment (grit removal), and primary treatment. Primary effluent is discharged to the RIBs. Sludge from the treatment process is collected and disposed of as offsite. Treated effluent is discharged to the groundwater from the bottom of the RIBs, and this groundwater travels to the Willimantic River which is located approximately 70 feet away.

The RIBS have experienced breakouts on the ground surface of wastewater that has not been fully treated, which is an indicator of a malfunctioning system, close to the Willimantic River. This scoping notice is for a proposal to evaluate two options:

- 1) upgrade Coventry's existing substandard and aging WPCF at its current location, expand its capacity to approximately 266,000 GPD, and alter the groundwater discharge to a direct surface water discharge to the Willimantic River, which would meet applicable State and Federal regulatory laws, including water quality requirements, or
- 2) evaluate the alternative of ceasing on-site treatment and converting Coventry's WPCF to a pump station which would convey its wastewater through a new transmission line to the Windham WPCF, located at 2 Main Street, Willimantic, CT, where it is discharged to the Shetucket River after treatment. Several potential paths for the new transmission line were evaluated in the Planning Report linked below and are shown on Figure 7-1. These proposed routes either initially follow Route 31 and connect to Route 32 or cross the river to Route 32 by way of Jude Ln, Depot Rd, or through an easement area and then turns onto Route 6 to the proposed connection manhole. The transmission line will not allow for new sewer connections. This alternative would require Coventry to successfully negotiate an intermunicipal agreement (IMA) allowing Coventry to convey its wastewater flows to Willimantic for treatment and disposal.

The Town developed a planning report documenting these options. A draft of the report can be found here.

The Town is planning to expand the Sewer Service Area to account for future growth and for new connections mostly located around the Coventry Lake area. The proposed future sewer service area is shown on Figure 3-3 of the report.

Project Maps: Click here to view a map of the existing sewer area. Click here to view a map of the proposed sewer area. Click here to view a map of the Windham connection routes. Click here to view a map of the WPCF construction space.

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: December 18, 2025

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

DATE: December 11, 2025

**TIME**: 6:00 pm

**PLACE**: Virtual, utilizing Zoom

NOTES: The link to attend the public meeting is: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84421029955?

pwd=JMALTV3a5YHBgGaK0d4jkt8c2gRuPg.1

Or <a href="https://zoom.us/join">https://zoom.us/join</a>

To access Zoom via telephone dial 929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 844 2102 9955

Passcode: 785614

Additional information about the project can be viewed in person: by contacting Mike Ruef before December 18, 2025, at (860)

531-2913 or by email: mruef@coventry-ct.gov.

#### Written comments should be sent to:

Name: Robin Rittgers

Agency: Water Planning & Management Division, Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse,

Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, CT DEEP

Address: 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5127

E-Mail: Robin.Rittgers@ct.gov

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

Name: Robin Rittgers

Agency: Water Planning & Management Division, Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse,

Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, CT DEEP

Address: 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5127

E-Mail: Robin.Rittgers@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: Brenda Antuna

**Agency:** Office of the Commissioner, CT DEEP **Address:** 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5127

E-Mail: <u>Brenda.Antuna@ct.gov</u>

What Happens Next: DEEP 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 about the regulations for a "need more time" notice.

No notices for additional time	have been submitted fo	r 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 <u>Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE)</u> needs to be prepared for a proposed State action. <u>Read more about the regulations for a Post-Scoping Notice</u>.

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

# Post-Scoping Notice for Enfield Station

Project Title: Enfield Station Remediation Project

Address of Possible Project Location: 33 North River Street, Enfield, CT

Municipality where it would be located: Enfield, CT

**Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) Determination:** On 04/22/2025, the Department of Economic and Community Development published a **Notice of Scoping** to solicit public comments for this proposed project in the *Environmental Monitor*.

Comments were received from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP) during the public comment period. DECD's responses to the comments from CT DEEP are included in the Environmental Review Checklist.

After consideration of the comments received, the Department of Economic and Community Development 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 <a href="Memo of Findings and Determination">Memo of Findings and Determination</a> and an <a href="Environmental Review Checklist">Environmental Review Checklist</a>.

## Agency contact:

Name: Almariet Roberts

**Agency:** Department of Economic and Community Development **Address:** 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 5, Hartford, CT 06103

Phone: 860-500-2383

E-Mail: <u>Almariet.Roberts@ct.gov</u>

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: James Parsley

**Agency:** Department of Economic and Community Development **Address:** 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 5, Hartford, CT 06103

E-Mail: <u>James.Parsley@ct.gov</u>

#### What Happens Next:

The Department of Economic and Community Development 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, which is called an **Environmental Impact Evaluation** (EIE). Read more about the regulations for an Environmental Impact Evaluation.

The following EIE Notices have I	been submitted	for publication i	n this edition.

# Revised Notice of an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) for Regional Composting Facility and Recycling Infrastructure

**Revised:** DEEP has extended the dates for public comment. Requests for public hearings will be accepted until **November 28, 2025**. Public comments will be accepted until **January 2, 2026**.

Addresses of Possible Project Location: 263 & 311 Olcott Street, Manchester, CT 06040

Municipality where proposed action is to be located: Town of Manchester

**Project Description**: Utilizing a grant award from the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) through its MMI Grant Program, the Town of Manchester proposes to construct a food waste receiving and processing facility to manage collected food wastes, which will be Phase I of a proposed food scrap recycling program. The facility will be sized to process food scraps from the municipal collection program as well as other municipal, institutional, residential, retail, wholesale, and commercial sources; it is anticipated that this facility will serve as a regional food waste collection point for municipalities east of the Connecticut River.

The Town also proposes the construction of an aerated static pile (ASP) composting facility to compost collected food wastes with leaves and mixed yard wastes. This facility will be Phase II of a proposed onsite food scrap recycling program. Presently, it is anticipated that the ASP facility could manage up to 2,000 tons per year of food waste, but will also be expandable to manage future demand. Finally, the Town proposes the procurement and installation of new equipment to collect and process (i.e., bale) residential plastic film collected at the municipal transfer station as well as from other municipalities in the region.

Project Map: Click here to view a map of the project area.

Scoping Notice and Post Scoping Notice: DEEP published a Scoping Notice on <u>May 20, 2025</u>, and a Post-Scoping Notice on <u>July 22, 2025</u>, for the proposed regional composting facility in the *Environmental Monitor*.

Comments on this EIE will be accepted until the close of business on: January 2, 2026.

The public can view a copy of the EIE <u>here</u> or at the following locations:

Manchester Town Clerk's Office 41 Center Street (Town Hall) Manchester, CT 06045

Manchester Public Library 586 Main Street Manchester, CT 06040

CT DEEP Headquarters MMCA Bureau 79 Elm Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Hartford, CT 06103

If a public hearing is requested by twenty-five or more persons, or by an association having not less than twenty-five persons, DEEP will schedule a public hearing on the EIE. Such requests for a public hearing must be made by contacting the DEEP staff member identified below by **November 28**, **2025**.

Other information: The EIE is also located on DEEP's "Materials Management Infrastructure Grant Program" webpage.

Written comments about this EIE, questions about this EIE, or a request for a public hearing should be sent to:

Name: Michael T. Looney

Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP)

Address: 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5127

Phone: 860-424-3530

E-Mail: Michael.Looney@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: Michael T. Looney

Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP)

Address: 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5127

Phone: 860-424-3530

E-Mail: Michael.Looney@ct.gov

What happens next: DEEP will review the comments received and may conduct further environmental study and analysis or amend the evaluation. DEEP will prepare responses to the substantive issues raised in review of and comment on the EIE and any supplemental materials or amendments. Those responses and all supplemental materials and comments shall be made available in a "Record of Decision", which will appear in the *Environmental Monitor* for public inspection.

# Revised Notice of an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) for a Regional Composting Facility in Kent, CT

**Revised:** DEEP has extended the dates for public comments. Requests for a public hearing will be accepted until **November 28, 2025**. Public comments will be accepted until **January 2, 2026**. The previously released EIE erroneously omitted an environmental justice community. This EIE document includes updated evaluation and analysis of potential impacts to that community and concludes that there is no potential impact.

Address of Possible Project Location: 38 and 44 Maple Street, Kent Ct 06757

Municipality where proposed action is to be located: Kent

Project Description: Utilizing a grant award from the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) through its Materials Management and Infrastructure Grant Program, the Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority (HRRA) proposes to site an in-vessel composting unit at the Kent transfer station where food scraps are collected. The in-vessel unit will be solar powered. HRRA believes that municipalities can create a closed-loop sustainable composting system to manage food waste locally, reducing the carbon footprint of offsite disposal and contributing to the waste diversion goals of the state. On behalf of Kent, the HRRA is currently in discussions to expand collection with neighboring adjacent, non-HRRA member communities to bring their material for processing therefore expanding the municipalities being served beyond HRRA. In addition, food scraps collected from the satellite metroSTOR containers in the Northern HRRA region will be transported to the Kent transfer station, rather than trucking to more distant processing facilities. This infrastructure will improve, expand, and provide waste reduction for organics management services to this part of the region and beyond. In addition, this will significantly reduce the carbon footprint of food scraps collection and reduce the operating cost to the Town.

Project Map: Click here to view a map of the project area.

Scoping Notice and Post Scoping Notice: DEEP published a Scoping Notice on <u>May 20, 2025</u>, and a Post-Scoping Notice on <u>July 22, 2025</u>, for the proposed project in the Environmental Monitor.

Comments on this EIE are being extended and will be accepted until the close of business on: January 2, 2026.

The public can view a copy of the EIE <u>here</u> or at the following locations:

Kent Town Clerk's Office 41 Kent Green Boulevard (Town Hall) Kent, CT 06757

Kent Memorial Library 32 North Main Street Kent, CT 06757

CT DEEP Headquarters, by appointment only

Contact: Michael.Looney@ct.gov

79 Elm Street, 4th Floor Hartford, CT 06103

If a public hearing is requested by twenty-five or more persons, or by an association having not less than twenty-five persons, the sponsoring agency will schedule a public hearing on the EIE. Such requests for a public hearing must be made by contacting the DEEP staff identified below by **November 28, 2025.** 

Written comments about this EIE, questions about this EIE, or a request for a public hearing should be sent to:

Name: Michael Looney

Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

Address: 79 Elm Street, Hartford CT 06106

Phone: 860-424-3530

E-Mail: Michael.Looney@ct.gov

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**What happens next:** DEEP will review the comments received and may conduct further environmental study and analysis or amend the evaluation. DEEP will prepare responses to the substantive issues raised in review of and comment on the EIE and any supplemental materials or amendments.

Those responses and all supplemental materials and comments shall be made available in a "Record of Decision", which will appear in

the Environmental Monitor for public inspection.

# Revised Notice of an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) for Building a Regional Composting Facility for Southeastern Connecticut in Preston

**Revised:** DEEP has extended the dates for public comments. Requests for a public hearing will be accepted until **November 28, 2025**. Public comments will be accepted until **January 2, 2026**.

Address of Possible Project Location: 132 Military Highway (Route 12) Preston

Municipality where proposed action is to be located: Preston

**Project Description**: Utilizing a grant award from the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) through its Materials Management and Infrastructure Grant Program, the Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority (SCRRRA) proposes to construct and operate the first large-scale aerobic food waste composting facility in southeastern Connecticut, fulfilling an infrastructure need in an historically underserved region. The facility will utilize an innovative hybrid compost system, combining aerated static pile processing with open windrows for curing, resulting in quicker composting times and reduced operational costs. The facility will be situated on approximately six acres of land owned by the Authority at 132 Military Highway (Route 12) in the town of Preston. It is anticipated that the volume of source-separated organics diverted will be approximately 5,500 tons per year, and the anticipated volume of wood waste diverted will be approximately 8,500 tons per year.

Local zoning approval for the facility has been acquired, and the required state-level solid waste permit application is currently under review by DEEP. A robust environmental justice public participation plan has also been developed and approved by DEEP, in consideration of Preston's status as a distressed municipality.

**Project Map: Click here** to view a map of the project location.

Scoping Notice and Post Scoping Notice: The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection published a Scoping Notice on May 20, 2025, and a Post-Scoping Notice on July 22, 2025, for the proposed project in the Environmental Monitor.

Comments on this EIE has been extended and will be accepted until the close of business on January 2, 2026.

The public can view a copy of the EIE <u>here</u> or at the following locations:

Preston Town Clerk's Office 389 Route 2 – Town Hall Preston, CT 06365

Preston Public Library 389 Route 2 Preston, CT 06365

CT DEEP Headquarters
By appointment only

Contact: Michael.Looney@ct.gov

79 Elm Street, 4th Floor Hartford, CT 06103

If a public hearing is requested by twenty-five or more persons, or by an association having not less than twenty-five persons, the sponsoring agency will schedule a public hearing on the EIE. Such requests for a public hearing must be made by contacting DEEP identified below by **November 28, 2025**.

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Name: Michael T. Looney Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Address: 79 Elm Street, Hartford CT 06106 Phone: 860-424-3530 E-Mail: Michael.Looney@ct.gov
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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 about the regulations for a Record of Decision.
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 about the regulations for a Determination of Adequacy.
No Determination of Adequacy Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.
State Land Transfer Notice
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 land transfer process</u> .
No State Land Transfer Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.

Written comments about this EIE, questions about this EIE, or to request a public hearing, please contact:

## **CEPA Project Inventory**

The Office of Policy and Management (OPM) maintains a <u>list of projects that have entered the CEPA process</u>. It shows each project's status.

## **CEQ Contact Information**

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

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