# **September 16, 2025**

# **Scoping Notice**

- Notice of Scoping for Berlin and Meriden Interconnection, Berlin/Meriden.
- Notice of Scoping for Jewett City Water Company Storage Tank and Pumping Station, Griswold.
- Notice of Scoping for Proposed Modification of Easements to Allow a 199-psig Natural Gas Distribution Pipeline Within Portions of Hurd State Park and Connecticut Valley Railroad State Park Trail, East Hampton, Haddam/Higganum, and Middletown.
- Notice of Scoping for Ridgefield High School and Middle School Interconnection, Ridgefield.
- NEW! Notice of Scoping for South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority Rehabilitation of Lake Whitney Dam, Hamden.
- NEW! Notice of Scoping for West Queen Street Water Main Interconnection, Southington.

# <u>Scoping Notice - Post-Scoping Notice (Need More Time)</u>

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

# **Post-Scoping Notice**

• Post-Scoping Notice for 2980 State Street, Hamden.

# **Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE)**

- **NEW!** Notice of an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) for Building a Regional Composting Facility for Southeastern Connecticut, Preston.
- NEW! Notice of an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) for a Regional Composting Facility in Kent, CT

# <u>Agency Record of Decision</u>

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

# **OPM Determination of Adequacy**

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

# State Land Transfer

- NEW! Notice of Proposed Land Transfer in Wethersfield
- NEW! Notice of Proposed Land Transfer in Newington

The next edition of the Environmental Monitor will be published on **October 7**, **2025**.

<u>Subscribe</u> to e-alerts to receive an e-mail when the Environmental Monitor is published.

unedited. Questions about the content of any notice should be directed to the sponsoring agency.

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

Scoping Notice

Notices in the Environmental Monitor are written and formatted by the sponsoring agencies and are published

"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.

# **Notice of Scoping for Berlin and Meriden Interconnection**

**Address of possible location:** From North Colony Road along Berlin Turnpike to the intersection of Worthington Point Road and Berlin Turnpike

Municipality where proposed action might be located: Berlin

**Project Description**: The Berlin Water Control Commission (BWCC) is seeking financial assistance under the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program of the CT Department of Public Health to fund an interconnection between the BWCC and the Meriden Water Division (MWD). The project includes installation of approximately 2,300 lineal feet of 12-inch diameter ductile iron pipe and a pressure-reducing/meter vault along Berlin Turnpike between North Colony Road and Worthington Point Road in Berlin. The new water main will be connected to the existing 12-inch diameter water main of MWD on North Colony Road, then run along Berlin Turnpike and interconnect to the existing 12-inch diameter water main of BWCC at the intersection between Berlin Turnpike and Worthington Point Road. This project will allow MWD to provide BWCC with a consistent water supply while BWCC's Lamentation Water Storage tank is offline during planned renovations to address interior corrosion. This interconnection will also enhance the distribution capacity of the two municipal water systems during drinking water emergencies.

**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 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: **August 28, 2025.** 

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

Name: Eric McPhee

**Agency:** Department of Public Health, Planning & Drinking Water State Revolving Fund 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: https://dphct.govqa.us/WEBAPP/ rs/

Phone: 860-566-5682

E-Mail: <u>DPH.foi@ct.gov</u>

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 Jewett City Water Company Storage Tank and Pumping Station

Address of possible location: 480 East Main Street, Griswold, CT

Municipality where proposed action might be located: Griswold

**Project Description**: The Jewett City Water Company (JCWC) is seeking financial assistance under the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program to fund the construction of a new storage tank and pumping station at its existing JCWC Hopeville Wellfield, located at 480 East Main Street in Griswold, CT. The proposed project will comprise of the construction of a new 300,000-gallon glass lined steel bolted water storage tank, replacement of existing groundwater well pumps, installation of a steel building with pumping facilities, and other associated work. This project will improve JCWC's storage capacity and ensure its ability to reliably meet peak demand and maintain consistent water pressure during high-demand periods and drinking water emergencies.

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 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: **August 28, 2025.** 

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

Name: Eric McPhee

Agency: Department of Public Health, Planning & Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Section

Address: 410 Capitol Avenue, MS #12DWS, PO Box 340308, Hartford, CT 06134-0308

E-Mail: <u>DPH.SourceProtection@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:

**Agency:** Department of Public Health, Hearing Office **Website:** <a href="https://dphct.govqa.us/WEBAPP/\_rs/">https://dphct.govqa.us/WEBAPP/\_rs/</a>

Phone: 860-566-5682 E-mail: <u>DPH.foi@ct.gov</u>

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 Proposed Modification of Easements to Allow a 199-psig Natural Gas Distribution Pipeline Within Portions of Hurd State Park and Connecticut Valley Railroad State Park Trail

Project Title: Southeast Resiliency Project Segment at Hurd State Park and Connecticut Valley Railroad State Park Trail

Address of possible locations: River Road, Middletown, CT (Connecticut Valley Railroad State Park Trail), 74 Hurd Park Rd, East Hampton, CT (Hurd State Park), and Clarkhurst Road, Higganum, CT (George D. Seymour State Park Scenic Reserve/Higganum Meadows Wildlife Management Area)

Municipalities where proposed action might be located: Middletown, Haddam/Higganum, and East Hampton

**Project Description**: Yankee Gas Services d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Eversource") has submitted an application seeking approval from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) on proposed modifications to two existing electric transmission easements granted to the Hartford Electric Light Company, now The Connecticut Light & Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy ("Eversource"). The modified easements

would allow construction, operation, and maintenance of a 199-psig natural gas distribution pipeline across and under property in the care, custody, and control of DEEP. The proposed pipeline segment would be 16" in diameter and stretch for the entire length of the existing easements. The proposed pipeline segment would cover a distance of approximately 6,700 feet (including the river crossing, which is located outside of the easement areas). The first easement, in Middletown, is located on the Connecticut Valley Railroad State Park Trail. The second easement, several hundred feet wide and located in Haddam and East Hampton, covers portions of Hurd State Park and George Seymour State Park Scenic Reserve/Higganum Meadows Wildlife Management Area. This proposed pipeline segment is a portion of Eversource's ongoing Southeast Resiliency Project, which would allow Eversource to interconnect existing gas infrastructure between Middletown and southeast Connecticut communities. Eversource claims this interconnection will improve the system's ability to withstand threats, quickly recover from incidents by providing system redundancy, and ensure energy supply to customers in southeast Connecticut. There are no proposed changes to the boundaries of the existing easements. No gas construction or equipment is proposed within the George Seymour State Park Scenic Reserve/Higganum Meadows Wildlife Management Area portion of the existing easement because that portion falls to the south of the proposed pipeline segment. Further details can be found in the Application for Review of Land Management Request on State-Owned Land or Water dated August 6, 2025, by clicking here.

Project Maps: Click here to view a map of the general project location. Click here to view draft maps of the easement areas.

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

A public scoping meeting will be held for this proposed action:

Date: Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Time: 6:30 pm

Place: Virtual utilizing Zoom.

The link to register for the public meeting is: https://ctdeep.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN -nEFYMueSUmc85r4tvtSdA

You can view information about the project in person at 79 Elm Street in Hartford by emailing an appointment request to <a href="mailto:lindsay.suhr@ct.gov">lindsay.suhr@ct.gov</a>.

Other Information: Click here for a copy of the Application

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

Name: Lindsay Suhr, Director, Land Acquisition and Management

Agency: CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

Address:79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT, 06106

E-Mail: <u>lindsay.suhr@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: Caleb Hamel, Staff Attorney

Agency: CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

Address: 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106

E-Mail: caleb.hamel@ct.gov

What Happens Next: DEEP will make a determination whether to proceed with preparation of an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) or that the proposed action 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 Ridgefield High School and Middle School Interconnection

**Address of possible location:** Beginning at the intersection of North Salem and Craigmoor Road, continuing northwest along North Salem Road, and terminating at 700 North Salem Road in Ridgefield, CT

Municipality where proposed action might be located: Ridgefield

**Project Description**: The Town of Ridgefield proposes to interconnect their High School and Middle School Water System with the Aquarion Water Company Ridgefield System. This proposed interconnection includes installation of approximately 950 linear feet of new water main northwest along North Salem Road, from the intersection of Craigmoor Road and North Salem Road, to the school campuses at 700 North Salem Road in Ridgefield, CT. A meter pit will be installed at the school campus' location, and a connection will be made between the meter pit, new water main, and the campus' existing distribution system. This proposed interconnection to Aquarion's Ridgefield system will improve water quality, provide system redundancy, reliability, and reduce operational costs. The project scope includes disconnecting the schools' from the existing well that currently serves these campuses and discontinuing its use as a public water supply.

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

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: October 2, 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: **September 12**, **2025**.

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

Name: Eric McPhee

Agency: Department of Public Health, Planning & Drinking Water State Revolving Fund 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:** <a href="https://dphct.govqa.us/WEBAPP/\_rs/">https://dphct.govqa.us/WEBAPP/\_rs/</a>

Phone: 860-566-5682 E-mail: <u>DPH.foi@ct.gov</u>

**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 South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority Rehabilitation of Lake Whitney Dam

**Address of possible location:** Within Lake Whitney south of Davis Street down to the existing dam on Whitney Avenue. Access for construction is expected to be from Whitney Avenue and Davis Street.

# Municipality where proposed action might be located: Hamden

Project Description: The Lake Whitney Dam and Lake Whitney are critical water supply infrastructure necessary for the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority (SCCRWA) to provide clean and abundant drinking water. The Lake Whitney Dam was originally constructed in 1861 and has been improved over the years to impound the lake to serve as a reservoir feeding the Lake Whitney Water Treatment Plant to supply at an average rate of 4 million gallons per day. The SCCRWA has conducted inspections and analyses that have identified items related to the durability of the dam. While minor dam stability improvements have been included in previous dam expansion projects, there have been no projects completed since the dam's original construction that have been solely performed to significantly improve the dam's stability. The proposed project will improve stability (to prevent sliding or overturning of the dam), reduce seepage (leakage of water through the dam) and increase spillway capacity (ability to convey normal water flow over the dam). The Lake Whitney Dam is a Class C high hazard dam in accordance with the Connecticut Dam Safety Regulations (Section 22a-409-1 and 2). By regulatory definition, failure of a Class C dam would result in "probable" loss of life. If a failure of the Lake Whitney Dam were to occur and result in an extended loss of supply availability during a historical drought of record, the SCCRWA would be at risk of not having adequate reservoir storage to provide a reliable source of public drinking water supply to the region. This has potentially catastrophic implications for public health and safety, including shortages of water for fire-fighting and critical customers such as hospitals, nursing homes, and other medical facilities. Furthermore, a dam failure or loss of the reservoir would also have dire economic consequences, including impacts to manufacturing, food services, recreation activities, and the agricultural industry.

The dam is part of the original Eli Whitney Gun Factory Site and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. SCCRWA has been in discussion about this project with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and other stakeholder groups.

SCCRWA has considered many alternative design approaches to seek solutions to a variety of issues, including cost savings and minimizing impacts to the environment. The selected alternative is to repair the dam on the upstream side, thus preserving the historic façade of the dam.

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

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: October 16, 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: **September 26, 2025.** 

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

Name: Eric McPhee

Agency: Department of Public Health, Planning & Drinking Water State Revolving Fund 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:** <a href="https://dphct.govqa.us/WEBAPP/\_rs/">https://dphct.govqa.us/WEBAPP/\_rs/</a>

E-Mail: <a href="mailto:DPH.foi@ct.gov">DPH.foi@ct.gov</a>

**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 West Queen Street Water Main Interconnection**

Address of possible location: West Queen Street from the intersection with Queen Street to the intersection with Newell Street.

Municipality where proposed action might be located: Southington

**Project Description**: The Southington Water Department (SWD) is proposing to install a new

water main along West Queen Street in Southington, CT. The scope of work for this project includes installation of approximately 485 linear feet of 12-inch ductile iron water main from the existing 12-inch water main located on Queen Street to the intersection of West Queen Street and Newell Street. Installation of this proposed water main will improve system reliability, reduce high flows through the nearby water main, and improve fire protection capabilities.

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

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: October 16, 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: **September 26, 2025.** 

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

Name: Eric McPhee

Agency: Department of Public Health, Planning & Drinking Water State Revolving Fund 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: 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)

<u>If</u> 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 notices for additional time have 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 <u>Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE)</u> needs to be prepared
for a proposed State action. Read More

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

# **Post-Scoping Notice for 2980 State Street**

Address of Possible Project Location: 2980 State Street, Hamden, CT 06517

Municipality where it would be located: Hamden

**Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) Determination:** On May 20, 2025, the Connecticut Department of Housing (CT DOH) 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 CT DOH's responses to the comments received are **here**.

After consideration of the comments received, the CT 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 <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: Mithila Chakraborty, Ph.D. Agency: Connecticut Dept. of Housing

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

Phone: 860-270-8230

E-Mail: mithila.chakraborty@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: Mithila Chakraborty, Ph.D.

Agency: Connecticut Dept. of Housing

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

Phone: 860-270-8230

E-Mail: mithila.chakraborty@ct.gov

**What Happens Next:** The CT 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 <b>Environmenta</b>	Il Impact Evaluation (EIE). Read More					
_			-					

The following EIE Notices have been submitted for publication in this edition.

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

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 will be accepted until the close of business on: October 31, 2025.

The public can view a copy of the EIE <a href="here">here</a> 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 **September 26, 2025**.

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

Name: Michael T. Looney

**Agency:** Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

**Address:** 79 Elm Street **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

Address: 79 Elm Street 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.

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

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 will be accepted until the close of business on: October 31, 2025.

The public can view a copy of the EIE here 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 **September 26, 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
Inquiries and requests to view and or copy documents, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, must be submitted to the sponsoring agency:
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
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 <i>Environmental Monitor</i> for public inspection.
Agency Record of Decision
After an <u>Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE)</u> 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. <u>Read More</u>
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 in 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 <u>Section 4b-47</u> requires public notice of most proposed sales and transfers of state-owned lands. The public has an opportunity to comment on any such proposed transfer. Each notice includes an address where comments should be sent. <u>Read more about the process</u> .
The following State Land Transfer Notices have been submitted for publication in this edition.

# **Notice of Proposed Land Transfer in Wethersfield**

Complete Address of Property: 300 Russell Road, Wethersfield, CT

**Commonly used name of property or other identifying information**: An approximately 20-acre parcel of land that is part of the former Cedarcrest Hospital campus located at 300 Russell Rd and any improvements thereon – including the two buildings commonly referred to as the Maintenance Shop and Pump House, totaling approximately 9,600 square feet. Excludes the cottages in the Town of Wethersfield.

Number of acres to be transferred: Approximately twenty (20) acres.

Click to view map of property location

# **Description of Property**

Below is some general information about the property. It should not be considered a complete description of the property and should not be relied upon for making decisions. If only a portion of a property is proposed for transfer, the description pertains only to the portion being transferred.

Brief description of historical and current uses: Former Maintenance Shop and Pump House for the Cedarcrest Hospital campus.

# The property to be transferred contains the following:

Building(s) in use	X	Building(s) not in use		No Structures
Other Features:	X	Paved areas	X	Wooded land
Non agricultural fields	+	Active agriculture	X	Ponds, streams, other water, wetlands
Public water supply	+	On-site well	X	Water Supply Unknown
Served by sewers	+	On-site septic system	X	Waste DisposalUnknown

# **Click to view** aerial view of property

Maintenance Bldg 01; Maintenance Bldg 02; Pump House photographs of property

**Click to view** property information/field card

Links to other available information: NA

The property is in the following municipal zone(s):

	Zoned	 	Not zoned	Not known		
	Residential		Industrial	 Commercial	Χ	Institutional
X	Other:	Busi	ness Park	 ±		<del></del>

Is the property in an aquifer protection area and/or a public water supply watershed? No

Is the property in an area identified by the Natural Diversity Data Base as containing state-listed species and/or significant natural communities? Yes

Is the property or any buildings on the property listed on the National Register of Historic Places or designated as a National Historic Landmark? Yes

Special features of the property, if known: NA Value of property, if known:

V	If the start with the fact of the same
X	If checked, value is not known.
, ,	

# Type of sale or transfer:

X Sale or transfer of property in fee
Sale or transfer of partial interest in the property (such as an easement). Description of interest:

Proposed recipient, if known: Unknown

Proposed use by property recipient, if known: Unknown

Is the agency imposing restrictions or conditions upon the transfer of the land or land interest? If yes, describe: No

Reason the state of Connecticut is proposing to transfer this property: Surplus

Comments from the public are welcome and will be accepted until the close of business on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025

Comments may include (but are not limited to) information you might have about significant natural resources or recreation resources on the property, as well as your recommendations for means to preserve such resources.

# Written comments\* about the proposed property transfer should be sent to:

Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management

c/o Paul F. Hinsch

Office of Policy and Management

**Bureau of Assets Management** 

450 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106-1379

paul.hinsch@ct.gov

# Please also send a copy of any comments and/or questions about the proposed property transfer to:

Name: Thomas Pysh, Administrator Statewide Leasing and Property Transfer

**Agency:** Department of Administrative Services

Address: 450 Columbus Blvd., Suite 1401, Hartford, CT 06103

E-Mail: <u>Thomas.Pysh@ct.gov</u>

# \*E-Mail submissions are preferred.

Comments from state agencies must be on agency letterhead and signed by agency head.

# What Happens Next:

When this comment period closes, the proposed land transfer can take one of three tracks:

- 1. If no public comments are received, the sale or transfer can proceed with no further public comment and no further notices in the Environmental Monitor, unless the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) elects to conduct a review of the property (see #3).
- 2. If public comments are received, the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) will respond to those comments. The comments and responses will be published in the *Environmental Monitor*. Fifteen days after publication of the comments and responses, the proposed sale or transfer can proceed, unless DEEP elects to conduct a review of the property (see #3).
- 3. If DEEP elects to conduct a further review of the property, it may submit to OPM a report with recommendations for preserving all or part of the property. The report and recommendations will be published in the *Environmental Monitor*, and there will be a 30-day public comment period. DEEP will publish its responses to any comments received and its final recommendation about the property in the *Environmental Monitor*. OPM will then make the final determination as to the ultimate disposition of the property, and will publish that determination in the *Environmental Monitor*. Fifteen days after publication of that final determination, the sale or transfer can proceed.

To find out if this proposed transfer is the subject of further notices, check future editions of the *Environmental Monitor*. Sign up for ealerts to receive a reminder e-mail on *Environmental Monitor* publication dates.

# **Notice of Proposed Land Transfer in Newington**

Complete Address of Property: 525 Russell Rd, Newington, CT

**Commonly used name of property or other identifying information**: An approximately 28-acre parcel that is part of the former Cedarcrest Hospital campus located at 525 Russell Road - includes the three buildings commonly known as the Hospital, Special Revenue, and Morgue Buildings, totaling approximately 159,823 square feet. Excludes the cottages in the Town of Newington.

Number of acres to be transferred: twenty-eight (28) acres

Click to view map of property location

### **Description of Property**

Below is some general information about the property. It should not be considered a complete description of the property and should not be relied upon for making decisions. If only a portion of a property is proposed for transfer, the description pertains only to the portion being transferred.

Brief description of historical and current uses: Former Cedarcrest Hospital campus, excluding cottages.

The property to be transferred contains the following:

Building(s) in use	Χ	Building(s) not in use	 	No Structures
 Other Features:	Χ	Paved areas	Χ	Wooded land
 Non agricultural fields	<del> </del>	Active agriculture	<del> </del>	Ponds, streams, other water, wetlands
 Public water supply		On-site well	Χ	Water Supply Unknown
 Served by sewers		On-site septic system	Χ	Waste DisposalUnknown

# **Click to view** aerial view of property

Hospital Bldg Image 01; Hospital Bldg Image 02; Special Revenue Building Image photographs of property

**Click to view** property information/field card

Links to other available information: NA

The property is in the following municipal zone(s):

	Zoned	 	Not zoned	Not known		
	Residential	 ! !	Industrial	 Commercial		Institutional
Χ	Other:	PL -	Public Land	 <u></u>		<u> </u>

Is the property in an aquifer protection area and/or a public water supply watershed? No

Is the property in an area identified by the Natural Diversity Data Base as containing state-listed species and/or significant natural communities? Yes

Is the property or any buildings on the property listed on the National Register of Historic Places or designated as a National Historic Landmark? SRIND - This item is individually listed on the "State Register"

Special features of the property, if known: NA Value of property, if known:

Χ	If checked, value is not known.

### Type of sale or transfer:

Χ	Sale or transfer of property in fee	
	Sale or transfer of partial interest in the property (such as an easement). Description of interest:	

Proposed recipient, if known: UNKNOWN

Proposed use by property recipient, if known: UNKNOWN

Is the agency imposing restrictions or conditions upon the transfer of the land or land interest? If yes, describe: NO

Reason the state of Connecticut is proposing to transfer this property: SURPLUS

Comments from the public are welcome and will be accepted until the close of business on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025

Comments may include (but are not limited to) information you might have about significant natural resources or recreation resources on the property, as well as your recommendations for means to preserve such resources.

# Written comments\* about the proposed property transfer should be sent to:

Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management

c/o Paul F. Hinsch

Office of Policy and Management

**Bureau of Assets Management** 

450 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106-1379

paul.hinsch@ct.gov

# Please also send a copy of any comments and/or questions about the proposed property transfer to:

Name: Thomas Pysh, Administrator, Statewide Leasing and Property Transfer

**Agency:** Department of Administrative Services

Address: 450 Columbus Blvd., Suite 1401, Hartford, CT 06103

E-Mail: Thomas.Pysh@ct.gov

# \*E-Mail submissions are preferred.

Comments from state agencies must be on agency letterhead and signed by agency head.

### **What Happens Next:**

When this comment period closes, the proposed land transfer can take one of three tracks:

- 1. If no public comments are received, the sale or transfer can proceed with no further public comment and no further notices in the Environmental Monitor, unless the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) elects to conduct a review of the property (see #3).
- 2. If public comments are received, the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) will respond to those comments. The comments and responses will be published in the *Environmental Monitor*. Fifteen days after publication of the comments and responses, the proposed sale or transfer can proceed, unless DEEP elects to conduct a review of the property (see #3).
- 3. If DEEP elects to conduct a further review of the property, it may submit to OPM a report with recommendations for preserving all or part of the property. The report and recommendations will be published in the *Environmental Monitor*, and there will be a 30-day public comment period. DEEP will publish its responses to any comments received and its final recommendation about the property in the *Environmental Monitor*. OPM will then make the final determination as to the ultimate disposition of the property, and will publish that determination in the *Environmental Monitor*. Fifteen days after publication of that final determination, the sale or transfer can proceed.

To find out if this proposed transfer is the subject of further notices, check future editions of the *Environmental Monitor*. Sign up for ealerts to receive a reminder e-mail on *Environmental Monitor* publication dates.

# 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 <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>. CEQ Contact Information All inquiries and requests of the Council should be sent electronically to: <a href="mailto:ceq@ct.gov">ceq@ct.gov</a>.

The Adobe Reader might be necessary to view and print Adobe Acrobat documents, including some of the maps and illustrations that are linked to this publication. Acrobat Reader also provides several preferences that make the reading of PDFs more accessible for visually impaired and motion-impaired users. If you have an outdated version of Adobe Reader, it might cause pictures to display incompletely. To download upto-date versions of the free Reader, click on <a href="Download the free Acrobat Reader">Download the free Acrobat Reader</a>. This link will also provide information and instructions for downloading and installing the Reader.