



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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First Selectman
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Re: Colony Road Bridge over the Latimer Brook, East Lyme

Matthew Reiser

Dear First Selectman Seery,

Denise Rodosevich

The Council on Environmental Quality (Council) received a notice regarding the proposed bridge replacement project for the Colony Road Bridge over the Latimer Brook in East Lyme. The Council notes that the Colony Road Bridge is located within a Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) designated Natural Diversity Database (NDDB) buffer area. Latimer Brook has also been identified as a floodway and the proposed construction site is within a flood hazard zone. Consequently, the Council recommends that 1) the bridge designers/construction company consult with DEEP's Wildlife Division/NDDB for guidance to minimize and mitigate any potential adverse impacts on state-listed species; 2) no materials that are hazardous, flammable, explosive, soluble, expansive, radioactive, and any other materials that could be injurious to human, animal or plant life during a flood, be stored in a flood hazard area during construction, and 3) the East Lyme Inland Wetlands Agency carefully review the proposed project, at the appropriate time, for consistency with the Town's Wetland Regulations.

Charles Vidich

William Warzecha

Paul Aresta
Executive Director

Thank you for your consideration of the Council's comments.

Sincerely,

Paul Aresta
Executive Director

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