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Ryan Aylesworth
Town Manager
Audrey P. Heck Building
4 South Eagleville Road
Mansfield, CT 06268

Re: Gurleyville Road Bridge over the Fenton River, Mansfield

Dear Mr. Aylesworth,

The Council on Environmental Quality (Council) received a notice regarding the proposed bridge replacement project for the Gurleyville Road Bridge over the Fenton River in Mansfield. The Council notes that the Gurleyville Road Bridge is located within an aquifer protection area and drinking water watershed, a Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) designated Wild Trout Management Area, and a DEEP designated Natural Diversity Database (NDDDB) buffer area. The Council recommends that 1) the bridge designers/construction company consult with DEEP's Fisheries Division and NDDDB for guidance to minimize and mitigate any potential adverse impacts on fisheries resources and state-listed species; 2) the construction contractors adhere to the Connecticut Department of Public Health's General Construction Best Management Practices for Sites within a Public Drinking Water Supply Area¹; and 3) the Mansfield Inland Wetlands Agency carefully review the proposed project, at the appropriate time, for consistency with the Town's Wetland Regulations.

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

Sincerely,

Paul Aresta
Executive Director

c: John C. Carrington, Director of Public Works, Mansfield
Marc Byrnes, DOT, Transportation Supervising Engineer
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¹ https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Departments-and-Agencies/DPH/dph/drinking_water/pdf/BMPFactSheetpdf.pdf