

COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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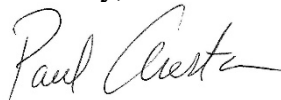
Re: Cotton Bridge Road Bridge, Killingly

Dear Mary Calorio,

The Council on Environmental Quality (Council) received a press release regarding the proposed bridge replacement projects for the Cotton Bridge Road Bridge over the Quinebaug River, the Peep Toad Road Bridge over the Whetstone Brook, and the Wright Road Bridge over the Quanduck Brook in Killingly. The Council notes that the Cotton Bridge Road Bridge over the Quinebaug River is located within a flood hazard area and a Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) Natural Diversity Database (NDDDB) buffer area. The Quinebaug River in that area is also identified as a "Trout Stocking Stream" by DEEP. The Council recommends that the bridge designers/construction company consult with DEEP's NDDDB and DEEP's Fisheries Division for guidance to minimize and mitigate any potential adverse impacts on state-listed species and trout stocking activities; that no materials that could be injurious to human, animal or plant life during a flood, be stored in the flood hazard area during construction; and that the Killingly Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission carefully review the proposed projects, at the appropriate time, for consistency with the Town's Wetland Regulations.

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

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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