



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Acting Chair

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Timothy J. Bishop

The Honorable Deborah Richards
First Selectwoman
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Linda Bowers

Christopher Donnelly

Re: Old Colony Road Bridge over Bungee Brook

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Dear First Selectwoman Richards,

Aimee Petras

The Council on Environmental Quality (Council) received a press release regarding the proposed bridge replacement project for the Old Colony Road Bridge over Bungee Brook in the Town of Eastford. The Council notes that the Old Colony Road Bridge over Bungee Brook is located within a Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) Natural Diversity Database (NDDB) buffer area and Bungee Brook is identified by DEEP Fisheries Division as a Trout Stocking Stream. The Council also notes that the project site is located within a public water supply watershed for Windham Water Works. The Council recommends that the designer/construction company 1) contact DEEP's NDDB¹ and the Fisheries Division for guidance to minimize and mitigate any potential adverse impacts on state-listed species and trout stocking activities, and 2) review and incorporate the protective measures identified in the Department of Public Health's "General Construction Best Management Practices for Sites within a Public Drinking Water Supply Area" guidance document.² Further, the Council recommends that the Eastford Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission carefully review the proposed project, at the appropriate time, for consistency with the Town's Wetland Regulations.

Denise Rodosevich

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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¹ <https://portal.ct.gov/deep/nddb/natural-diversity-data-base-and-environmental-reviews>

² https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Departments-and-Agencies/DPH/dph/drinking_water/pdf/BMPFactSheetpdf.pdf