



Public Scoping Comment for Preston

To: Connecticut Council on Environmental Quality

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Subject: CEPA Findings – Building a Regional Composting Facility for Southeastern Connecticut – Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority (SCRRRA) – Preston, CT

On May 20, 2025 the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) published a Notice of Scoping in the *Environmental Monitor* to solicit comments for the proposed Building a Regional Composting Facility for Southeastern Connecticut project in Preston, CT. One (1) comment was received during the public comment period from the State of Connecticut Historic Preservation Office (SHPO):

"I saw the Scoping Notice for the referenced project on the Environmental Monitor. This location is very sensitive for archaeological resources. Can you share a project map of where impacts are being proposed. I don't think we would have concerns with activities within previously disturbed areas, but we likely would want to see an archaeological survey completed for areas that would be impacted and consist of intact soils."

DEEP's response to the comment received is here:

"The proposed site is immediately south of the Covanta plant in Preston on the other side of Brewster Road. Looks like the site has been previously disturbed with clearing of trees, dirt roads for truck traffic, and someone (sic) material laydown areas. See attached site plan and Google Earth image below."

In reply, the original commenting party stated:

"Very helpful – thank you! No need to discuss it further, our office has no concerns. I understand that a concerned citizen contacted the applicant (SCRRRA) about potential archaeology. Should you speak with them, let them know that we would not request a survey."

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at michael.looney@ct.gov or 860-424-3530.