



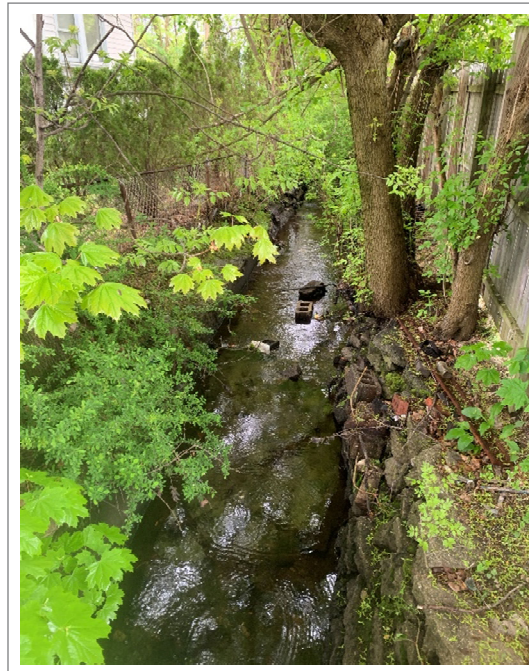
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RECORD OF DECISION

Prepared in accordance with the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act for the

Ox Brook Flood Control Master Plan Bridgeport, CT

June 2022



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CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection**

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1.0 DECISION

The sponsoring agency, the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), intends to continue with the implementation of the Proposed Action, which is the implementation of the six-phase Ox Brook Flood Control Master Plan in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Phase 1 of the project is currently funded by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP), which is the Sponsoring Agency for the Project.

The project is located generally along Ox Brook in the City of Bridgeport, CT, roughly extending from Elton Rogers Park at the north (upstream) end (off Kaechele Place) to Lincoln Boulevard at the south (downstream) end (between Lincoln Ave. and Garfield Ave.). Phase 1 of the Project has progressed through permitting level design with permit applications submitted, while the remaining Phases (Phases 2-6) are at the preliminary design phase. The overall Project is anticipated to take decades to complete and funding has only been identified for Phase 1 at this time. The six phases are as follows:

Phase 1: Dam rehabilitation and detention area construction at Elton Rogers Park;

Phase 2: Construction of a diversion to the Svihra Park area and detention area construction;

Phase 3: Channel and crossing improvements from Lincoln Boulevard to Quince Street;

Phase 4: Channel and crossing improvements from Rocton Avenue to Burnsford Avenue;

Phase 5: Channel and crossing improvements from Burnsford Avenue to Lourmel Street; and

Phase 6: Construction of the Island Brook diversion to the Elton Rogers detention area, additional excavation within the Elton Rogers Park impoundment area to increase stormwater detention storage, and connection of a new discharge from the dam to Lourmel Street.

This decision is based on consideration of the alternatives and potential environmental impacts as presented in the Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) (GZA, 2022) that was prepared for the Proposed Action and the comments received during the public review period for the EIE (February 22, 2022 through April 11, 2022). A copy of the EIE's Executive Summary is included in **Attachment A**.

Also included in **Attachment A** is an Errata sheet and revised Distribution List. During the distribution process, it was noted that a few adjustments were needed to email addresses and contacts. These adjustments were made as noted in the attached errata and revised list.

2.0 STATEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

No significant impacts to the environment are anticipated to result from the implementation of the Proposed Action. All practicable means to avoid or minimize environmental harm identified in the EIE will be adopted. The mitigation measures identified in the EIE and in the responses to comments on the EIE have been adopted and will be implemented during the design and construction of the project.



3.0 SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION WITH AGENCIES AND OTHER PERSONS

Consultation with various State agencies and the public was initiated as part of the public scoping process which began on October 5, 2021, with the publication of a Scoping Notice and Notice of Scoping Meeting in the *Environmental Monitor* (**Attachment B**). The City also posted the notice on its website, along with background materials regarding the Proposed Action. The purpose of the *Environmental Monitor* scoping notice was to inform the public and agencies of the Proposed Action and solicit comments from agency reviewers and other interested parties. The public comment period ended on November 4, 2021.

On October 18, 2021, a virtual Scoping Meeting was held at 7PM via Zoom™. No written comments were provided by agencies or the public during the scoping period, nor were oral comments made during the Scoping Meeting. The Scoping Meeting presentation slides and transcripts were included with the EIE and were also posted on the City of Bridgeport's website.

A Post-Scoping Notice was prepared by CT DEEP and published in the *Environmental Monitor* on December 7, 2021 (**Attachment B**), indicating that CT DEEP would be preparing an EIE for the project as the next step. An EIE was prepared to identify and review potential environmental impacts associated with the Proposed Action. Review agencies and other interested parties were offered an opportunity to provide comments and other pertinent information to help define environmental impacts, interpret the significance of such impacts, and evaluate alternatives.

A notice of availability for the EIE and notice for a public hearing was advertised in the *Environmental Monitor* on February 22, 2022 (see **Attachment C**) and was also advertised in the *CT Post* on February 24, 2022, March 4, 2022, and March 12, 2022. The advertisement was also translated into Spanish and published in *La Voz Hispana*, a local weekly Spanish language paper, in its February 24 - March 3, 2022 edition, the March 3 – March 10, 2022 edition, and the March 10 – March 17, 2022 edition. See **Attachment D** for copies of the newspaper advertisement publications.

The public comment period for the EIE was February 22, 2022 through April 11, 2022. The EIE was made available for online inspection on DEEP's website (as identified in the *Environmental Monitor*), and in person at the City of Bridgeport's Town Clerk's Office, CT DEEP's offices at 79 Elm Street in Hartford, and the City of Bridgeport's Public Library – North Branch.

The document was sent either in hard copy or electronically to the following agencies and entities for review and comment (see the revised Distribution List):

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England Division (USACE)
- State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM)
- Connecticut Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ)
- State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
- State of Connecticut Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)
- Metropolitan Council of Governments (MetroCOG)
- The Honorable Marilyn Moore, State Senator, Senate District 22
- The Honorable Dennis Bradley, State Senator, Senate District 23
- The Honorable John F. "Jack" Hennessy, State Representative, House District 127
- City of Bridgeport
 - Town Clerk
 - Mayor Gamin



- City Council Members (132nd, 133rd, 134th, and 135th Districts)
- Police Department
- Parks & Recreation Dept.
- Engineering Dept.
- Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security
- Public Facilities Department
- Water Pollution Control Authority
- Zoning Department
- Office of Planning and Economic Development
- North Branch Library
- Lake Forest Association

A public hearing on the EIE was held virtually on March 29, 2022 at 7:00 PM via Zoom™. A transcript of the public hearing, including oral comments from the public and agencies is included as **Attachment E**.

4.0 RESPONSES TO COMMENTS ON THE EIE

The Record of Decision contains all comments submitted on the EIE, including oral testimony provided during the public hearing. Copies of comments received on the EIE during the comment period are included in **Attachment E**, along with oral testimony. Written comments were received from the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), and Rosalina Roman-Christy, Councilwoman for the 135th District, and are included in **Attachment E**. State Representative Jack Hennessy, and City Councilwoman Rosalina Roman-Christy provided oral comments during the public hearing.

Responses to all substantive comments are provided in **Attachment F**.



ATTACHMENT A

Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) Executive Summary (2022) and Errata with Revised Distribution List

**ERRATA – Ox Brook Flood Control Master Plan Environmental Impact Evaluation
February 22, 2022**

As part of the distribution process to provide the EIE via either paper copy or electronic copy to those on the list on February 22, 2022, a few modifications were made to the official Distribution List to address changes in email addresses and in one case, a change in a contact, as summarized below:

- Email addresses were corrected for two contacts: Jack Hennessy and Lauren McBennett Mappa.
- City Councilor Mary Brantley is deceased and her position was filled by Rolanda Smith, who was added to the amended Distribution List.

The revised Distribution List with changes noted in strikethrough and in red is attached and being included in the Record of Decision for completeness and accuracy.

DISTRIBUTION LIST

(AMENDED 2/22/22 – amendments in red)

Note: for those recipients with email addresses identified, EIE copies were transmitted electronically via a link, for all others paper copies were submitted. Paper copies will be provided upon request.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Introduction/Proposed Action Description

The Proposed Action is the implementation of the Ox Brook Flood Control Master Plan (the Project) to address chronic flooding along Ox Brook in the city of Bridgeport. The City has been conducting studies related to flooding and potential mitigation strategies since the 1970s, culminating in a 2001 *Ox Brook Flood Control Study*, prepared by Kasper Associates. This document outlined a six-phase flood control improvements project, which is the basis of the Proposed Action. Since 2001, the City contracted with Tighe & Bond to prepare a final design for Phase 1 of the flood improvements Project; thus, detailed information is available for the initial phase, which is the only phase with construction funding at this time. The remaining phases (Phases 2-6) have been designed only to a preliminary level.

The Proposed Action includes the following basic elements (more detailed discussion of the Proposed Action is included in Sections 1 and 2 of the EIE):

- Phase 1: Dam rehabilitation and detention area construction at Elton Rogers Park;
- Phase 2: Construction of a diversion to the Svihra Park area and detention area construction;
- Phase 3: Channel and crossing improvements from Lincoln Boulevard to Quince Street;
- Phase 4: Channel and crossing improvements from Rocton Avenue to Burnsford Avenue;
- Phase 5: Channel and crossing improvements from Burnsford Avenue to Lourmel Street; and
- Phase 6: Construction of the Island Brook diversion to the Elton Rogers detention area, additional excavation within the Elton Rogers Park impoundment area to increase stormwater detention storage, and connection of a new discharge from the dam to Lourmel Street.

This Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) as promulgated under Section 22a-1 to 22a-1h of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) and as amended by Public Act 02-121, which requires that State-sponsored actions that have the potential for causing negative environmental effects be evaluated. The EIE will be made available to government agencies, the public, and other interested parties for review and comment. The sponsoring agency for this EIE is the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP).

While State funding has been identified at this time for only Phase 1 of the Project, this EIE has been developed to review and consider potential environmental impacts associated with implementation of the complete Ox Brook Flood Control Master Plan Project (all six phases).

Purpose and Need

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to alleviate chronic flooding along the Ox Brook corridor through implementation of the six-phase Ox Brook Flood Control Master Plan Project, as described herein. The city has a long history of flooding within the Ox Brook corridor and in other areas of the city. Studies of flooding along Ox Brook date back to at least the 1970s. Due to the scale of the problem and the cost of potential solutions, including the Proposed Action, full implementation of the Project is anticipated to require a significant period of time.

Repeated flooding events within the Ox Brook watershed have resulted in continued:

- Property damages to residential structures (homes, garages, outbuildings) and commercial/industrial businesses;
- Infrastructure damage and the need for maintenance personnel to address blockages and damages;

- Roadway and sidewalk closures and detours affecting vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians;
- Safety hazards posed by floodwaters and the need for emergency response by Fire Department, Police Department, and emergency medical services to establish and maintain detours and road closures, coordinate evacuations, and provide other assistance to those affected by flooding;
- Health hazards associated with sewer overflows and/or interruptions of services or other water quality impacts associated with floodwaters; and
- Trauma and negative effects on homeowners due to repeated losses and risks associated with flooding.

The Proposed Action seeks to reduce this pattern of flooding and associated damages and emergency response needs. Implementation of the Master Plan, including construction of detention/storage areas with diversions, open channel improvements, and piped and culverted section improvements, will reduce the frequency, duration, and severity of flooding along Ox Brook, resulting in reduced and/or avoided flood-related risks and damages for residents and businesses in the Project Area. Implementation of the Proposed Action would result in reduced flood-related property damages, reduced demands on emergency services in the city, reduced safety and health risks and trauma for residents/businesses, and reduced infrastructure impacts.

Alternatives Considered

As required by CEPA, alternatives were considered in addition to the Proposed Action, including the No Action alternative. Alternatives and subalternatives considered as part of the CEPA process are as follows:

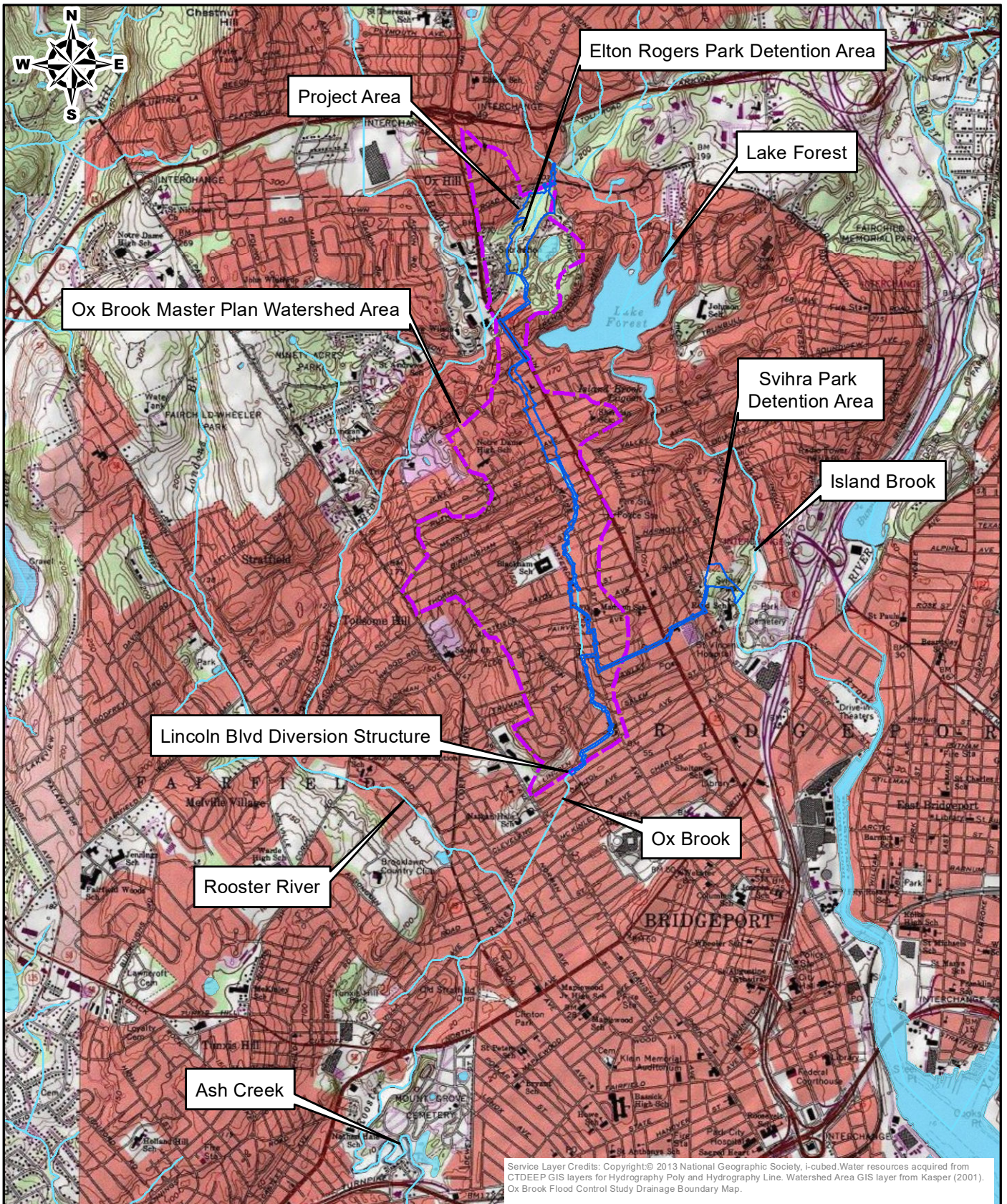
- No Action Alternative
- Ox Brook Flood Control Master Plan Alternative
- Phase 1 Subalternates from Tighe & Bond
- Phases 2-6 Subalternates to Kasper Master Plan elements

These alternatives are discussed more fully in the EIE, but summarized herein:

No Action Alternative – Under this alternative, no improvements to the existing system would be made. The capacity of the Ox Brook system would remain generally the same, with some potential for continued detention behind the existing dam in Elton Rogers Park in its current state. Infrastructure would continue to degrade, except for emergency actions that the City may need to take in the event of failure, blockage, etc. This alternative would result in the continued potential for public health and safety concerns from flooding, 403 land parcels would remain in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) 1% annual chance flood hazard area, continued flood damages would impact properties and cause financial losses, and there would be the continued need for emergency response personnel and services associated with storm events. This alternative does not meet the Purpose and Need and was dismissed as a viable alternative.

Ox Brook Flood Control Master Plan Alternative – Under this alternative, Kasper’s six-phase Ox Brook Flood Control Master Plan would be implemented, including the final design provided by Tighe & Bond’s Phase 1 improvements, which would include the construction of two detention areas, a diversion from and back to Island Brook, piped diversions to/from the detention areas, and channel and street crossing improvements along the length of the Project Area. The Project Area for the Master Plan extends generally from Elton Rogers Park at the north end to its downstream limit at Lincoln Boulevard to the south, as shown in **Figure ES-1** and **Figure ES-2** of the EIE. Detailed descriptions of the complex system of improvements is included within Sections 1 and 2 of the EIE.

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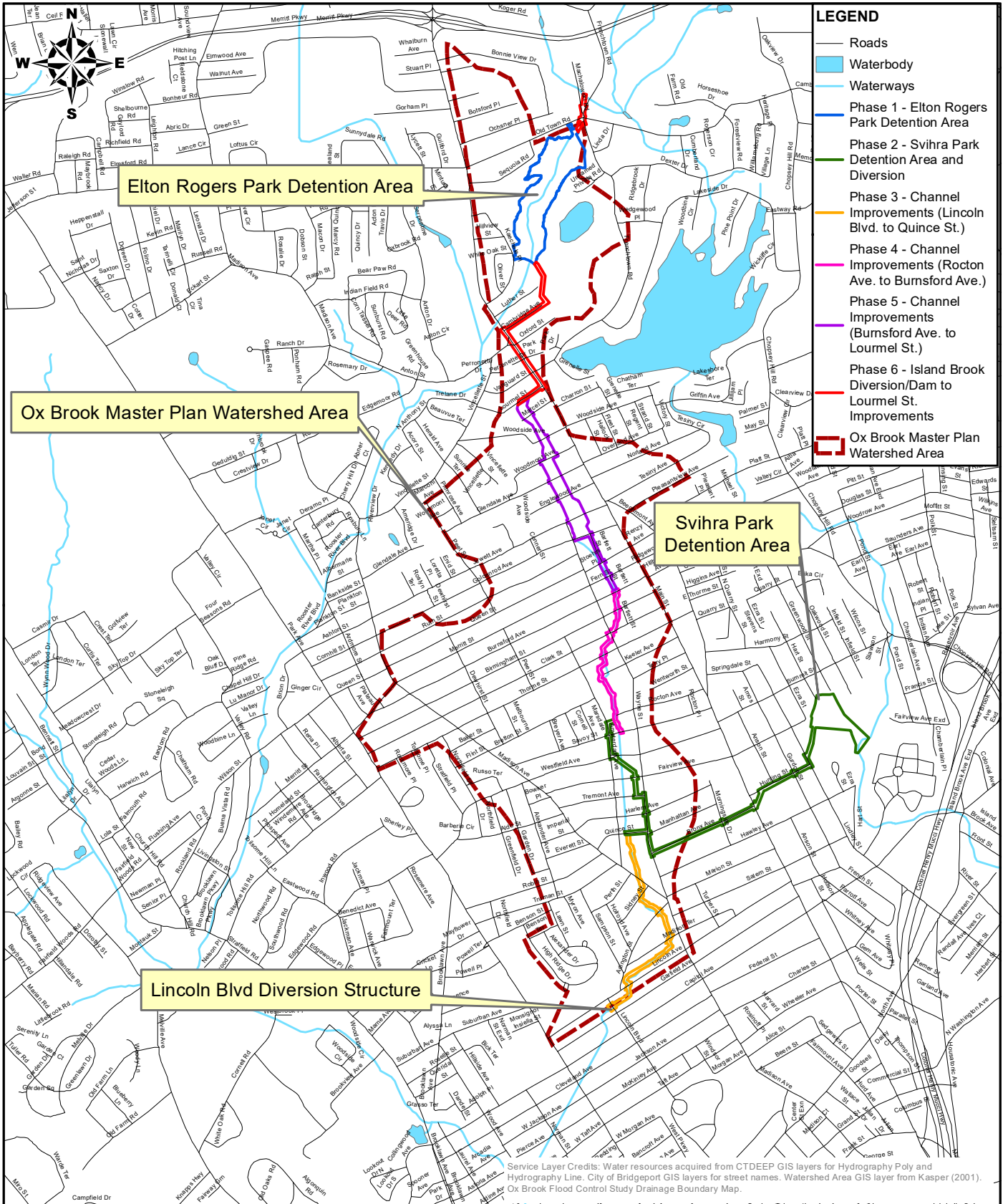
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As discussed in the description of the Proposed Action in Section 1, while the Phase 1 portion of the Master Plan (dam reconstruction and detention creation at Elton Rogers Park) has been fully designed and is not expected to change significantly, the elements described for Phases 2-6 may vary from what is stated in the EIE once the final design of each phase is undertaken. However, the preliminary design sizes are provided within this document for general understanding of project scale and to assist with impact evaluation.

The six phases of the Master Plan Alternative include the following:

- **Phase 1:** Construction of an impoundment within Elton Rogers Park, via rehabilitation of an existing dam and construction of two new dikes within the park property. The existing dam was constructed circa 1872 by the Bridgeport Hydraulic Company and was in use until the early 1930s. In its current deteriorated condition, the dam no longer impounds a significant quantity of water.
- **Phase 2:** Three main components: (1) construction of a detention area for storage within Svihra Park (and adjacent private parcel) with a 18-inch outlet pipe to Island Brook, (2) construction of 3,850 linear feet (LF) of 9-ft x 5-ft box culvert in Wayne Street, Bronx Avenue, and Hunting Street, to divert Ox Brook flows to the new detention area, and (3) construction of a 12-ft x 5-ft box culvert to reroute a section of Ox Brook from a point approximately 100 feet south of Rocton Ave. to Quince Street. From Quince Street, a 60-inch diameter pipe will discharge a specified flow back to the existing Ox Brook channel, with the remaining flow will be discharged to the Svihra Park diversion. The existing Ox Brook channel in the affected reach will remain in place to convey local runoff.
- **Phase 3:** Channel and crossing improvements from Lincoln Boulevard upstream to Quince Street. Open channel sections will be improved to either a trapezoidal or rectangular cross-sections, with five (5) street crossings improved with box culverts.
- **Phase 4:** Channel and crossing improvements from Rocton Avenue to Burnsford Avenue. Open channel sections will be improved to either a trapezoidal or rectangular cross-sections, the culvert beneath Burnsford Avenue will be replaced, and three (3) additional crossings will be improved with larger diameter culverts.
- **Phase 5:** Channel and crossing upgrades from Burnsford Avenue upstream to Lourmel Street. The existing open channel section between Burnsford Avenue and Stoehrs Place will be improved to a trapezoidal cross-section. Between Lourmel Street and Stoehrs Place, the existing brook is piped. As an element of the project, improved piped sections will be installed, ranging in size from 54-inches to 84-inches in diameter.
- **Phase 6:** Construction of the Island Brook diversion to the Elton Rogers Park detention area, with approximately 650 LF of 10-ft x 3-ft box culvert in Old Town Road. This phase would also include the construction of an 18-inch pipe discharging flow from the dam to Ox Brook at Lourmel Street and additional excavation for additional detention volume within Elton Rogers Park.

This alternative would reduce flooding damages and emergency response needs along Ox Brook and would significantly reduce or eliminate the 1% annual chance storm flood hazard area along the brook, resulting in significant community benefits. **This alternative was selected as the preferred alternative (Proposed Action) and carried throughout the EIE.**

Phase 1 Subalternates from Tighe & Bond - These two subalternates were proposed by Tighe & Bond during the design development process for the Phase 1 dam reconstruction. Subalternates identified were for:

- Potential use of a depression east of the main proposed impoundment to create a detention area that would then be tied to the main impoundment area; and

- Potential construction of a cut-off channel in the Park Drive right-of-way to intercept runoff from the east and reduce flows to Luther Street, reducing the impoundment volume needs for the dam reconstruction.

Both of these subalternatives were dismissed because each would result in additional vernal pool and/or wetland impacts, as compared to the Phase 1 design which is proposed.

Phases 2-6 Subalternates to Kasper Master Plan Elements – Two main subalternatives were considered as part of Kasper’s work for Phases 2-6, namely:

- An alternative diversion option (compared to Svihra Park diversion), which would reroute flows below streetlines to the Rooster River; and
- Alternative design storm considerations looking at varying levels of protection (designing for lesser storms).

The alternative diversion route was dismissed as it would result in a longer length of conduit construction, would require rebuilding the Lincoln Boulevard diversion structure, and would result in higher construction impacts and costs.

The consideration of using a lower level of design storm was dismissed as it would result in significant residual flooding within the Ox Brook corridor, which would not meet the purpose and need for the Project.

Impacts and Mitigation

The following table summarizes the impacts of the Proposed Action on the natural, physical, and socioeconomic environment and presents the mitigation proposed to reduce impacts to those resources that would be negatively impacted. More specific discussions of impacts and mitigation and presented within the main body of the EIE.

Table ES-1. Summary of Impacts and Minimization/Mitigation Measures

Environmental Element	Impacts	Impact Minimization & Mitigation
Geology, Soils, Agricultural Soils, Topography	Excavation and fill within Elton Rogers Park for dam reconstruction, berm creation, and overexcavation. Excavation and fill for Svihra Park detention area creation. Grading along open channel areas for channel improvements.	Installation of erosion and sedimentation controls during and after construction, along with General Permit registration and SWPCP
Water Resources	Temporary disturbance of stream channels for improvements and stabilization activities. Temporary disturbances in Elton Rogers and Svihra Park areas. Reduction in 1% annual chance flood hazard areas, reductions in stream erosion, and reduction in flooding effects on water quality (benefits).	Installation of erosion and sedimentation controls during and after construction, along with General Permit registration and SWPCP. Stabilization of channel sections with appropriate materials based on flows/velocities. Appropriate design using up to date methods and precipitation values to account for climate change. Map change revisions relative to FEMA Flood Hazard Areas post-construction.
Site Ecology and Wetland Resources	Direct wetland impacts, as summarized in EIE.	In lieu fee for mitigation, as well as restoration and other mitigation in conjunction with permits

Environmental Element	Impacts	Impact Minimization & Mitigation
Endangered, Threatened, and Special Concern Species and Habitats	Not applicable, no identified species.	Not applicable. No identified species per NDDB mapping.
Traffic, Bicycle and Pedestrian Access	Temporary construction phase impacts due to detours and temporary closures for culvert crossing improvements. Will improve conditions overall by reducing flooding of roadways, which will reduce road closures and detours.	Construction phase maintenance and protection of traffic plan; noticing, signage and alternative routing during construction.
Air Quality	Temporary construction phase increases in air emissions from construction vehicles.	Minimize construction idling, use of vehicle emission control devices, idling limited to 3 minutes or less, control of fugitive dust
Noise	Temporary construction phase increases in noise from construction vehicles and activities.	Limiting construction to daytime hours, minimizing construction idling, notice to sensitive receptors in coordination with City
Light/Shadow	No new significant sources of light, although vegetation removal along stream sections may result in temporary visual changes.	Limiting construction to daytime hours to extent possible, vegetative mitigation in design process
Utilities	Utilities may need to be slightly modified or temporarily interrupted during construction.	Contacting Call Before You Dig, utility coordination meetings and planning, outage protocols
Aesthetics/Viewsheds	Vegetation removal along stream sections may result in temporary visual changes.	Vegetative mitigation as part of design process
Solid Waste & Recycling	Generation of debris and waste materials during construction.	Proper handling and offsite disposal of construction waste
Cultural Resources	Impacts to the existing dam in Elton Rogers Park to improve its function and safety.	Mitigation for Elton Rogers Park Dam impacts per SHPO
Pesticides, Toxic or Hazardous Materials	Potential disturbance of contaminated materials during construction.	Investigations and proper handling, removal, and disposal of contaminated materials encountered, remediation if needed.
Energy Use & Conversion	No long-term change in energy usage	N/A
Public Health & Safety	Improvements to public health and safety through reduction in flooding and residents/businesses contacting floodwaters, reduction in demand on emergency services (benefits).	N/A, overall positive benefit
Land Use, Neighborhoods, and Recreational Resources	Small impacts to existing trails in Elton Rogers Park. Overall positive benefits on neighborhood through flooding reductions.	Trail adjustments in parks if needed
Population, Employment, Income, Housing and Commercial Properties	Overall positive benefits to business and residential homes and residents through flooding reductions, but some need for acquisitions or easements to accommodate final design of Phases 2-6.	Overall positive benefit, Fair market value purchases for any needed acquisitions

Potential Certificates, Permits, and Approvals

The following table summarizes the main environmental certificates, permits, and approvals that would be likely to be required for the construction and operation of the Proposed Action.

Table ES-2. Potential Certificates, Permits, and Approvals Required for Ox Brook Master Plan Implementation

Certificate, Permit, or Approval	Reviewing Agency	Comments
Section 404 Authorization	USACE	Required for discharge of dredged or fill materials into Waters of the U.S., including wetlands. Project may be reviewed as a Pre-Construction Notification activity or may require an Individual Permit, pending USACE determination.
401 Water Quality Certificate	CT DEEP	Required by Section 401 of the Clean Water Act for projects affecting wetlands or watercourses.
Non-Consumptive Diversion Permit	CT DEEP	Required for projects which modify or alter surface waters including collection and discharge of runoff from a watershed area of 100 acres or more, and/or relocation, retention, detention, bypass, channelization, piping, culverting, ditching, or damming of waters with a drainage area of 100 acres or more.
Flood Management Certification	CT DEEP	Required for projects receiving state funding that are in or affecting floodplains or natural or man-made storm drainage facilities. Note: To date, only Phase 1 of the Project has state funding.
Dam Safety Repair and Alteration Permit	CT DEEP	Required for projects involving repairs and alterations to dams.
Section 106 Consultation	SHPO	CT DEEP and USACE permits require consultation with the SHPO. A SHPO Letter of No Adverse Effect or development of a Memorandum of Understanding or mitigation plan that satisfies SHPO concerns is needed for these permits.
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Permit	CT DEEP and City of Bridgeport Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency	Permit required for work in/near wetlands and watercourses. The DEEP Dam Safety and Repair Permit will incorporate inland wetlands and watercourses review and mitigation as an element of this process. For subsequent project phases on non-dam related work, local inland wetlands approvals are anticipated to be needed for any work in resource areas.
Demolition Permit	City of Bridgeport	Required for demolition of buildings, if applicable where an acquisition is needed for Project Phases 2-6.
General Permit for Discharge of Stormwater and Dewatering Wastewaters from Construction Activities (Construction Stormwater General Permit)	CT DEEP	For projects involving greater than one acre of earth disturbance; coverage requires registration and preparation and implementation of a Stormwater Pollution Control Plan.

The following permits may also be needed, depending on the final design elements of Phases 2-6: Soil and Special Waste Disposal (CT DEEP); Groundwater Remediation Wastewater to a Sanitary Sewer (CT DEEP); Demolition Permit (City), Building Permit (City), and other approvals relative to utility outages and minor modifications.

Once various phases of the Project are complete, the City may also wish to pursue community-initiated map revisions (such as a Letter of Map Revision or LOMR) with FEMA to reduce or eliminate flood hazard areas associated with Ox Brook along the Project Area.

Public Involvement and EIE Review/Comments

A Notice of Scoping was placed on the Council of Environmental Quality's (CEQ) *Environmental Monitor* website on October 5, 2021, to inform and solicit comments on the Proposed Action from agency reviewers and other interested parties. The Notice of Scoping and supplemental materials regarding the Project were also posted on the City of Bridgeport's website to inform residents/businesses within the city of the scoping meeting. The public Scoping Meeting was held virtually (due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic) on Monday October 18, 2021, at 7:00 PM via Zoom®. The City of Bridgeport subsequently posted the Scoping Meeting presentation slides and a transcript of the Scoping Meeting on its website for public review. During the scoping period which ended November 4, 2021, no public comments on the Project were provided and no state agencies or departments provided comments.

To provide additional opportunities for agencies and the public to comment on the Project, a Notice of EIE availability is being published in the *Environmental Monitor* on February 22, 2022, and is also being published in the *Connecticut Post* and *La Voz Hispana* in accordance with CEPA requirements (3 times over the course of three weeks). A public meeting on the EIE will be held as advertised. An electronic copy of this EIE will be available for review on the DEEP public notices website. In addition, paper copies will be available for review in the city of Bridgeport at the Town Clerk's Office and the North End Library. This EIE is also being provided directly to the agencies/groups identified in the Distribution section for review and comment.

Written comments on the EIE and any other pertinent information must be sent or postmarked by April 11, 2022. Comments must be sent to:

Frederick Riese
CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP)
79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106
PHONE: 860-424-4110
FAX: 860-424-4053
EMAIL: Frederick.riese@ct.gov

CT DEEP will review all such materials submitted by that time and consider comments made at the public hearing and will prepare responses to the substantive comments made. Based on the EIE and comments received during the EIE public comment period, CT DEEP will submit a Record of Decision to the State Office of Policy and Management, which will review the documentation, including responses to comments, and make a Determination of Adequacy based on the materials submitted.

Conclusion

The Proposed Action will have a net positive benefit relative to natural, physical, and socioeconomic resources of the Ox Brook corridor and the City of Bridgeport. The Project would result in a reduction in the frequency and severity of flooding in the corridor and reduce the number of properties within the 1% annual chance flood hazard area. The Proposed Action

would result in decreased flooding impacts to residences and businesses, decreased need for emergency response personnel and resources, and improve conditions along a degraded urban waterway.

Distribution

The EIE will be distributed to the following agencies, departments, and interested parties:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England Division (USACE)
- State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM)
- Connecticut Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ)
- State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
- State of Connecticut Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)
- Metropolitan Council of Governments (MetroCOG)
- The Honorable Marilyn Moore, State Senator, Senate District 22
- The Honorable Dennis Bradley, State Senator, Senate District 23
- The Honorable John F. “Jack” Hennessy, State Representative, House District 127
- City of Bridgeport
 - Town Clerk
 - Mayor Gamin
 - City Council Members (132nd, 133rd, 134th, and 135th Districts)
 - Police Department
 - Parks & Recreation Dept.
 - Engineering Dept.
 - Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security
 - Public Facilities Department
 - Water Pollution Control Authority
 - Zoning Department
 - Office of Planning and Economic Development
 - North Branch Library
- Lake Forest Association



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Environmental Monitor Public Scoping Notice and Post-Scoping Notice

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October 5, 2021

Scoping Notice

1. Notice of Scoping for Eagleville Green, Mansfield - Multifamily Housing Development, Mansfield.
2. Notice of Scoping for Replacement of Bridge No. 00162 - I-95 over Metro North Railroad, West Haven.
3. **NEW!** Notice of Scoping for the Ox Brook Flood Control Master Plan, Bridgeport.

Scoping Notice - Post-Scoping Notice (Need More Time)

No notice for additional time has been submitted for publication in this edition.

Post-Scoping Notice

No Post-Scoping notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.

Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE)

1. **NEW!** Notice of an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) for Naugatuck Valley Regional Wastewater Study, Ansonia, Derby, and Seymour.

3. Notice of Scoping for the Ox Brook Flood Control Master Plan

Project Title: Ox Brook Flood Control Master Plan and Environmental Impact Evaluation

Addresses of possible locations: Various locations along Ox Brook in the City of Bridgeport, extending from Elton Rogers Park at the north end to Lincoln Boulevard at the south end of the Project (See Figures 1 and 2 below).

Municipality where proposed action might be located: Bridgeport

Project Description: The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP) is funding the implementation of Phase 1 of the Ox Brook Flood Control Master Plan, a six-phase project. Phase 1 of the Project has progressed through permitting level design with permit applications submitted, while the remaining Phases (Phases 2-6) are at the preliminary design phase. Note that the overall Project is anticipated to take decades to complete and that funding has only been identified for Phase 1 at this time. The Project is being proposed to address a long history of flooding along the corridor, resulting in roadway flooding and repeated damages to properties along Ox Brook. The Project is located generally along Ox Brook in the City of Bridgeport, CT, roughly extending from Elton Rogers Park at the north (upstream) end (off Kaechele Place) to Lincoln Boulevard at the south (downstream) end (between Lincoln Ave. and Garfield Ave.).

The six phases of the Project are:

- Phase 1: Construction of a storage impoundment within Elton Rogers Park, via rehabilitation of the existing dam and construction of two dikes within the park property, to provide storage and reduce the peak flow discharged to Ox Brook.
- Phase 2: Three main components: (1) construction of a detention pond for storage within Svihra Park with a 18-inch outlet pipe to Island Brook, (2) construction of 3,850 linear feet of 9-ft x 5-ft box culvert in Wayne Street, Bronx Avenue, and Hunting Street, to divert Ox Brook flows to the new detention area, and (3) construction of a 12-ft x 5-ft box culvert to reroute a segment of Ox Brook from a point approximately 100 feet south of Rocton Avenue along Amsterdam Avenue, through several backyards, down Tremont Avenue to Wayne Street to Quince Street. From Quince Street, a 60-inch diameter pipe will discharge flow back to the existing Ox Brook channel. The remainder of the flow would be discharged to the 9-ft x 5-ft box culvert at Wayne Street. The existing Ox Brook channel in the affected reach would remain in place to convey local runoff.
- Phase 3: Channel and crossing improvements from Lincoln Boulevard upstream to Quince Street. Open channel segments would be improved to either a trapezoidal or rectangular cross-sections within this reach. Five street crossings would be improved with box culverts.
- Phase 4: Channel and crossing improvements from Rocton Avenue to Burnsford Avenue. Open channel segments will be improved to either a trapezoidal or rectangular cross-sections within this reach. The culvert beneath Burnsford Avenue would be replaced. Three additional crossings would be improved with larger diameter culverts.
- Phase 5: Channel and crossing upgrades from Burnsford Avenue upstream to Lourmel Street. The existing open channel segment between Burnsford Avenue and Stoehr Place would be improved to a trapezoidal cross-section. Between Lourmel Street and Stoehr Place, the existing brook is piped and improved sections will be installed, ranging in size from 54-inches to 84-inches in diameter.
- Phase 6: Construction of the Island Brook diversion to the Elton Rogers Park storage area. This will consist of approximately 650 LF of 10-ft x 3-ft box culvert in Old Town Road. This phase would also include the construction of an 18-inch pipe discharging flow from the dam to Ox Brook at Lourmel Street.

CT DEEP will be preparing an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) which will incorporate comments from the scoping meeting and evaluate the No Action alternative, the Master Plan alternative, subalternates within the Master Plan, and other Flood Protection Measures.

Project Maps: Click here for maps for this project for general locations of the project area and phases: [Figure 1: Locus Map \(-/media/5B8774AEB04D49E28C5E68145ABFFE42.ashx\)](#); [Figure 2: Project Phasing Plan \(-/media/7A1F35A56CA74A3DACA502348B07181B.ashx\)](#)

Additional mapping can be viewed at [Ox Brook Scoping](#) , and please contact Fred Riese at 860-424-4110 to arrange to view in-person at CT DEEP at 79 Elm Street.

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: **Thursday, November 4, 2021**

There will be a Public Scoping Meeting for this proposed action:

DATE: Monday, October 18, 2021

TIME: 7:00pm EST

PLACE: Virtual/ Zoom

NOTES: The meeting will be held virtually using Zoom and can be accessed using the following link and passcode:

Meeting ID: 927 2412 2339 Passcode: 958744

Individuals with limited internet access can listen to the meeting by calling 646 876 9923 and entering the Meeting ID/ Participant Code when prompted.

<https://gza.zoom.us/j/92724122339> (<https://gza.zoom.us/j/92724122339>)

Written comments and/ or questions about the meeting or project should be sent to the following (Please use "Ox Brook" in the subject line for emails):

Name: Fred Riese

Agency: Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

Address: 79 Elm Street, Hartford CT 06106

Phone: 860-424-4110

Fax: 860-424-4053

E-Mail: Frederick.Riese@ct.gov

What Happens Next: CT DEEP will prepare an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) under the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA). The EIE will be available for public comment in late fall/winter of 2021/2022. A Post-Scoping Notice will appear in a future edition of the Environmental Monitor.

Scoping Notice - Post-Scoping Notice (Need More Time)

If an agency is unable to publish a Post-Scoping Notice within six months after the comment period for scoping, the agency will publish an update with an action status and an estimate as to when a Post-Scoping Notice will be published. Such an update will be published by the agency at six-month intervals until the Post-Scoping Notice is published. [Read More \(/CEQ/Environmental-Monitor/CEPA-Regulations#22a-1a-7\)](#). ([http:](#))

No notice for additional time has been submitted for publication in this edition.

Post-Scoping Notice

A Post-Scoping Notice is the determination by a sponsoring agency, after publication of a Scoping Notice and consideration of comments received, whether an [Environmental Impact Evaluation \(EIE\)](#) (https://www.cga.ct.gov/current/pub/chap_439.htm#sec_22a-1b) needs to be prepared for a proposed State action. [Read More \(/CEQ/Environmental-Monitor/CEPA-Regulations#22a-1a-7\)](#).

No Post-Scoping Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.

EIE Notice

After Scoping, an agency that wishes to undertake an action that could significantly affect the environment must produce, for public review and comment, a detailed written evaluation of the expected environmental impacts. This is called an [Environmental Impact Evaluation \(EIE\)](#) (https://www.cga.ct.gov/current/pub/chap_439.htm#sec_22a-1b). [Read More \(/CEQ/Environmental-Monitor/CEPA-Regulations#22a-1a-8\)](#)

The following EIE Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.

1. Notice of an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) for Naugatuck Valley Regional Wastewater Study

Municipalities where proposed action is to be located: Ansonia, Derby, Seymour

Project Description: The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), together with the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments (NVCOG), evaluated potential wastewater treatment consolidation alternatives for five municipalities in the Naugatuck Valley. The purpose and need of this study are to identify and evaluate feasible and cost-effective options for reducing the number of treatment facilities while addressing the wastewater treatment challenges faced by the participating municipalities, in order to lower their future wastewater treatment costs and enhance

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December 7, 2021

Scoping Notice

1. Notice of Scoping for Mirror Lake Improvements at the University of Connecticut, Mansfield.
2. Notice of Scoping for South Campus Residence Hall at the University of Connecticut, Mansfield
3. **NEW!** Notice of Scoping for Kensington State Fish Hatchery Solar Project, Berlin.
4. **NEW!** Notice of Scoping for State of Connecticut Department of Correction Solar Projects at Cheshire.
5. **NEW!** Notice of Scoping for State of Connecticut Department of Correction Solar Projects at Enfield/Somers.

Scoping Notice - Post-Scoping Notice (Need More Time)

No notice for additional time has been submitted for publication in this edition.

Post-Scoping Notice

1. **NEW!** Post-Scoping Notice for Ox Brook Flood Control Master Plan, Bridgeport.
2. **NEW!** Post-Scoping Notice for Replacement of Stiles Bridge - Route 191 over Scantic River, East Windsor.

The ground mounted PV system of Osborn is proposed to be built on previously farmed land located on the North West side of Osborn Correctional Institution. This PV system consists of approximately 4,830 solar panels with a capacity of approximately 1.8 MW. The total area of this PV system is roughly 5.7 acres. This proposed location is roughly 65 LF East of a grassland bird mitigation area.

Project Maps: [Osborn Solar Array Map \(-/media/6411F5DCEC714B668FB50324F0A5D6D2.ashx\)](#), [Willard Solar Array Map \(-/media/4C19CF3CC96F452B9422CDE1EBB337A6.ashx\)](#), [Robinson Solar Array Map A \(-/media/AB49A9FEAB394098B443C2FE7D0A02C5.ashx\)](#), [Robinson Solar Array Map B \(-/media/173A4F1B44CB488F8C687DFC5CEE91C0.ashx\)](#), [Enfield Solar Array Map \(-/media/156CFBD70699457B9B30C0E803C64B5E.ashx\)](#), [Enfield Overview \(-/media/6677CA408C764C2D8FE461C730AA6D2C.ashx\)](#).

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: **January 6, 2022.**

Any person may ask the sponsoring agency to hold a public scoping meeting by sending such a request to the address below. If a public scoping meeting is requested by 25 or more individuals, or by an association that represents 25 or more members, the sponsoring agency shall schedule a public scoping meeting. Such requests must be made by: **December 17, 2021.**

Written comments, questions and/or requests for a public scoping meeting should be sent to:

Name: Michael Barrera

Agency: Department of Administrative Services

Address: 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 1501, Hartford, CT 06103

Phone: 860-713-5267

E-Mail: Michael.Barrera@ct.gov

Inquiries and requests to view and or copy documents, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, must be submitted to:

Name: Anthony Campanelli

Agency: Department of Corrections

Address: 24 Wolcott Hill Rd. Wethersfield, CT 06109

E-Mail: Anthony.campanelli@ct.gov

What Happens Next: The Department of Administrative Services will make a determination whether to proceed with preparation of an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) or that the project does not require the preparation of an EIE under the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA). A Post-Scoping Notice of its decision will appear in a future edition of the *Environmental Monitor*.

Scoping Notice - Post-Scoping Notice (Need More Time)

If an agency is unable to publish a Post-Scoping Notice within six months after the comment period for scoping, the agency will publish an update with an action status and an estimate as to when a Post-Scoping Notice will be published. Such an update will be published by the agency at six-month intervals until the Post-Scoping Notice is published. [Read More \(/CEQ/Environmental-Monitor/CEPA-Regulations#22a-1a-7\)](#). (<http://www.ct.gov>)

No notice for additional time has been submitted for publication in this edition.

Post-Scoping Notice

A Post-Scoping Notice is the determination by a sponsoring agency, after publication of a Scoping Notice and consideration of comments received, whether an [Environmental Impact Evaluation \(EIE\)](#) (https://www.ct.gov/current/pub/chap_439.htm#sec_22a-1b) needs to be prepared for a proposed State action. [Read More \(/CEQ/Environmental-Monitor/CEPA-Regulations#22a-1a-7\)](#). (<http://www.ct.gov>)

The following Post-Scoping Notices have been submitted for publication in this edition.

1. Post-Scoping Notice for Ox Brook Flood Control Master Plan

Addresses of Possible Project Location: Various locations along Ox Brook in the City of Bridgeport, extending from Elton Rogers Park at the north end to Lincoln Boulevard at the south end.

Municipality where it would be located: Bridgeport

CEPA Determination: On October 5, 2021, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection published a **Notice of Scoping** (<https://portal.ct.gov/CEQ/Environmental-Monitor/Environmental-Monitor-Archives/2021/October-5-2021>) to solicit public comments for this proposed action in the *Environmental Monitor*.

A virtual public scoping meeting was held on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

No comments were received during the public comment period or at the Public Scoping Meeting.

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection has determined to proceed with the preparation of an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE).

Agency contact:

Name: Frederick Riese

Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

Address: 79 Elm Street, Hartford CT 06106

Phone: 860-424-4110

E-Mail: Frederick.Riese@ct.gov

Inquiries and requests to view and or copy documents, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, must be submitted to the sponsoring State Agency.

What Happens Next: The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection will prepare an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) under the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act for the proposed action. The EIE is expected to be available for public review and comment in the first quarter of 2022. When the EIE is completed, it will be published in a future edition of the *Environmental Monitor*.

2. Post-Scoping Notice for Replacement of Stiles Bridge - Route 191 over Scantic River

Address of Possible Project Location: Route 191 over Scantic River. Mile point 2.73 of Route 191

Municipality where it would be located: East Windsor

CEPA Determination: On April 20, 2021, the Connecticut Department of Transportation published a **Notice of Scoping** (<https://portal.ct.gov/CEQ/Environmental-Monitor/Environmental-Monitor-Archives/2021/April-20-2021>) to solicit public comments for this proposed project in the *Environmental Monitor*. A virtual public scoping meeting was held on Tuesday May 4, 2021 and the project comment period concluded on May 21, 2021.

Comments from the **Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CTDEEP)** ([-/media/F3D2BAD169A84F878D7D9A4D09603403.ashx](#)) were received during the public comment period, however no comments from the public were received during that time. A synopsis of the comments received and CTDOT's responses are included in the **Environmental Review Checklist** ([-/media/ABCCA2B392524B16A14405406B903397.ashx](#)).

After consideration of the comments received, the CTDOT has determined that the project does not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) under the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA). The agency's conclusion is documented in a **Memo of Findings and Determination** ([-/media/977938769E7B45A3BC9C8530C2BED12F.ashx](#)) and the **Environmental Review Checklist** ([-/media/ABCCA2B392524B16A14405406B903397.ashx](#)).

Agency contact (E-Mail Preferred):

Name: Kevin Fleming, Transportation Planner

Agency: Connecticut Department of Transportation, Bureau of Policy and Planning

Address: 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT, 06131

Phone: 860-594-2924

E-Mail: Kevin.Fleming@ct.gov

Inquiries and requests to view and or copy documents, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, must be submitted to the sponsoring State Agency.

Name: Ms. Alice M. Sexton



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Environmental Monitor Notice of Availability for EIE

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Scoping Notice

1. **NEW!** Notice of Scoping for Mansfield Apartments Redevelopment at the University of Connecticut, Mansfield.
2. **NEW!** Notice of Scoping for Route 85 Improvements - South of Route 82, Montville and Salem.

Scoping Notice - Post-Scoping Notice (Need More Time)

No notice for additional time has been submitted for publication in this edition.

Post-Scoping Notice

1. **NEW!** Post-Scoping Notice for Suffield Wildlife Management Area Prescribed Burn, Suffield.
2. **NEW!** Post-Scoping Notice for Mirror Lake Improvements at the University of Connecticut, Mansfield.

Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE)

1. **NEW!** Notice of an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) for Ox Brook Flood Control Master Plan, Bridgeport.

Agency Record of Decision

No Record of Decision Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.

OPM Determination of Adequacy

No Determination of Adequacy Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.

State Land Transfer

No State Land Transfer Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.

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Inquiries and requests to view or copy documents, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, must be submitted to the sponsoring state agency.

Scoping Notice

"Scoping" is for projects in the earliest stages of planning. At the scoping stage, detailed information on a project's design, alternatives, and environmental impacts does not yet exist. Sponsoring agencies are asking for comments from other agencies and from the public as to the scope of alternatives and environmental impacts that should be considered for further study. Send your comments to the contact person listed for the project by the date indicated. **[Read More \(/CEQ/Environmental-Monitor/CEPA-Regulations#22a-1a-6\)](#)**

The following Scoping Notices have been submitted for publication in this edition.

Agency contact:**Name:** James Libby, AIA, LEED AP, NCARB**Agency:** University of Connecticut, University Planning, Design and Construction**Address:** 31 LeDoyt Rd, Unit 3038, Storrs, Connecticut 06269-3038**Phone:** (860) 486-3117**E-Mail:** james.libby@uconn.edu

Inquiries and requests to view and or copy documents, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, must be submitted at publicrecords.uconn.edu/make-a-request (<https://publicrecords.uconn.edu/make-a-request/>).

What Happens Next: The Mirror Lake Improvements project has just completed Schematic Design and is scheduled to conclude two subsequent design phases by Fall 2022. The University anticipates construction to begin in Spring 2023 and complete in Fall 2024.

The University of Connecticut is preparing an EIE and is continuing engineering design of the proposed Mirror Lake Improvements project. When the EIE is completed, it will be published in a future edition of the *Environmental Monitor* and presented for public comment.

EIE Notice

After Scoping, an agency that wishes to undertake an action that could significantly affect the environment must produce, for public review and comment, a detailed written evaluation of the expected environmental impacts. This is called an **Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE)** (https://www.ct.gov/current/pub/chap_439.htm#sec_22a-1b). [Read More \(/CEQ/Environmental-Monitor/CEPA-Regulations#22a-1a-8\)](#).

The following EIE Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.

1. Notice of an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) for Ox Brook Flood Control Master Plan

Addresses of Possible Project Locations: Various locations along Ox Brook in the City of Bridgeport, extending from Elton Rogers Park at the north end to Lincoln Boulevard at the south end of the Project (see the attached figures).

Municipality where proposed action is to be located: Bridgeport

Project Description: The Ox Brook corridor in the City of Bridgeport has been subject to repeated flooding over a period of decades and the area has been studied since the 1970s. Flooding along Ox Brook has resulted in repeated damages to residential properties and commercial and industrial businesses, infrastructure damages, roadway and sidewalk closures and detours, emergency response needs, health hazards for residents, among other impacts.

The Proposed Action is the implementation of the Ox Brook Flood Control Master Plan, a six-phase project, to alleviate chronic flooding along the Ox Brook corridor. Phase 1 of the project is currently funded by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP), which is the Sponsoring Agency for the Project. There is no Participating Agency.

The project is located generally along Ox Brook in the City of Bridgeport, CT, roughly extending from Elton Rogers Park at the north (upstream) end (off Kaechele Place) to Lincoln Boulevard at the south (downstream) end (between Lincoln Ave. and Garfield Ave.). Phase 1 of the Project has progressed through permitting level design with permit applications submitted, while the remaining Phases (Phases 2-6) are at the preliminary design phase. The overall Project is anticipated to take decades to complete and funding has only been identified for Phase 1 at this time. The six phases are as follows:

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Project Maps: [Click here to view a Locus Map \(-/media/AEEB2D17F2C94FEAB2EAB4EDA0EC1862.ashx\)](#). [Click here to view a Project Phasing Plan \(-/media/790824FC649A4B689AF050836416A137.ashx\)](#), showing the general location of the Project Area and Project Phases.

Scoping Notice and Post Scoping Notice: The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection published a Scoping Notice on **October 5, 2021** (<https://portal.ct.gov/CEQ/Environmental-Monitor/Environmental-Monitor-Archives/2021/October-5-2021>) and a Post-Scoping Notice on **December 7, 2021** (<https://portal.ct.gov/CEQ/Environmental-Monitor/Environmental-Monitor-Archives/2021/December-7-2021>), for the proposed project in the Environmental Monitor.

Comments on this EIE will be accepted until the close of business on: **April 11, 2022.**

The public can view a copy of this EIE at this link (-/media/10D2C80216AE4322B56F3A5D6CFBD607.ashx) or at the following webpage for DEEP's Public Notices (<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Public-Notices/Public-Notices-Proposed-Actions---Opportunity-for-Comment/Miscellaneous-Proposed-Actions/>), or hard copy at the following locations:

- Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection office (see DEEP contact information below to request an appointment),
- Bridgeport City Hall Town Clerk's Office, Bridgeport City Hall Room 122, 45 Lyon Terrace, Bridgeport, CT 06604 (call 203-576-7208 to make an appointment), and
- Bridgeport Public Library - North Branch, 3455 Madison Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06606

Other information:

There is a public hearing scheduled for this EIE on:

DATE: Tuesday, March 29, 2022

TIME: 7:00 pm EST

PLACE: Virtual

NOTES: The meeting will be held virtually on Zoom and can be accessed by the following link and passcode:

<https://gza.zoom.us/j/95677983752> (<https://gza.zoom.us/j/95677983752>).

Meeting ID: 956 7798 3752

Passcode: 873651

Individuals with limited internet access can listen to the meeting by calling 1-646-876-9923 and entering the Meeting ID/Participant Code when prompted: 956 7798 3752

Written comments and/or questions about the meeting, project, or the EIE for this project should be sent to the following (email preferred) (Please use "OX BROOK" in the subject line):

Name: Fred Riese

Agency: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

Address: 79 Elm Street, Hartford CT 06106

E-Mail: Frederick.Riese@ct.gov

Phone: 860-424-4110

What happens next: The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) will review the comments received and may conduct further environmental study and analysis or amend the evaluation. DEEP will prepare responses to the substantive issues raised in review of and comment on the EIE and any supplemental materials or amendments. Those responses and all supplemental materials and comments shall be made available in a "Record of Decision" which will appear in the Environmental Monitor for public inspection.

Agency Record of Decision

After an [Environmental Impact Evaluation \(EIE\)](https://www.cga.ct.gov/current/pub/chap_439.htm#sec_22a-1b) (https://www.cga.ct.gov/current/pub/chap_439.htm#sec_22a-1b) is developed, an agency will prepare a concise public record of decision, which takes into consideration the agency's findings in the EIE, and any comments received on that evaluation. [Read More \(/CEQ/Environmental-Monitor/CEPA-Regulations#22a-1a-10\)](#)

No Record of Decision Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.

OPM's Determination of Adequacy

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Connecticut General Statutes [Section 4b-47](https://www.cga.ct.gov/current/pub/chap_059.htm#sec_4b-47) (https://www.cga.ct.gov/current/pub/chap_059.htm#sec_4b-47) requires public notice of most proposed sales and transfers of state-owned lands. The public has an opportunity to comment on any such proposed transfer. Each notice includes an address where comments should be sent. [Read more about the process \(/CEQ/Environmental-Monitor/State-Lands-Transfer-Process\)](#).

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Aviso de Disponibilidad de Evaluación de Impacto Ambiental (EIE) del Departamento de Energía y Protección Ambiental del Estado de Connecticut (DEEP)

Por la presente se notifica, de acuerdo con la Ley de Política Ambiental de Connecticut (CEPA), que se ha preparado un EIE para el Plan Maestro de Control de Inundaciones de Ox Brook. La Acción Propuesta es la implementación de un proyecto de seis fases para aliviar las inundaciones crónicas a lo largo del corredor de Ox Brook en la ciudad de Bridgeport. Las seis fases son las siguientes: Fase 1: Rehabilitación de represas y construcción del área de detención en Elton Rogers Park; Fase 2: Construcción de un desvío al área del Parque Svihra y construcción del área de detención; Fase 3: Mejoras en el canal y el cruce desde Lincoln Boulevard hasta Quince Street; Fase 4: Mejoras en el canal y el cruce desde Roston Avenue hasta Burnford Avenue; Fase 5: Mejoras en el canal y el cruce desde Burnford Avenue hasta Loumel Street; y Fase 6: Construcción del desvío de Island Brook al área de detención de Elton Rogers, excavación adicional dentro del área de embalse de Elton Rogers Park para aumentar el almacenamiento de detención de aguas pluviales y conexión de una nueva descarga de la represa a Loumel Street.

Las alternativas consideradas como parte del proceso de CEPA incluyeron: 1) No Action; 2) la Alternativa del Plan Maestro; 3) Subalternos de la Fase 1; y 4) Fases 2-6 Subalternos.

A partir del 22 de febrero de 2022, una copia del EIE estará disponible para inspección pública en cada una de las siguientes ubicaciones: en línea en <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Public-Notices/Public-Notices-Proposed-Actions---Opportunity-for-Comment/Miscellaneous-Proposed-Actions>; o en copia impresa en Bridgeport Public Library-North Branch (3455 Madison Avenue, Bridgeport, CT); Oficina del Secretario de la Ciudad de Bridgeport (Sala del Ayuntamiento 122, 45 Lyon Terrace, Bridgeport, CT); y DEEP (79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT, con cita previa). Una audiencia pública virtual para solicitar comentarios del público sobre el EIE está programada para las 7:00 PM del martes 29 de marzo de 2022, a través de Zoom en: <https://gza.zoom.us/j/95677983752> e ingrese como password el número 873651. Aquellos con acceso limitado a Internet pueden escuchar la reunión llamando al 1-646-876-9923 e ingresando el ID de reunión 956 7798 3752 cuando se les solicite. Los comentarios por escrito sobre este documento y cualquier otra información pertinente deben enviarse o marcarse antes del 11 de abril de 2022. Los comentarios deben enviarse a: Frederick Riese, CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, 79 Elm Street Hartford, Connecticut 06106, o por correo electrónico a Frederick.riese@ct.gov.

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Work under this contract includes the replacement of an existing traffic control signal and the removal of existing channelizing islands. It includes other appurtenant work such as the installation of concrete sidewalks and ramps, minor storm drainage construction, bituminous concrete milling and resurfacing and the installation of pavement markings.

Sealed Bids will be received at the office of the Director of Purchasing, Lincoln Center, 494 Main Street, Manchester, Connecticut 06040 for the project "SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS – TOLLAND TURNPIKE AT BUCKLAND STREET AND ADAMS STREET." until 2:00 P.M. on MARCH 22, 2022 at which time said bids will be opened and read aloud via virtual meeting. Bids may be hand delivered to the above address or directed by U.S. Mail to said office at Town of Manchester, Lincoln Center, 494 Main Street, P.O. Box 191, Manchester, CT 06045-0191.

The Contract Drawings and Specifications (i.e., documents) may be examined at the office of the Director of Purchasing, Lincoln Center, 494 Main Street, P.O. Box 191, Manchester, Connecticut 06045-0191. Paper sets of the documents can be obtained upon payment of a non-refundable fee of \$20.00/set in cash or check, made payable to the Town of Manchester. Contract documents may also be downloaded from the Town of Manchester website at <http://generalservices1.townofmanchester.org/index.cfm/bids/>.

Bid security in the form of a bid bond, payable to the Town of Manchester, is required in the sum of 5 percent (5%) of the total bid. Bid security shall be subject to the conditions set forth in the Standard Instructions to Bidders.

No bidder may withdraw their bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the date of bid opening.

The bidder agrees that 8% of the awarded contract value shall be performed by disadvantaged business enterprises (DBE) as certified by the Connecticut Department of Transportation. The successful bidder must indicate the disadvantaged business enterprise(s) it intends to utilize to achieve the above stated percentage at the time of bid. See Appendix "E" for additional information.

All bidders are required to inform themselves fully of the conditions relating to the construction and labor under which the work will be or is now being performed and the contractor shall employ, as far as possible, such methods and means in the carrying out of this work as will not cause interruption or interference with any other contractor.

The submitted bid shall include all of the following completed documents to be considered a qualified bid: "Form of General Bid", "Bid Proposal Sheets", "Qualifications of Bidder Form", "Bid Bond", "CGS Section 31-57B Certificate of Compliance Form" and "Pre-Award DBE Commitment Approval Request Form".

The Town reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids, should it be deemed to be in the public interest to do so, and to reserve any and/or all other rights as detailed in the Contract Documents.

The Town of Manchester is an equal opportunity employer, and requires an affirmative action policy for all of its Contractors and Vendors as a condition of doing business with the Town, as per Federal Executive Order 11246.

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ELM CITY COMMUNITIES

Invitation for Bids Pest Control Services

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SEYMOUR HOUSING AUTHORITY

Request for Qualifications from Architects/Engineers to Assist the Housing Authority in Preparation of Plans, Specifications & Contract Documents for Renovations at the Housing Authority's State Developments

The Seymour Housing Authority extends an invitation to architects/engineers to submit a statement of their qualifications to the Authority. The architect's/engineer's qualifications should indicate the ability to perform work required in a timely and sufficient manner. The architect/engineer must be licensed to perform services in the State of Connecticut. Firms selected through the RFQ process will be invited to submit fee proposals for the A&E services required for the proposed renovation projects at the Housing Authority's State Developments.

The services being required by the Housing Authority will include but shall not be limited to schematic design, preliminary studies, preparation and design of construction documents, work write-ups, energy modeling, cost estimates, evaluation of construction bids, inspection of materials and workmanship during construction, and post completion documents.

The project(s) may be funded by the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA) and / or the Connecticut Department of Housing (DOH).

The entire procurement procedure and contract award will be subject to all applicable Federal/State Laws and Regulations. The architect/engineer selected shall comply with the Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Requirements adopted by the Authority in compliance with said order.

Profiles of the firm's principals, staff and facilities must be submitted along with a list of completed projects, especially those completed with DOH or CHFA funds. The architect/engineer should specify any work performed under DOH or CHFA Funded Programs including but not limited to Competitive Housing Assistance for Multifamily Properties (CHAMP) and/or State Sponsored Housing Portfolio (SSHP). A certified statement that the architect/engineer is not debarred, suspended, or otherwise prohibited from professional practice by any Federal, State or local agency must also be submitted.

In addition, the following insurance will be required:

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4. Valuable Papers Destruction policy,
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The Architect/Engineer should have previous experience in providing professional services to public housing authorities and must display evidence of knowledge of DOH, and CHFA regulations. Completed current federal GSA Forms 254 and 255 must be submitted.

Evaluation Criteria:

1. Firm's qualifications - history and resource capability to perform required services in a timely manner (20 Points).
2. Evaluation of staff personnel (20 Points).
3. DOH/CHFA experience, including but not limited to the Competitive Housing Assistance for Multifamily Properties (CHAMP) and/or State Sponsored Housing Portfolio (SSHP) funds. (20 Points).
4. Other experience (15 Points).
5. Hourly Fee Schedule (15 Points)
6. Overall response to RFQ (10 Points).

All interested firms shall submit three (3) copies of the proposal to:

David Keyser
Executive Director
Seymour Housing Authority
28 Smith Street
Seymour, CT 06483

by 2:00 p.m. on or before March 29, 2022.

All proposals should be sent certified mail, hand delivered or delivered by recognized carrier. All proposals should be clearly identified as "A&E RFQ Response - Seymour Housing Authority's State Developments.

Further information may be obtained by contacting David Keyser at (203) 888-4579 or by writing to David Keyser at the Seymour Housing Authority, 28 Smith Street. Seymour, CT 06483.

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EIE Comment Letters and Public Hearing Transcript

April 4, 2022

Frederick Riese
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
79 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106-5127
(sent only via email to Frederick.riese@ct.gov)

Subject: Environmental Impact Evaluation – Comments on Cultural Resources
Ox Brook Flood Control Master Plan Project
Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Riese:

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has reviewed the referenced project in response to your request for our comments regarding potential effects to historic properties. The referenced Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) describes the purpose and need of the project and offers several alternatives relating to six project elements. As noted in the EIE, although SHPO understands that this document was prepared pursuant to the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA), our office has additional review responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106) should federal permitting be required. These comments are provided in accordance with both CEPA and Section 106. To facilitate review by our office, a Phase IA Cultural Resources Assessment report was included as Appendix D prepared by Archaeological and Historical Services, Inc. (AHS). The background research is comprehensive and demonstrates knowledge of the project area; it meets the standards set forth in the *Environmental Review Primer for Connecticut's Archaeological Resources*.

As noted in the report prepared by AHS, there are no previously reported archaeological sites or properties listed in the State or National Registers of Historic Places recorded within the Area of Potential Effect (APE) for this project. SHPO understands that additional assessments may be required as the preferred project alternatives are selected and proposed work areas required for storage, staging, and access are selected. Background research, visual reconnaissance, and limited coring of the APE revealed substantial prior disturbances. As a result, SHPO concurs with AHS that activities associated with the Ox Brook Flood Control Master Plan or its alternatives are not likely to impact significant archaeological deposits. SHPO also agrees that most of the above-ground historic resources identified by AHS are common styles that lack sufficient integrity and association to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

SHPO-1

A single resource was identified as potentially eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places: the dam at Elton Rogers Park. This dam, constructed in 1872 by the Bridgeport Hydraulic Company, is an important component of an engineered historic water system. The dam is comprised of an earthen and masonry structure that is no longer functional and has areas of collapse. SHPO does not object to the project alternatives, but encourages the preservation of as much of the remaining historic dam and its related elements to the greatest extent possible.

SHPO-2

SHPO requests that the dam is documented to meet state-level documentation standards which consist of narrative text, photographs, and photographic site plan. If possible, photographs of the dam during its dismantling should be included as part of the documentation. The submitted documentation should be both archivally stable and user-friendly. It is SHPO's opinion that the proposed undertaking will constitute no adverse effect conditional upon the proposed work being able to accommodate this documentation request to minimize the historic loss.

SHPO-2

SHPO appreciates the opportunity to review and comment upon this project. Do not hesitate to contact Catherine Labadia, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, for additional information at (860) 500-2329 or catherine.labadia@ct.gov.

Sincerely,



Jonathan Kinney
State Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Burke, CZA



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March 23, 2022

Frederick Riese
CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP)
79 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106

RE: Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) for the Ox Brook Flood Control Master Plan

Dear Mr. Riese:

The Council on Environmental Quality (“Council”) has reviewed the EIE for the Ox Brook Flood Control Master Plan and has the following questions regarding Phase 1.

The EIE states that “there are no identified NDDB areas within the Project Area or immediate vicinity” and that “the Project is not expected to impact listed Connecticut species or their habitats”. The Council notes that the Natural Diversity Database (NDDB) mapping is a pre-screening tool and is not a substitute for an on-site survey. A survey of the areas potentially impacted by Phase 1 of the proposed project is recommended, prior to construction, to assess the presence of wildlife and endangered, threatened and special concern species or suitable habitat that might be present. If found, the Council recommends consultation with the NDDB to develop and implement plans to eliminate or mitigate any potential adverse impacts.

CEQ-1

The EIE sheet C1.00 identifies a vernal pool immediately north of the existing dam within Elton Rodgers Park. The EIE does not indicate if potential negative impacts on the vernal pool envelope (VPE) and the critical terrestrial habitat (CTH) were examined. The Council recommends an assessment to determine the potential impact the proposed action would have on the VPE and CTH and/or if one or more vernal pools would be created by the proposed project.

CEQ-2

The Council notes that the proposed work associated with Phase 1 of the proposed project has the potential to introduce or expand the habitat for invasive species. The EIE does not indicate that action to eradicate invasive species is included in the plan. The Council recommends the inclusion of an invasive species control/eradication component for the construction with a follow-up during the following year.

CEQ-3

The United Illuminating Company has received Connecticut Siting Council approval (Docket 490 – January 2021) to construct a 115/13.8- kilovolt (kV) air-insulated replacement substation facility located on the existing Old Town Substation parcel at 282 Kaechele Place and two parcels immediately north totaling approximately 3 acres that are owned by the United Illuminating Company at 312 and 330 Kaechele Place in Bridgeport. The Council notes that coordination of the two construction projects might avoid unanticipated issues and benefit both projects.

CEQ-4

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Peter Hearn, Executive Director

Jennifer Burke

From: Jennifer Burke
Sent: Friday, April 1, 2022 11:12 AM
To: Jennifer Burke
Subject: FW: Ox took EIE Plan

From: Roman-Christy, Rosalina <Rosalina.Roman-Christy@Bridgeportct.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 2:15 PM
To: Riese, Frederick <Frederick.Riese@ct.gov>
Cc: Urquidi, Jon <jon.urquidi@bridgeportct.gov>
Subject: Ox took EIE Plan

Dear Mr. Riese:

My name is Rosalina Roman-Christy. I am the councilwoman for the 135th district, which has been immensely impacted by severe flooding. The flooding problem has been going on for over 40 years. On behalf of my constituents, I want to know how your study is going to ease the flooding coming from the Oxbrook area as well the Island Brook Pond, and how long is it going to take before funding is granted to mitigate this problem. Thank you.

RRC-1

Respectfully,

Rosalina Roman-Christy, MS
Councilwoman 135th District

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PUBLIC HEARING
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OX BROOK FLOOD CONTROL MASTER PLAN
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT EVALUATION

MARCH 29, 2022

COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.

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PRESENT:

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ROSALINA ROMAN-CHRISTY, CITY OF BRIDGEPORT COUNCILWOMAN

JACK HENNESSY, CONNECTICUT STATE REPRESENTATIVE

(All members present via remote videoconference.)

Jennifer Still, SHR, License No. SHR000301
Shea & Driscoll, LLC
30 Pepperbox Road
Waterford, CT 06385

1	MR. RIESE: I want to welcome everyone to	07:05:35PM
2	tonight's public hearing on the Ox Brook Flood Control	07:05:37PM
3	Master Plan Environmental Impact Evaluation; and this is	07:05:43PM
4	being held in accordance with the Connecticut	07:05:44PM
5	Environmental Policy Act about which we'll explain a	07:05:49PM
6	little bit more in a few succeeding slides here.	07:05:51PM
7	Next slide.	07:05:54PM
8	And I'd like to welcome all of you and explain	07:05:55PM
9	who all of we are. First of all, let me explain the	07:05:59PM
10	purpose of the hearing and who is here. Tonight joining	07:06:03PM
11	me -- and I'm Frederick Riese. I'm the senior	07:06:09PM
12	environmental analyst with the Department of Energy and	07:06:12PM
13	Environmental Protection in the Office of Environmental	07:06:17PM
14	Review; and also tonight we have from the department Dan	07:06:20PM
15	Biron who's a senior environmental analyst who works in	07:06:23PM
16	flood control and dams. Other members, from the City of	07:06:26PM
17	Bridgeport, John Urquidi who's a city engineer; and from	07:06:31PM
18	GZA Environmental we have Steve Lecco who's an associate	07:06:36PM
19	principal with the firm who is in charge of quality	07:06:38PM
20	control and quality assurance; Jennifer Burke who is the	07:06:40PM
21	senior project engineer; and Seth Taylor who is an	07:06:43PM
22	environmental planner and was a contributing editor to	07:06:49PM
23	the Environmental Impact Evaluation that we're	07:06:56PM
24	discussing tonight.	07:06:57PM
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2 tonight is really -- it's a twofold purpose. The first 07:07:01PM
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4 happens to be listening as to what the project is about, 07:07:11PM
5 why we're doing the project, and kind of the purpose, 07:07:15PM
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9 The second purpose of this hearing, and will 07:07:27PM
10 be the second half of the hearing, is to receive 07:07:32PM
11 comments from the public and from any agencies or 07:07:35PM
12 elected officials that happen to be with us tonight. 07:07:39PM
13 And the purpose of those comments, one, is just to hear 07:07:41PM
14 from you; but also the comments will become part of the 07:07:44PM
15 Record of Decision which is the document that will be 07:07:48PM
16 subsequently prepared to go to the Office of Policy 07:07:51PM
17 Management to document our compliance with the 07:07:56PM
18 requirements of the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act 07:08:00PM
19 and also to allow us a chance to address or respond to 07:08:03PM
20 any questions or concerns that have been raised either 07:08:07PM
21 tonight at the public hearing or through written 07:08:12PM
22 comments during the comment period. 07:08:14PM
23 Next slide. 07:08:16PM
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25 housekeeping part of the presentation. First of all, as 07:08:20PM

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2 won't be interrupting the presentation for comments but 07:08:29PM
3 will ask that you hold all comments to the end of the 07:08:32PM
4 public hearing. And although you're not required to 07:08:36PM
5 speak, we ask that those who do want to speak add your 07:08:39PM
6 name to the chat box and use the raised hand feature; 07:08:42PM
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8 yourself -- which sounds simple enough but it's the part 07:08:49PM
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10 reminders -- and then give us your name and address. 07:08:56PM
11 We'd ask initially that you limit your comments to 3 07:08:58PM
12 minutes. Depending on the number of speakers we have 07:09:00PM
13 tonight, we may well have time for a second round to 07:09:03PM
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8 "before times." We used to hold such meetings as 07:10:24PM
9 tonight actually in person; and these would be people 07:10:27PM
10 looking at displays or charettes explaining the project, 07:10:30PM
11 and, you know, getting a little bit of a primer before 07:10:34PM
12 the beginning of the public hearing. For most of us, 07:10:38PM
13 this is still what we think of when we think of a CEPA 07:10:42PM
14 public hearing; but, unfortunately, it's not the way 07:10:46PM
15 things have been going on the last couple of years. 07:10:49PM
16 Again, this hearing is being conducted under 07:10:51PM
17 the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act which applies 07:10:54PM
18 to State actions undertaken or funded by State agencies. 07:10:57PM
19 In this case, the funding agency is -- the Connecticut 07:11:02PM
20 Department of Energy and Environmental Protection is 07:11:06PM
21 funding this. The City of Bridgeport will actually be 07:11:10PM
22 administering the project. And because this is a 07:11:12PM
23 state-funded action it is going to fall under the 07:11:19PM
24 Connecticut Environmental Policy Act which not only 07:11:24PM
25 provides for an environmental analysis of the project 07:11:26PM

1 but also a public review, comments, so that the public
2 can see the documents, understand the decision-making
3 process, and submit their comments and feedback to us
4 which can indeed influence the course of the project,
5 the design. We try to incorporate any feedback that we
6 get as much as possible.

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7 So next slide.

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8 As was the case with the last slide, this is
9 entitled "CEPA process," and it gives you a much more
10 detailed breakdown of how the Connecticut Environmental
11 Policy Act functions. There are lists of actions which
12 are called "environmental classification documents."
13 There's a statewide one in certain departments,
14 including ours have their own environmental
15 classification documents; and that's where that State
16 action triggered CEPA review comes from. On our
17 environmental classification document for our
18 department, flood control projects is one of the actions
19 that's listed; so because this is a flood control
20 project, it triggers CEPA.

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21 The initial stage of CEPA is called "public
22 scoping" which means a chance before we even begin to
23 undertake developing this document, this Environmental
24 Impact Evaluation, there's a chance for the public to
25 (a) bring to our attention things that we might not be

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1 aware of about the project area or concerns that we
2 should know that we can try and address in the
3 Environmental Impact Evaluation and any public concerns.
4 Other agencies may be giving us data on rare and
5 endangered species or historical properties or other
6 things that we should know about as we go into the
7 Environmental Impact Evaluation; and that's why the
8 process is called "scoping" because it can influence the
9 scope of the document to be prepared.

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10 At the end of the scoping notice, which is the
11 scoping period, which as you can see happened last fall,
12 we prepared something called a "post-scoping notice"
13 which can tell -- which is prepared from the Office of
14 Policy Management, and it lets them know what the agency
15 decision is, either that we will go forward with an
16 Environmental Impact Evaluation because there are
17 legitimate concerns or that there doesn't appear to be a
18 reason to go forward with that.

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19 In this case, we had made a decision as an
20 agency beforehand -- and I say "as an agency" meaning
21 both our department and the City of Bridgeport -- that
22 an Environmental Impact Evaluation would be prepared
23 because we consider this is a significant action.

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24 So post-scoping notice was pretty easy. It
25 was, yes, we're going to do an EIE. The EIE was

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1 developed and notice of availability of the document was 07:14:18PM
2 published back on February 22nd with our comment period 07:14:21PM
3 that extends through April 11th, so 13 more days to 07:14:27PM
4 submit any comments. 07:14:31PM

5 Obviously, you'll see tonight's public hearing 07:14:33PM
6 listed here and -- so we will use any comments that are 07:14:36PM
7 gathered today to help in the preparation of the Record 07:14:40PM
8 of Decision which is submitted to the Office of Policy 07:14:44PM
9 Management who at the end of the day determines that we 07:14:47PM
10 have adequately evaluated and addressed potential 07:14:50PM
11 impacts. 07:14:55PM

12 And I think with that we'll go to the next 07:14:55PM
13 slide and I'll turn it over to Jennifer to outline what 07:14:58PM
14 the project is about, where it's about, and why we're 07:15:02PM
15 doing it. So, Jennifer, you're on. 07:15:05PM

16 MS. BURKE: Thanks, Fred, and thanks, 07:15:08PM
17 everyone, for attending this evening. 07:15:09PM

18 So GZA's role in this project was to help in 07:15:12PM
19 the development of the Environmental Impact Evaluation 07:15:14PM
20 report as Fred mentioned. And as part of this, we were 07:15:17PM
21 not the project designer; so we're taking kind of an 07:15:21PM
22 independent look at everything, gathering all of the 07:15:25PM
23 information that exists about the project, about the 07:15:26PM
24 project area, and reviewing all of the potential impacts 07:15:27PM
25 and benefits associated with the project. 07:15:32PM

1 So as many of you may know, there's a long 07:15:34PM
2 history of flooding within multiple areas in the City of 07:15:37PM
3 Bridgeport, including along Ox Brook. This flooding has 07:15:41PM
4 lead to repeated flood damages to homes and businesses. 07:15:44PM
5 It's lead to emergency response demand for fire and 07:15:48PM
6 police to set up detours, road closures, conduct 07:15:51PM
7 rescues; and also to public health and safety risks 07:15:55PM
8 associated with drowning or impacts from the floodwaters 07:15:58PM
9 and also health risks from what remains after the floods 07:16:03PM
10 like mold in people's homes. There's been many studies 07:16:05PM
11 undertaken since the 1970s over a period of 50 years to 07:16:09PM
12 identify potential solutions. Urban flooding is not a 07:16:13PM
13 simple solution -- a simple problem to fix. There's not 07:16:16PM
14 always one solution, so it's something that's been 07:16:20PM
15 looked at over the years and certain work has been done 07:16:23PM
16 in some downstream areas and other flood corridors 07:16:26PM
17 within the city and we're focusing today on Ox Brook. 07:16:30PM
18 Just to orient folks that may not be familiar 07:16:33PM
19 with the area on the map, to your right in the blue area 07:16:36PM
20 is actually Ox Brook which has its headwaters up in 07:16:39PM
21 Elton Rogers Park in the north and heads south to its 07:16:45PM
22 junction with the Rooster River. It's just one of many 07:16:47PM
23 tributaries to the Rooster River which flows generally 07:16:52PM
24 southward with its tributaries and then discharges to 07:16:56PM
25 Ash Creek, which is tidal, and then to Long Island 07:17:02PM

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2 And then along the eastern side of the
3 project, there's Island Brook; so Island Brook kind of
4 parallels to Ox Brook, flows generally north-south,
5 through Lake Forest, and then discharges out to the
6 Pequonnock River. And the reason I want to mention that
7 is we'll be talking a bit more about Island Brook and
8 about Rooster River as we go through the presentation
9 tonight, so I wanted everyone to have a good visual
10 feeling for how everything is situated in town.

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11 So the purpose and need of this project is to
12 alleviate chronic flooding along the Ox Brook corridor
13 through the implementation of the Ox Brook Flood Control
14 Master Plan, which we'll be describing tonight. And the
15 photo you see here is just one of many repeated flooding
16 events within the city.

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17 The proposed action we'll be discussing is the
18 implementation of the Ox Brook Flood Control Master
19 Plan. In 2001, Kasper Associates developed a six-phase
20 project that was proposed to reduce flooding along Ox
21 Brook. Since that time, a detailed design was completed
22 for Phase 1 only of the project. Phases 2 through 6 are
23 still at the preliminary design phase, and final design
24 is still needed. At this point State funding has only
25 been identified for Phase 1, which is why that phase has

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1 progressed beyond the others. Phases 2 through 6 of the 07:18:22PM
2 project may take decades to complete and still need 07:18:25PM
3 funding for design and construction. However, for CEPA, 07:18:28PM
4 in order to look at the project wholistically, we are 07:18:31PM
5 evaluating all six phases, Phases 1 through 6, as part 07:18:35PM
6 of the CEPA review process. And the photos you see here 07:18:40PM
7 are just some of the existing conditions along the 07:18:43PM
8 urbanized sections of the channel that we'll be 07:18:44PM
9 discussing tonight. 07:18:47PM

10 I already kind of gave a general description 07:18:52PM
11 of the project location along Ox Brook, but this is 07:18:54PM
12 project specific. North end of the project is within 07:18:58PM
13 Elton Rogers Park here and along Elton Rogers Dam. The 07:19:03PM
14 southern limits of the project are down at Lincoln 07:19:06PM
15 Boulevard where there's an existing diversion structure 07:19:10PM
16 that sends portions of the flow directly to the Rooster 07:19:12PM
17 River and other portions remain within the Ox Brook 07:19:16PM
18 system. And each of these phases are identified in 07:19:19PM
19 different colors; and we'll be showing maps that 07:19:22PM
20 highlight each of those area separately throughout the 07:19:26PM
21 process. 07:19:28PM

22 One thing that's important to note is that as 07:19:29PM
23 Kasper was designing a solution to address flooding on 07:19:31PM
24 Ox Brook, it became evident that it needed to be more of 07:19:35PM
25 a regional approach and that approach needed to include 07:19:38PM

1 Island Brook, which was adjacent and also had its own 07:19:43PM
2 flooding issues. So as part of this project, there's a 07:19:46PM
3 proposal to divert flows from Island Brook into Ox Brook 07:19:49PM
4 into this Elton Rogers detention area we'll be 07:19:55PM
5 describing and then back out to Island Brook through the 07:19:58PM
6 Svihra Park diversion and storage area. And I wanted to 07:20:05PM
7 mention this upfront before we got into the individual 07:20:07PM
8 phases because it is a bit of a complex project. 07:20:10PM

9 So Phase 1 of the project -- and, again, these 07:20:13PM
10 phases do need to happen in order, in order not to 07:20:16PM
11 exacerbate flooding within any areas as part of the 07:20:20PM
12 individual phases of the project. Phase 1 includes 07:20:24PM
13 construction of a storage impoundment within Elton 07:20:27PM
14 Rogers Park via rehabilitation of an existing dam within 07:20:33PM
15 the park. The dam was built in the 1800s and is 07:20:35PM
16 currently in a degraded condition and really no longer 07:20:39PM
17 impounds any significant volume of water; but this 07:20:42PM
18 project would seek to restore that dam and also to 07:20:45PM
19 construct two dikes within the northern portion of the 07:20:48PM
20 property to provide a storage area to capture flood 07:20:51PM
21 flows and reduce the peak flow being discharged 07:20:55PM
22 downstream to the upstream end of the Ox Brook system. 07:20:58PM
23 And this is a key component on its own to try to slow 07:21:02PM
24 flood flows from reaching the rest of the system. 07:21:07PM
25 Now, Phase 2 of the project is for another 07:21:11PM

1 storage area and diversion, this time at Svihra Park, 07:21:14PM
2 which is in this area you see here. Svihra Park and an 07:21:18PM
3 adjacent private parcel that the City is currently 07:21:24PM
4 negotiating acquisition of would be used to create a 07:21:25PM
5 detention storage area which would outlet to Island 07:21:29PM
6 Brook, which is here in blue. And in order to get flows 07:21:33PM
7 from the Ox Brook system over to Svihra Park, a 07:21:36PM
8 diversion would be needed with a box culvert that would 07:21:40PM
9 go along Wayne Street, Bronx Avenue, Hunting Street, and 07:21:43PM
10 out to Svihra Park. So that would reroute a portion of 07:21:48PM
11 Ox Brook along this alignment. Some of the flows would 07:21:51PM
12 continue in Ox Brook via connection at Quince Street, 07:21:55PM
13 and then the original Ox Brook channel as it exists 07:21:58PM
14 today would remain to capture local flood flows. 07:22:02PM

15 Phase 3 starts at the bottom of our project 07:22:08PM
16 area at that Lincoln Boulevard diversion structure, and 07:22:11PM
17 the subsequent phases all proceed from downstream to 07:22:16PM
18 upstream to address the issues in order; and that's an 07:22:18PM
19 important portion of the project is the sequencing. 07:22:22PM
20 This section is largely open channel currently and would 07:22:25PM
21 remain so. The existing open channel sections would be 07:22:28PM
22 improved to either rectangular or trapezoidal 07:22:31PM
23 cross-sections, and then individual street crossings 07:22:37PM
24 that you see here at streets such as Lincoln Avenue 07:22:39PM
25 would be also upgraded as a portion of the project. 07:22:42PM

1 Phase 4 this -- if you see the green here, 07:22:46PM
2 this is the Phase 2 Svihra Park diversion. This 07:22:49PM
3 is -- Phase 4 is in magenta, so upstream of that 07:22:52PM
4 diversion; and that includes channel and crossing 07:22:58PM
5 improvements from Rocton Ave. up to Burnsford Ave. at 07:22:58PM
6 the north end here. And open channel segments, again, 07:23:03PM
7 would be improved to either trapezoidal or rectangular 07:23:07PM
8 sections; and individual street crossings or culverts 07:23:10PM
9 would be replaced with larger diameter structures to 07:23:13PM
10 accommodate additional flow and help with the street 07:23:17PM
11 flooding issues that exist today. 07:23:20PM

12 Phase 5, again, moving upstream. This is the 07:23:23PM
13 magenta section for Phase 4, and we're heading upstream 07:23:28PM
14 further; and this would include a small open channel 07:23:31PM
15 segment being upgraded and then also some closed channel 07:23:35PM
16 or pipe segments being upgraded. If you notice, there's 07:23:38PM
17 two lines shown for this phase. The preliminary design 07:23:42PM
18 has indicated two potential alignments for this work, 07:23:46PM
19 and as part of final design, final alignment would need 07:23:50PM
20 to be determined. 07:23:54PM

21 And that brings us to Phase 6, which is a 07:23:56PM
22 culmination of the entire six-phase process. This phase 07:24:00PM
23 would include using an additional upland storage area 07:24:04PM
24 and excavating it to include within and improve upon the 07:24:08PM
25 storage that's already been created as part of Phase 1; 07:24:14PM

1 and it would also include connecting the diversion from
2 Island Brook to Ox Brook; and finally a connection of a
3 new pipe from the dam outlet along Cambridge Street and
4 then down to Lourmel Street.

5 And I know that was a lot within a very short
6 period of time. It's a very complex project. There's a
7 lot more detail regarding this included in the EIE. We
8 certainly encourage people to review the EIE in more
9 detail. It's just within the confines of presentation
10 it's difficult to touch on all of the small details.

11 As part of the CEPA process, we also need to
12 evaluation various alternatives. The CEPA process
13 specifically requires the no action alternative to be
14 assessed. The no action being take no action, flooding
15 would continue in the way it is now. And this is done
16 because it creates a baseline for the assessment of
17 impacts associated with the project. We look at what's
18 happening now versus what would be impacted through any
19 of the other alternatives.

20 The other alternatives that were considering
21 as part of the process were the master plan alternative,
22 which is the proposed action that I just presented, all
23 six phases of the master plan.

24 There also were very various subalternates
25 associated with the master plan and the Phase 1 design

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1 that's been conducted; and also the process looked at 07:25:46PM
2 other flood protection measures and whether or not they 07:25:49PM
3 would present viable alternatives to the proposed 07:25:52PM
4 action. And I'll discuss each of these in a little bit 07:25:56PM
5 more detail here. 07:25:59PM

6 As I mentioned, the no action alternative 07:26:00PM
7 indicates that nothing would be done. Flooding would 07:26:03PM
8 continue to occur, and it would worsen in response to 07:26:06PM
9 climate change that we are seeing now, more frequent and 07:26:10PM
10 more intense storm events. Regular maintenance and 07:26:12PM
11 things like that would occur, but no action would be 07:26:15PM
12 taken to upgrade the system. Now, this option was 07:26:19PM
13 determined to be undesirable as the effects that the 07:26:23PM
14 residents and businesses are subject to and that are 07:26:27PM
15 on-going are very detrimental; so this would not meet 07:26:31PM
16 the purpose and need of the work to alleviate chronic 07:26:36PM
17 flooding in the neighborhood. 07:26:39PM

18 The master plan alternative, as I already 07:26:41PM
19 discussed, is full implementation of the six phases of 07:26:44PM
20 Kasper's Ox Brook Flood Control Master Plan over time to 07:26:48PM
21 reduce flooding in the Ox Brook system. Kasper 07:26:53PM
22 proceeded with their work for over a period of over a 07:26:59PM
23 decade; and as part of that, it was a complex design 07:27:02PM
24 that looked at various options and subalternates. One 07:27:07PM
25 of those was rather than doing the Svihra Park detention 07:27:11PM

1 and diversion, the option to pipe Ox Brook directly from 07:27:15PM
2 the Lincoln Boulevard diversion structure within Capital 07:27:15PM
3 Ave. to Laurel Ave. and then south to Rooster River. 07:27:23PM
4 Construction of this option would be all along city 07:27:25PM
5 streets in an urbanized corridor which would have 07:27:29PM
6 significant traffic and construction impacts as well as 07:27:32PM
7 utility corridor impacts; and it also would require 07:27:36PM
8 reconstruction and redesign of the Lincoln Boulevard 07:27:36PM
9 diversion structure. As such, Kasper dismissed this 07:27:43PM
10 subalternate as they continued their work. And because, 07:27:46PM
11 as I mentioned, their period of work was quite long for 07:27:49PM
12 this process they also through that timeline looked at 07:27:53PM
13 different pipe sizes, types, channel sizes, and other 07:27:57PM
14 elements of the project to try to optimize the best 07:28:01PM
15 solution. And what they came up with for the master 07:28:04PM
16 plan was the result of those efforts. 07:28:07PM
17 As part of the Phase 1 design, which was 07:28:10PM
18 conducted by Tighe & Bond more recently, there were two 07:28:14PM
19 sub-alternatives that they looked at as part of the 07:28:17PM
20 Elton Rogers Park Dam rehabilitation project. They knew 07:28:21PM
21 they wanted more storage for flood flows; so they looked 07:28:23PM
22 at the use of a depression that exists on the east side 07:28:26PM
23 of the main impoundment. They had also looked at the 07:28:29PM
24 potential to create a cutoff channel in the Park Drive 07:28:32PM
25 right-of-way. However, both of these would result in 07:28:35PM

1 additional wetland impacts and vernal pool impacts, and 07:28:39PM
2 as such they were determined to be less desirable than 07:28:42PM
3 the selected alternative for over-deepening an area 07:28:45PM
4 connected to the main impoundment in an upland area. 07:28:50PM
5 And, finally, other flood protection measures. 07:28:55PM
6 So there are other options for flood control, things 07:28:58PM
7 like acquisition and relocation, acquiring properties 07:29:01PM
8 and relocating residents or physically relocating their 07:29:05PM
9 homes to another location within the city. There's 07:29:09PM
10 options for levies or flood walls, to construct earthen 07:29:12PM
11 levies or concrete flood walls alongside stream 07:29:16PM
12 channels. There's also flood proofing which looks at 07:29:20PM
13 the potential to use engineered methods and engineered 07:29:23PM
14 products to flood proof a structure to a certain 07:29:28PM
15 elevation. And then finally elevation of structures. 07:29:31PM
16 This is something you might see along a coast or a 07:29:34PM
17 barrier island where structures are actually raised 07:29:38PM
18 above the flood levels. And all of those were 07:29:40PM
19 considered and looked at as a whole and also for 07:29:44PM
20 potential use in smaller areas of the project. The 07:29:47PM
21 issue with many of these flood control measures is that 07:29:51PM
22 they're quite expensive especially when you're looking 07:29:55PM
23 at them in the context of an urban floodplain that's 07:29:58PM
24 very developed with homes right up toward the stream 07:30:01PM
25 area; and we have several hundred homes that are within 07:30:04PM

1 the floodplain. So acquiring and relocating or 07:30:09PM
2 elevating that many structures is really not feasible on 07:30:13PM
3 an overall basis. Levies and flood walls, again, 07:30:16PM
4 because this is such a tight floodplain with homes 07:30:20PM
5 encroaching within it, this really wouldn't be a 07:30:23PM
6 feasible option. It would also have a very negative 07:30:23PM
7 visual and aesthetic effect on the neighborhood itself. 07:30:30PM

8 So for these reasons these options may not be 07:30:32PM
9 good on a wholistic basis for the whole corridor, but 07:30:35PM
10 they may still have potential on a smaller basic as 07:30:39PM
11 design continues for Phases 2 through 6. There may be 07:30:42PM
12 points or locations where these could be a viable method 07:30:46PM
13 to assist in the overall flood mitigation process. 07:30:50PM

14 So as I mentioned for every CEPA process is to 07:30:57PM
15 assess and review the potential impacts and how to 07:31:00PM
16 mitigate for them. CEPA requires the preparer of an EIE 07:31:05PM
17 to look at all of the natural, physical, and 07:31:09PM
18 socioeconomic resources that are present and associated 07:31:14PM
19 with a project area and with a project and to identify 07:31:16PM
20 and describe those; then look at those in the context of 07:31:20PM
21 the proposed project or proposed alternative to see 07:31:24PM
22 that -- and quantify them to the best of our abilities, 07:31:27PM
23 to look to see what are the actual impacts that will 07:31:31PM
24 occur, and how can they be evaluated in terms of 07:31:34PM
25 significance. And then once impacts are identified and 07:31:38PM

1 quantified, if there's something that cannot be avoided, 07:31:41PM
2 the next goal would be to minimize that impact and 07:31:45PM
3 within that context also needing to look at mitigation. 07:31:49PM
4 If an impact can't be avoided and to the extent that 07:31:54PM
5 it's minimized looking at how to mitigate or make up for 07:31:57PM
6 or lessen the impact of anything related to the project. 07:32:02PM
7 And we'll talk about those in detail as we move forward. 07:32:05PM
8 So the elements of the CEPA review process and 07:32:10PM
9 of an Environmental Impact Evaluation are far and wide 07:32:14PM
10 reaching. What you see here are just some of the 07:32:18PM
11 elements that are looked at as part of the EIE process. 07:32:21PM
12 Everything related to natural, physical, and 07:32:24PM
13 socioeconomic resources; things like water resources, 07:32:28PM
14 noise, and air quality, economic impacts, public health 07:32:30PM
15 and safety, and more were reviewed as part of the EIE. 07:32:35PM
16 In terms of natural resources, there are 07:32:40PM
17 impacts as part of the project. In terms of geology, 07:32:43PM
18 soils, and topography, there will need to be excavation 07:32:48PM
19 and fill within Elton Rogers Park and within Svihra Park 07:32:51PM
20 for the creation of those detention areas to provide for 07:32:55PM
21 flood storage. Also improvements that are needed along 07:32:59PM
22 the open channel areas will require grading and moving 07:33:03PM
23 of soils for that process. Anyone that's seen these 07:33:07PM
24 sections knows that they're degraded in their current 07:33:11PM
25 condition and need improvements for their own stability 07:33:15PM

1 and for their carrying functions. For water resources 07:33:18PM
2 and wetlands and site ecology, there will need to be 07:33:21PM
3 temporary disturbances of the channel and within the two 07:33:25PM
4 parks for those improvements and to conduct 07:33:28PM
5 stabilization activities. There also will be permanent 07:33:31PM
6 wetland impacts or wetland conversion between wetland 07:33:36PM
7 type for storage area in both parks in order to create 07:33:40PM
8 these detention and storage areas. However, at the end 07:33:43PM
9 of the day, there will be reduction in stream erosion 07:33:47PM
10 and flooding which are benefits as well as the potential 07:33:50PM
11 reduction of the regulated flood hazard area under FEMA. 07:33:52PM
12 And we'll talk a little bit later -- we'll go through 07:33:57PM
13 the impacts first, but then we'll talk about mitigation 07:33:59PM
14 for those impacts as well on a category by category 07:34:02PM
15 basis. 07:34:05PM
16 In terms of physical impacts, we'll look at 07:34:07PM
17 things like traffic and pedestrian access. Construction 07:34:10PM
18 will require some temporary changes in traffic patterns 07:34:14PM
19 with detours and short-term street closures as part of 07:34:19PM
20 that street -- the culvert crossing work. So the 07:34:19PM
21 culverts are situated under roadways that need to be 07:34:24PM
22 replaces as part of the process, so that will require 07:34:28PM
23 some temporary closures or lane closures throughout the 07:34:29PM
24 process. But the long-term improvement will reduce 07:34:32PM
25 flooding impacts to those roadways which currently 07:34:37PM

1 have -- often have road closures and detours set up 07:34:40PM
2 during flood events. 07:34:44PM

3 For air quality, there will be temporary 07:34:45PM
4 increases in air emissions from construction vehicles, 07:34:49PM
5 and we'll talk about mitigation for that later. 07:34:52PM

6 Similarly, noise levels will temporarily 07:34:54PM
7 increase in and around the construction areas for the 07:34:58PM
8 project work. 07:35:02PM

9 For light and shadow and aesthetics and 07:35:04PM
10 viewsheds, there will be a temporary increase of light 07:35:10PM
11 during winter periods if they're doing construction at 07:35:11PM
12 dawn and dusk. Those will be minimized to the extent 07:35:14PM
13 possible. And in order to work on the channels, there 07:35:17PM
14 will need to be some vegetation removal which may impact 07:35:20PM
15 viewsheds for neighbors temporarily until vegetation can 07:35:25PM
16 be reestablished. 07:35:25PM

17 Because there will be in-street work there 07:35:33PM
18 will be short-term utility disruptions for construction 07:35:36PM
19 for utility modifications at street crossings, and there 07:35:41PM
20 will temporary generation of construction waste and 07:35:41PM
21 potential disturbance of contaminated materials as work 07:35:47PM
22 within the urban corridor is continued. 07:35:50PM

23 Once the project is completed, there will be 07:35:53PM
24 also the need to maintain the system to remove debris 07:35:56PM
25 and trash that accumulates due to flood flows. 07:36:00PM

1 And finally for physical resource impacts, 07:36:03PM
2 cultural resources. Because the current dam is degraded 07:36:08PM
3 and is no longer holding water there do need to be 07:36:12PM
4 improvements to improve it and restore its function, its 07:36:16PM
5 safety to meet current dam safety standards and also its 07:36:19PM
6 "storagability." A Phase 1A archaeological survey was 07:36:24PM
7 conducted as part of the project which determined that 07:36:28PM
8 the dam is not National Register of Historic Places 07:36:30PM
9 eligible, but it is State Register eligible. As such, 07:36:32PM
10 the project will need to coordinate with the State 07:36:36PM
11 Historic Preservation Office, or SHPO, to determine what 07:36:42PM
12 documentation and mitigation is needed before 07:36:43PM
13 construction. And within the rest of the corridor, 07:36:46PM
14 there are no National Register eligible properties 07:36:50PM
15 identified along the urban channel section in the 07:36:53PM
16 adjacent properties. 07:36:56PM

17 Socioeconomic resources are those that affect 07:37:02PM
18 the people that are living and working in the community 07:37:04PM
19 in the project area. There is currently a trail on top 07:37:08PM
20 of the dam; so as the dam improvements are made, that 07:37:11PM
21 trail will need to be closed temporarily, and there may 07:37:14PM
22 also need to be some trail adjustments in the future. 07:37:18PM
23 Overall, there will be benefits from this project, 07:37:22PM
24 though, in terms of public health and safety and in 07:37:25PM
25 terms of the population living in these neighborhoods 07:37:26PM

1 through the reduction in flooding impacts to the homes, 07:37:30PM
2 to the businesses, and a reduced demand for emergency 07:37:34PM
3 services as well. There will be the potential for 07:37:37PM
4 construction or access easements for those sections of 07:37:40PM
5 the stream that are on private property to facilitate 07:37:44PM
6 construction, and there may be limited acquisition as 07:37:49PM
7 design continues for the future phases, Phases 2 through 07:37:52PM
8 6. Better information will become available about the 07:37:56PM
9 extent of those potential easements. For Phase 1 of the 07:37:59PM
10 project, which is the only one funded at this time, 07:38:03PM
11 there are no easements or acquisitions needed. For 07:38:07PM
12 Phase 2, the acquisition of the private property next to 07:38:10PM
13 Svihra Park is something that the City is already 07:38:14PM
14 pursuing with a willing landowner for that acquisition 07:38:16PM
15 and sale. 07:38:19PM
16 So that was a very brief view of the -- kind 07:38:23PM
17 of the overall impacts associated with the project. 07:38:26PM
18 We'd also like to talk about mitigation. So mitigation 07:38:30PM
19 are ways to lessen the potential impacts or make up for 07:38:34PM
20 those impacts. When it comes to geology and soils and 07:38:38PM
21 water resources impacts, we will look at the 07:38:42PM
22 installation of erosion and sediment controls during the 07:38:45PM
23 construction project and post project during 07:38:49PM
24 stabilization periods along with a general permit 07:38:54PM
25 registration with Connecticut DEEP and the preparation 07:38:56PM

1 of a project storm water pollution control plan. 07:38:59PM

2 The all modeling -- the modeling for the 07:39:03PM
3 current phase, Phase 1, and the future phases will be 07:39:07PM
4 updated using current design and modeling techniques and 07:39:10PM
5 also updating specification values used in the design 07:39:15PM
6 storms to account for climate change. The original 07:39:18PM
7 models are several decades old at this time, so they do 07:39:21PM
8 need to be updated to the current state of the art 07:39:25PM
9 practice as those phases progress from preliminary 07:39:28PM
10 design to final design. 07:39:33PM

11 The channel sections that will be improved as 07:39:34PM
12 part of the project also will be stabilized with 07:39:37PM
13 appropriate materials based on the flows and velocities 07:39:40PM
14 charted through that modeling effort. And at the end of 07:39:44PM
15 the project, after Phase 6 is constructed, there's the 07:39:47PM
16 potential for the City to pursue a map change revision 07:39:50PM
17 with FEMA which would modify the flood hazard areas 07:39:52PM
18 identified on the -- along the Ox Brook post 07:39:58PM
19 construction potentially saving residents along those 07:39:59PM
20 areas from having to have flood insurance as a 07:40:04PM
21 requirement as part of a mortgage. 07:40:07PM

22 For site ecology and wetland resources, there 07:40:10PM
23 will be in lieu fee mitigation for unavoidable impacts 07:40:13PM
24 from the Army Corp of Engineers as well as restoration 07:40:18PM
25 and other mitigation that will come through with the 07:40:21PM

1 permits at both the State and local level with
2 conservation commission.

3 For air quality and noise, idling will be
4 minimized to 3 minutes or less, and this will help air
5 quality by reducing emissions and also reduce noise at
6 the same time. Vehicle emission controls will be
7 required, and there will also be controls for fugitive
8 dust. And for sensitive receptors, which have been
9 identified along the project corridor, the City will be
10 reaching out to them as part of the project.

11 For light and shadow and aesthetics,
12 construction will be limited to daytime hours; and there
13 will be vegetative -- sorry -- vegetative mitigation of
14 design and construction process to restore some of the
15 vegetation that's removed for those channel
16 improvements.

17 For traffic and pedestrian access, there will
18 be a construction phase maintenance and protection of
19 traffic plan, which will include noticing, signage, and
20 alternative routing during construction to keep
21 pedestrians, bicyclists, and the general public
22 traversing those areas safe and keep them informed as to
23 detours that are needed.

24 There will be proper handling and offsite
25 disposal of construction waste as part of the project,

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1 and all contractors working on the project will be 07:41:46PM
2 required to contact Call Before You Dig, have utility 07:41:46PM
3 coordination meetings, and also have outage protocols as 07:41:53PM
4 they need. 07:41:56PM

5 For pesticides or hazardous materials, if 07:41:56PM
6 anything is discovered during the process of the work, 07:41:59PM
7 there will be a full investigation with proper handling, 07:42:02PM
8 removal, and remediation, if needed. 07:42:06PM

9 And for the Elton Rogers Park Dam, there will 07:42:08PM
10 be coordination with SHPO to determine what mitigation 07:42:12PM
11 or documentation may be needed to prior to construction. 07:42:15PM
12 This could be something like an educational signage 07:42:17PM
13 being posted in the park to education people traversing 07:42:20PM
14 that area about the history of the site or also could 07:42:25PM
15 just be photo documentation of those areas before the 07:42:28PM
16 improvements to the dam take place. 07:42:31PM

17 As I mentioned before, there may be a need for 07:42:36PM
18 small trail adjustment in the parks related to the 07:42:39PM
19 storage areas; and the work will have an overall 07:42:42PM
20 positive benefit to the neighborhoods through the 07:42:47PM
21 reduction of flooding impacts. 07:42:49PM

22 If there are acquisitions needed, fair market 07:42:51PM
23 value will be made for those purchases. 07:42:54PM

24 So that was a very, very quick tour of the 07:42:59PM
25 project, the potential impacts that have been 07:43:01PM

1 identified, and also the mitigation that's proposed at 07:43:05PM
2 this time at this level. There will be additional 07:43:07PM
3 mitigation which may come out of the various project 07:43:11PM
4 approvals and permits that will be needed for each of 07:43:13PM
5 the individual phases as well. 07:43:16PM

6 So at this point, I'll talk about next steps 07:43:19PM
7 within the CEPA process. As Fred eluded to, we'll have 07:43:22PM
8 public and agencies are allowed to submit comments until 07:43:26PM
9 April 11th of this year. At that point, Connecticut 07:43:30PM
10 DEEP, the City, and GZA will look at the comments that 07:43:33PM
11 have been received; and DEEP will prepare a Record of 07:43:37PM
12 Decision to respond to any substantive comments. That 07:43:41PM
13 will be submitted to the Office of Policy and 07:43:44PM
14 Management, and then OPM will hopefully issue a 07:43:47PM
15 Determination of Adequacy allowing the project to 07:43:51PM
16 proceed, especially Phase 1 to go to construction 07:43:54PM
17 hopefully later this year. 07:43:57PM

18 At this point, I'll turn it back to Fred just 07:44:02PM
19 to kind of go through the housekeeping items for the 07:44:04PM
20 comment process and where you can find more information 07:44:07PM
21 about the project. 07:44:09PM

22 MR. RIESE: Jen, thank you very much for 07:44:13PM
23 running through that detailed presentation and I 07:44:14PM
24 know -- a lot of tongue twisters and a lot of acronyms, 07:44:17PM
25 so thank you for getting us through all of that. 07:44:21PM

1 And I do want to thank those members of the 07:44:23PM
2 public or elected officials who are with us tonight. I 07:44:26PM
3 want to thank you for taking time to participate in 07:44:30PM
4 tonight's public hearing. I know you probably had other 07:44:33PM
5 things you could have been doing this evening, so we 07:44:36PM
6 definitely appreciate your being here tonight and 07:44:38PM
7 sticking with us through a lot of those acronyms. 07:44:42PM

8 I do want to mention in the Record of 07:44:44PM
9 Decision, it's beyond being just a yes or no. Do we go 07:44:47PM
10 forward with the project? Part of what any sponsoring 07:44:51PM
11 agency -- in this case the Department of Energy and 07:44:56PM
12 Environmental Protection -- will address to OPM is: Are 07:45:00PM
13 we going forward with the action as it was presented in 07:45:03PM
14 the EIE, or are there modifications that may come up 07:45:08PM
15 that, you know, we will be making or committing to 07:45:12PM
16 making some alterations in the project which could be 07:45:15PM
17 vegetative screening. It could be something aesthetic, 07:45:19PM
18 whatever. As a result of the comments and analysis, 07:45:22PM
19 we -- there is the potential to be making some kinds of 07:45:27PM
20 adjustments in the project. 07:45:32PM

21 We mentioned a number of times that written 07:45:33PM
22 comments are accepted until the end of April -- business 07:45:36PM
23 on April 11th. Here is the contact information. 07:45:40PM
24 Those -- although my phone number is there, we wouldn't 07:45:44PM
25 be taking comments by phone; but my e-mail, as you can 07:45:50PM

1 see, is frederick.riese@ct.gov, or the mailing address 07:45:56PM
2 there. Any comments received by April 11th or if 07:45:58PM
3 they're mailed in postmarked by April 11th are timely 07:46:05PM
4 submitted and -- so we would address those comments and 07:46:10PM
5 include them in the package that we forward to the 07:46:15PM
6 Office of Policy and Management. There is information 07:46:18PM
7 on the City's website under public notes what I -- what 07:46:20PM
8 we see on the slide here about the EIE is available at. 07:46:24PM
9 I don't expect everybody to be able to copy all that 07:46:28PM
10 down, but I will give you an easier way to get to the 07:46:31PM
11 that site maybe. If you were to Google Connecticut 07:46:35PM
12 Council on Environmental Quality, their website, they 07:46:44PM
13 maintain a publication called the Environmental Monitor 07:46:48PM
14 which you would see probably featured on that website. 07:46:49PM
15 If you click on the Environmental Monitor, Ox Brook 07:46:52PM
16 would be one of the projects listed. Of probably like a 07:46:56PM
17 half dozen projects at the moment that are listed there, 07:46:59PM
18 Ox Brook would be one of them and a link -- you know, 07:47:02PM
19 this link would also be given there; so you don't have 07:47:04PM
20 to scribble all that long address down. If you just 07:47:08PM
21 want to Google Connecticut Council of Environmental 07:47:11PM
22 Quality, you'll get there as well. And as it says here 07:47:14PM
23 physical copies of the EIE document -- I should have 07:47:17PM
24 brought one here. I have it here. So it's a fairly 07:47:21PM
25 large document -- are available at the north branch of 07:47:24PM

1 the Bridgeport Public Library and at the town clerk's 07:47:30PM
2 office which is requirement of CEPA that documents are 07:47:34PM
3 available at the town clerk's office. Also you can 07:47:37PM
4 contact me, and I can make arrangements to get you a 07:47:40PM
5 copy of the document. 07:47:45PM

6 With that said, we're going to be proceeding 07:47:47PM
7 with public comments. I'll be turning it over to Jen 07:47:50PM
8 again for that, but I do want to again thank everybody 07:47:54PM
9 for being here tonight for your interest in the project. 07:47:57PM
10 As Jen mentioned, this is a project that's been going on 07:48:01PM
11 for quite a long time, and we are very encouraged to see 07:48:04PM
12 that at least we have the light at the end of the tunnel 07:48:10PM
13 for Phase 1; so we look forward to seeing that happen in 07:48:14PM
14 the not-to-distant future. 07:48:20PM

15 And with that, I will turn it over to Jen and 07:48:22PM
16 begin the public comment section of the -- of tonight's 07:48:26PM
17 public hearing, so thank you. 07:48:30PM

18 MS. BURKE: Thank you. I have Seth monitoring 07:48:32PM
19 the chat, and usually we allow elected officials or 07:48:35PM
20 department heads to go first. I can see -- let's see, I 07:48:37PM
21 see Representative Hennessy. If you'd like, I'll ask 07:48:43PM
22 you to unmute; and then you should be able to unmute 07:48:45PM
23 yourself and speak. 07:48:49PM

24 MR. HENNESSY: Hi. Thank you, Jen, and thank 07:48:49PM
25 you, Fred, for this presentation. 07:48:53PM

1 So I echo Fred's desire to see this project
2 move forward. I was first elected in 2004, and my
3 primary promise to my constituents in the north end was
4 to address the flooding of the Ox Brook; and that was 18
5 years ago. We got the funding around 2015, and I was
6 told that it would take a couple years for the whole
7 thing to go through its process. It's 2022 now. Took a
8 little longer than I expected. My constituents have
9 complained that the State, the City has not done the due
10 diligence to mitigate flooding, and I had stood by my
11 promise to try and move this project forward. I would
12 really like to thank the city engineer, John Urquidi,
13 for his steadfast work and quality work, and the
14 previous engineering firm that did the work. It was all
15 professionally done, and I'm really happy that this
16 meeting is taking place.

17 Jen, you had mentioned that if we did nothing
18 regular maintenance would continue, and I'm just
19 interested to know what kind of regular maintenance that
20 would be because it just seemed that, you know, the
21 flooding between the WPCA and the State and the
22 City -- everybody's pointing fingers at each other
23 saying, well, it's their department, it's their
24 department; and, you know, the refuse that winds up
25 building in the stream -- quite often it's at the

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1 homeowner's risk of life and limb to open the channels 07:50:54PM
2 up after a storm. So I don't really know what this 07:51:00PM
3 regular maintenance that would continue because it 07:51:04PM
4 doesn't seem like there is much. 07:51:07PM

5 I'm very happy to hear about the vegetation 07:51:10PM
6 screening to mitigate the development in Elton Rogers 07:51:14PM
7 Park. It's rather bucolic. There's is deer. There is 07:51:24PM
8 wildlife there, and I really think it's a shame to have 07:51:28PM
9 to disturb that; but I'm happy that the State along 07:51:31PM
10 with, you know, Corp of Army Engineer take all these 07:51:36PM
11 things into consideration and are doing what we need to 07:51:41PM
12 do in order to mitigate disturbance. 07:51:48PM

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13 You know, the reason why we're here in this 07:51:52PM
14 place, it's due to over development of filling in the 07:51:55PM
15 wetlands in the entire area where there's no absorption 07:52:01PM
16 of rainfall events; so, you know, that's been done, and 07:52:07PM
17 we can't undo it. You know, possibly there may be here 07:52:12PM
18 and there acquisitions of property to create open space 07:52:18PM
19 and to have some water retention down the road; and I'm 07:52:23PM
20 very happy to hear that the City is moving forward with 07:52:28PM
21 Svihra Park and that the landowner is willing to sell 07:52:33PM
22 it, so that's excellent. That's a major part of the 07:52:37PM
23 project that needs to be done and -- so I just want to 07:52:42PM
24 thank you for this wonderful meeting today, and I hope 07:52:48PM
25 that we can move forward and hope we can break ground 07:52:53PM

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2 MS. BURKE: Thank you. That's certainly 07:53:00PM

3 everyone's hope. I know it's definitely John's hope to 07:53:01PM

4 get this project and -- shovels in the ground and get 07:53:04PM

5 things moving. We appreciate your comments, and that 07:53:07PM

6 will be captured. We have a stenographer on tonight, 07:53:09PM

7 and that will be captured and put into the public record 07:53:11PM

8 for the project. We also encourage folks if you'd like 07:53:15PM

9 to submit a letter before April 11th to Fred's e-mail 07:53:17PM

10 address or to DEEP's mailbox address as well so -- all 07:53:21PM

11 right. 07:53:27PM

12 Seth, do you have any other -- I don't see 07:53:28PM

13 anything else on my end. 07:53:31PM

14 MR. TAYLOR: No. Nothing. Nothing. 07:53:34PM

15 MS. BURKE: Would anyone else like to comment 07:53:37PM

16 on the project? If so, you can just jot in the chat box 07:53:39PM

17 or raise your hand. We'll call on you and open it right 07:53:42PM

18 up. 07:53:45PM

19 Again, if you don't feel comfort speaking this 07:53:59PM

20 evening, we certainly urge folks to submit written 07:54:02PM

21 comments if that's easier for you as well. 07:54:05PM

22 MR. RIESE: Jen, maybe I can take a second 07:54:17PM

23 here to clear up a point that Representative Hennessy 07:54:19PM

24 brought up. When we say the "no action alternative," 07:54:23PM

25 that means that the project is not implemented; but it 07:54:25PM

1 doesn't mean that any other on-going activities that 07:54:31PM
2 might otherwise be programmed or occurring, those would 07:54:35PM
3 go forward. I'm not sure in this case that there are 07:54:38PM
4 any other planned maintenance activities or planned 07:54:43PM
5 structural activities. But the no action alternative 07:54:49PM
6 just means that whatever the proposed action is, that's 07:54:53PM
7 not going forward; but any other improvements, 07:54:55PM
8 maintenance, emergency measures, whatever else might 07:54:58PM
9 otherwise happen in the absence of the project, those 07:55:01PM
10 would still occur. So I just thought I'd clear up that 07:55:04PM
11 point about no action alternatives. 07:55:07PM

12 MS. BURKE: Correct. So emergency response 07:55:11PM
13 from police and fire would still continue; and if there 07:55:12PM
14 are emergency maintenance, blockage, clearing blockages, 07:55:15PM
15 etc., to deal with inundation of roadways, that would 07:55:18PM
16 still occur. Correct. 07:55:23PM

17 All right. I think I see another commenter. 07:55:25PM
18 I'm going to unmute you. I think this is Councilwoman. 07:55:28PM

19 MS. ROMAN-CHRISTY: Yes. I'm Councilwoman 07:55:36PM
20 Rosalina Roman-Christy, and I represent the 135 District 07:55:39PM
21 which entails the Ox Brook area such as -- my main 07:55:42PM
22 concern is the Island Brook flow that's coming from the 07:55:52PM
23 Ox Brook. So many of my constituents have gotten 07:55:59PM
24 flooded so badly that water has risen into their living 07:56:06PM
25 room area, and it also comes down into the Woodrow 07:56:11PM

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1 Bridge area which is constantly flooded. I'd like to 07:56:18PM
2 see that area, if possible, being taken care of as soon 07:56:22PM
3 as possible. I mean, these are tax paying individuals. 07:56:29PM
4 It's all residential, mostly all single-family homes in 07:56:32PM
5 this area; so I would sincerely appreciate if attention 07:56:35PM
6 was given to this area probably in 2023 hopefully 07:56:40PM
7 according to John Urquidi. He's really good about all 07:56:45PM
8 this stuff, and he's very knowledgeable; so that's my 07:56:48PM
9 comment right now. 07:56:52PM

10 MS. BURKE: Thank you for that. We appreciate 07:56:56PM
11 it. I know that definitely the City's goal is to try to 07:56:58PM
12 get these areas addressed as soon as possible for the 07:57:03PM
13 residents and to alleviate this chronic flooding in the 07:57:06PM
14 neighborhoods. 07:57:10PM

15 MS. ROMAN-CHRISTY: Thank you. 07:57:10PM

16 MS. BURKE: Thank you for your comment. 07:57:14PM

17 I'm going to unmute you. All right. 07:57:21PM

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18 MR. HENNESSY: Okay. Yeah. I just had one 07:57:27PM
19 other question and that about the historic aspects of 07:57:28PM
20 the dam. It really is an interesting construction. I'm 07:57:33PM
21 glad that it's not on the National Registry, but you had 07:57:38PM
22 mentioned that there was a State historic -- excuse 07:57:42PM
23 me -- that has to get involved. Could you explain a 07:57:49PM
24 little bit about that? 07:57:52PM

25 MS. BURKE: Sure. So the State is a little 07:57:55PM

1 less selective, I would say, than the National Register.
2 There are many more properties than may be eligible for
3 State Register listing than National Register listing.

4 So as part of the Phase 1A, that was looked
5 at; and Phase 1A actually is appended to the EIE too, so
6 there's a lot more information. I'm not the archeology
7 expert certainly, but that is included in the report but
8 that's -- it's definitely something where there will be
9 coordination with the SHPO. SHPO did receive a copy of
10 the EIE and did not provide commentary for the project
11 as well, and they will be coordinated with to look at
12 whatever documentation may be needed. You know,
13 currently the dam is not really holding back significant
14 water and not functioning in the way it was intended.
15 If you walk through there, obviously it's not impounding
16 anything significant at this point; so repair and
17 improvements to it would be to restore that storage
18 capacity that once existed in that area.

19 MR. HENNESSY: I believe that they did core
20 samplings to test for bad material and that it -- it's
21 just regular nonhazardous material and that -- and that
22 removing the earthen structure will not be a problem.

23 MS. BURKE: So they will be looking to
24 actually add to the structure as it exists now, so it
25 will be an enhancement of that structure, kind of a

1 rebuild and reconstruction of the dam; so it would be a 07:59:38PM
2 larger base so that it will meet current dam safety 07:59:41PM
3 regulations. 07:59:46PM

4 MR. HENNESSY: All right. Thank you very 07:59:48PM
5 much. 07:59:49PM

6 MR. RIESE: Representative Hennessy, you 07:59:54PM
7 probably know this, but I didn't know until I read the 07:59:54PM
8 EIE that the original purpose of the dam, which I was 07:59:57PM
9 very curious about -- it was originally a water supply 08:00:00PM
10 impoundment by the Bridgeport Hydraulic Company, so I 08:00:04PM
11 kept scratching my head saying, Why is this dam here? 08:00:07PM

12 And that was the original reason. 08:00:09PM

13 MS. BURKE: I don't see any other comments 08:00:16PM
14 with the raised hand feature. Seth, anything else on 08:00:18PM
15 the chat? 08:00:22PM

16 MR. TAYLOR: No. 08:00:22PM

17 MS. BURKE: Fred, do you want to give it a few 08:00:32PM
18 more moments? I think everyone on the call has actually 08:00:34PM
19 spoken for representatives from the public from what I 08:00:37PM
20 can see. 08:00:37PM

21 MR. RIESE: Yeah. I wouldn't expect that 08:00:41PM
22 someone who hasn't joined in yet is going to show up. I 08:00:43PM
23 guess we'll offer you one last chance that if you're out 08:00:49PM
24 there to give us a comment or two or -- and then we'll 08:00:52PM
25 wrap it up, give it another minute, I guess. 08:00:57PM

1 And at least, you know, had this hearing been 08:01:05PM
2 last night, we would have been competing with the UCONN 08:01:05PM
3 women's basketball game, which would have been a tough 08:01:05PM
4 sell; but I'm glad we're not competing with that 08:01:14PM
5 tonight. And I'd like to thank the City of Bridgeport 08:01:16PM
6 for hosting a UCONN win. 08:01:19PM

7 It doesn't look like anyone else is 08:01:30PM
8 volunteering to come forward; so if there are no 08:01:33PM
9 objections, I guess for the record it's 8:01 p.m. on 08:01:37PM
10 March 29th. And seeing no other speakers, we'll thank 08:01:43PM
11 those who are here, both general public and GZA and the 08:01:48PM
12 City; and we'll close this hearing at 8:01 p.m. 08:01:53PM

13 So thank you and good night. 08:01:55PM

14 MS. BURKE: All right. I will stop the
15 recording now. Thank you.

16 (The hearing was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.)

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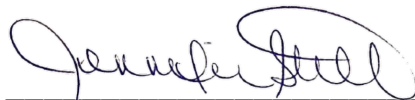
STATE OF CONNECTICUT:

COUNTY OF WINDHAM:

I, Jennifer Still, Licensed Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public, duly commissioned and qualified, do hereby certify that pursuant to Notice, the hearing testimony was reduced to writing by me pursuant to the Connecticut Practice Book, on the 29th day of March, 2022, all member appearing via remote videoconference commencing at 7:00 p.m.; and that the writing is a true record of the testimony given.

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ATTACHMENT F

Response to EIE Comments



Ox Brook Flood Control Master Plan EIE Responses to Comments

SUMMARY

In all, five (5) individuals and organizations provided comments to the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) during the public comment period on the Ox Brook Flood Control Master Plan EIE. Two individuals provided oral comments during the public hearing on the EIE and two organizations and one individual provided written comments on the EIE. This Response to Comments has been prepared to provide responses to substantive comments provided during the public comment period on the EIE.

Responses were ordered as follows:

- State agency comments;
- State representative comments; and
- Other agency, organization, or local representatives comments.

All written comments, as well as a transcript of the public hearing and oral comments are included in **Attachment E**.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) (April 4, 2022)

SHPO-1 Comment: *“As noted in the report prepared by AHS [Archaeological and Historical Services, Inc], there are no previously reported archaeological sites or properties listed in the State or National Registers of Historic Places recorded within the Area of Potential Effect (APE) for this project. SHPO understands that additional assessments may be required as the preferred project alternatives are selected and proposed work areas required for storage, staging, and access are selected. Background research, visual reconnaissance, and limited coring of the APE revealed substantial prior disturbances. As a result, SHPO concurs with AHS that activities associated with the Ox Brook Flood Control Master Plan or its alternatives are not likely to impact significant archaeological deposits. SHPO also agrees that most of the above-ground historic resources identified by AHS are common styles that lack sufficient integrity and association to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.”*

SHPO-1 Response: DEEP concurs that as design work progresses for Phases 2-6 of the project additional cultural resources review may be needed once impacts for those phases are better defined. As each phase proceeds through design and permitting, consultation with the SHPO will be pursued.

SHPO-2 Comment: *“A single resource was identified as potentially eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places: the dam at Elton Rogers Park. This dam, constructed in 1872 by the Bridgeport Hydraulic Company, is an important component of an engineered historic water system. The dam is comprised of an earthen and masonry structure that is no longer functional and has areas of collapse. SHPO does not object to the project alternatives, but encourages the preservation of as much of the remaining historic dam and its related elements to the greatest extent possible.”*

SHPO requests that the dam is documented to meet state-level documentation standards which consist of narrative text, photographs, and photographic site plan. If possible, photographs of the dam during its dismantling should be included as



part of the documentation. The submitted documentation should be both archivally stable and user-friendly. It is SHPO's opinion that the proposed undertaking will constitute no adverse effect conditional upon the proposed work being able to accommodate this documentation request to minimize the historic loss."

SHPO-2 Response: Due to its poor condition and current lack of functionality, the dam requires a large-scale rehabilitation (rather than dismantling) project which will unavoidably alter the structural components and appearance of the dam in order to meet modern dam safety standards and provide the necessary flood storage requirements. The intent of the dam improvements is to increase the water storage capacity behind the dam to store and then release flood flows to mitigate downstream flooding along Ox Brook.

As requested by the SHPO, state-level documentation standards will be met, including photo documentation prior to and during dam reconstruction, narrative text, and a photographic site plan to ensure that long-term documentation of existing conditions at the dam will be available in the future. Assembled information will be archivally stable and user-friendly, developed and compiled into a report by a cultural resources firm. Educational signage will be considered once work is complete to educate the public on the history of the site. The City is committed to adhering to all SHPO requirements prior to and during construction.

Connecticut Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) (March 23, 2022)

CEQ-1 Comment: *"The EIE states that "there are no identified NDDB areas within the Project Area or immediate vicinity" and that "the Project is not expected to impact listed Connecticut species or their habitats". The Council [CEQ] notes that the Natural Diversity Database (NDDB) mapping is a pre-screening tool... A survey of the areas potentially impacted by Phase 1 of the proposed project is recommended, prior to construction, to assess the presence of wildlife and endangered, threatened and special concern species or suitable habitat that might be present. If found, the Council recommends consultation with the NDDB to develop and implement plans to eliminate or mitigate any potential adverse impacts."*

CEQ-1 Response: As part of the CEPA process, current NDDB mapping was reviewed to determine if identified species or habitats were present in or adjacent to the Project Area. No listed species were identified as occurring or potentially occurring within the Project Area. Without specific requirements or guidance regarding a specific species and because the Project Area does not fall within a NDDB polygon and no species of concern has been identified, further field review for species or habitats is not warranted at this time. The project permitting process will include federal, state, and local review which will include agency review and requirements relative to the potential for listed species or habitats. In addition, for each subsequent project phase, NDDB mapping will be reviewed at the time of design and in conjunction with agency permits for that phase to determine if listed species or habitats have been identified in specific project areas.

CEQ-2 Comment: *"The EIE sheet C1.00 identifies a vernal pool immediately north of the existing dam within Elton Rodgers Park. The EIE does not indicate if potential negative impacts on the vernal pool envelope (VPE) and the critical terrestrial habitat (CTH) were examined. The Council recommends an assessment to determine the potential impact the proposed action would have on the VPE and CTH and/or if one or more vernal pools would be created by the proposed project."*

CEQ-2 Response: A vernal pool is present within the wetland located behind the dam (identified as Wetland 1 on sheet C1.00 of the Tighe and Bond plans included in Appendix A of the EIE). According to the Section 404 Individual Permit



Application prepared by Tighe and Bond in 2018 for Phase 1 of the Project, the vernal pool within Wetland 1 was assessed in 2015 and 2017 using the qualitative assessment methodology identified in Calhoun and Klemens 2002 *Best Development Practices: Conserving Pool-Breeding Amphibians in Residential and Commercial Developments in the Northeastern United States* (BDP Manual) and was identified as low-quality Tier 3 habitat due to low species diversity and abundance. The pool was identified as manmade associated with the dam and as seasonally and semi-permanently flooded due to the dam. The only vernal pool indicator species was spotted salamander, with one egg mass noted in 2015 and three egg masses in 2017.

Unfortunately, due to the presence of the existing dam in this location, there are no alternative locations for this portion of the Project, and the reconstruction of the dam will result in footprint changes with unavoidable impacts to one low quality vernal pool as shown on the drawings. Impacts to other higher quality vernal pools in the vicinity have been avoided during the design process. During the Dam Safety and Section 404 permitting processes for Phase 1, coordination will occur with DEEP and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) concerning impacts to the vernal pool and its envelope (VPE) and possible critical terrestrial habitat (CTH) and mitigation for this unavoidable loss will be determined as part of those permitting processes.

CEQ-3 Comment: *“The Council notes that the proposed work associated with Phase 1 of the proposed project has the potential to introduce or expand the habitat for invasive species. The EIE does not indicate that action to eradicate invasive species is included in the plan. The Council recommends the inclusion of an invasive species control/eradication component for the construction with a follow-up during the following year.”*

CEQ-3 Response: During construction of Phase I within Elton Rogers Park, there is the potential to introduce invasive species during active construction. Invasive species control plans are incorporated into several permitting requirements, such as through the USACE and DEEP. Due to the presence of invasives within the property, a plan has been proposed as part of the Section 404 permitting for the Project including stockpiling and reusing local soils, but segregating soils that have invasives and removing them from the site, as well as seeding and restoration plantings to establish native cover. Other standard methods will also be used to avoid introducing invasives, such as cleaning of construction matting and equipment tires before entering the site.

CEQ-4 Comment: *“The United Illuminating Company has received Connecticut Siting Council approval (Docket 490 – January 2021) to construct a 115/13.8- kilovolt (kV) air-insulated replacement substation facility located on the existing Old Town Substation parcel at 282 Kaechele Place and two parcels immediately north...at 312 and 330 Kaechele Place in Bridgeport. The Council notes that coordination of the two construction projects might avoid unanticipated issues and benefit both projects.”*

CEQ-4 Response: It is recognized that the United Illuminating Company (UIC) owns properties north of Elton Rogers Park and the City will coordinate with UIC prior to and during the Phase 1 construction period to ensure that both projects can be completed with minimal impacts to each other.



Rosalina Roman-Christy, City of Bridgeport Councilwoman, 135th District (RRC) (March 22, 2022)

RRC-1 Comment: *“Dear Mr. Riese [DEEP]: My name is Rosalina Roman-Christy. I am the councilwoman for the 135th district, which has been immensely impacted by severe flooding. The flooding problem has been going on for over 40 years. On behalf of my constituents, I want to know how your study is going to ease the flooding coming from the Oxbrook [sic] area as well the Island Brook Pond, and how long is it going to take before funding is granted to mitigate this problem.”*

RRC-1 Response: It is the intent of the Project to implement each phase of the Master Plan as soon as possible, yet funding limitations are substantial. At this time, only Phase 1, the rehabilitation of the dam and detention area construction at Elton Rogers Park, has been funded. Once the CEPA process has concluded and project permits have been issued for Phase 1, the work will be publicly bid, and construction will commence. It is unknown at this time when funding for the subsequent phases will be secured. We note that the Environmental Impact Evaluation and CEPA process is an initial but significant step which will start the implementation process of the overall Master Plan.

ORAL COMMENTS

All oral comments were received at the Public Hearing on the EIE on March 29, 2022.

Jack Hennessy, Connecticut State Representative, 127th District (JH)

JH-1 Comment: *“I echo Fred's [Frederick Riese, CT DEEP] desire to see this project move forward. I was first elected in 2004, and my primary promise to my constituents in the North End was to address the flooding of the Ox Brook; and that was 18 years ago. We got the funding around 2015, and I was told that it would take a couple years for the whole thing to go through its process. It's 2022 now. Took a little longer than I expected. My constituents have complained that the State, the City has not done the due diligence to mitigate flooding, and I had stood by my promise to try and move this project forward. I would really like to thank the city engineer, [Jon] Urquidi, for his steadfast work and quality work, and the previous engineering firm that did the work. It was all professionally done, and I'm really happy that this meeting is taking place.”*

JH-1 Response: DEEP concurs that it has been a long process to get to the point where the project stands today, but the completion of the CEPA process will be a key step to facilitate the flood control master plan program and in particular, construction of the first phase of the Project, Phase 1 dam reconstruction and storage creation at Elton Rogers Park.

JH-2 Comment: *“Jen [Jennifer Burke, GZA GeoEnvironmental Inc.], you had mentioned that if we did nothing regular maintenance would continue, and I'm just interested to know what kind of regular maintenance that would be because it just seemed that, you know, the flooding between the WPCA and the State and the City -- everybody's pointing fingers at each other saying, well, it's their department, it's their department; and, you know, the refuse that winds up building in the stream -- quite often it's at the homeowner's risk of life and limb to open the channels up after a storm. So I don't really know what this regular maintenance that would continue because it doesn't seem like there is much.”*

JH-2 Response: This comment was made in response to the No Action Alternative, under which the Proposed Action would not occur and no other alternatives addressing the chronic flooding problems along Ox Brook would occur. The maintenance that was mentioned in the hearing referred to any activities which currently occur along the brook as



part of City maintenance of drainage features or emergency measures in response to flood events (clearing culverts or streets). Any such activities occurring now would continue.

JH-3 **Comment:** *"I'm very happy to hear about the vegetation screening to mitigate the development in Elton Rogers Park. It's rather bucolic. There's deer. There is wildlife there, and I really think it's a shame to have to disturb that; but I'm happy that the State along with, you know, Corp of Army Engineer take all these things into consideration and are doing what we need to do in order to mitigate disturbance.*

You know, the reason why we're here in this place, it's due to over development of filling in the wetlands in the entire area where there's no absorption of rainfall events; so, you know, that's been done, and we can't undo it. You know, possibly there may be here and there acquisitions of property to create open space and to have some water retention down the road; and I'm very happy to hear that the City is moving forward with Svihra Park and that the landowner is willing to sell it, so that's excellent. That's a major part of the project that needs to be done and -- so I just want to thank you for this wonderful meeting today, and I hope that we can move forward and hope we can break ground this year."

JH-3 **Response:** The Plan recognizes the beauty of Elton Rogers Park and its value to the residents of Bridgeport and Connecticut alike. Restoration plans will be developed within the permit applications for Phase 1 to reestablish valuable vegetation in disturbed areas to restore and enhance existing conditions. The preservation of Elton Rogers Park and the creation of flood storage at both Elton Rogers and Svihra Parks including the acquisition of the private property by the City adjacent to Svihra Park are critical steps in the process.

JH-4 **Comment:** *"I just had one other question and that about the historic aspects of the dam. It really is an interesting construction. I'm glad that it's not on the National Registry, but you had mentioned that there was a State historic -- excuse me -- that has to get involved. Could you explain a little bit about that?"*

JH-4 **Response:** The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is the state agency which reviews projects for potential impacts to cultural resources. The State Register of Historic Places is Connecticut's listing of structures and sites that may represent the history of the state. This listing is larger and more inclusive than the National Register of Historic Places, designating more local and statewide places and structures, whereas the National Park Service and the National Register of Historic Place focus more on places of regional or national historic significance.

Coordination with the SHPO will occur during the permitting process under state regulation and under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, and the Phase 1A Archaeological Assessment Survey/Historic Resources Survey (see Appendix D of the EIE), will be fundamental to the planning and permitting process moving forward. See the response to comment ID SHPO-2 for the commitment being made relative to documentation of the structure prior to construction.

JH-5 **Comment:** *"I believe that they did core samplings to test for bad material and that it -- it's just regular nonhazardous material and that -- and that removing the earthen structure will not be a problem [comment refers to the dam at Elton Rogers Park]."*

JH-5 **Response:** No information has been provided to date to suggest the presence of any hazardous materials at the dam site.



Rosalina Roman-Christy, City of Bridgeport Councilwoman, 135th District (RRC-O-1)

RRC-O-1 **Comment:** *“I’m Councilwoman Rosalina Roman-Christy, and I represent the 135th District which entails the Ox Brook area such as -- my main concern is the Island Brook flow that’s coming from the Ox Brook. So many of my constituents have gotten flooded so badly that water has risen into their living room area, and it also comes down into the Woodrow Bridge area which is constantly flooded. I’d like to see that area, if possible, being taken care of as soon as possible. I mean, these are tax paying individuals. It’s all residential, mostly all single-family homes in this area; so I would sincerely appreciate if attention was given to this area probably in 2023 hopefully according to [Jon] Urquidi. He’s really good about all this stuff, and he’s very knowledgeable; so that’s my comment right now.”*

RRC-O-1 **Response:** The regional approach of this Master Plan includes diversion of flows from Island Brook to the Rogers Park storage area and subsequent diversion back to Island Brook downstream through the Svihra Park detention area. As proposed by Kasper, the complete six-phase plan is intended to address flooding along Ox Brook, but also to address some issues along Island Brook as well to provide a more regional optimized solution. Please also see earlier response to similar comment **RRC-1**.



GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc.