

Notice of Scoping for Regional Composting Facility and Recycling Infrastructure

Addresses of possible locations: 263 & 311 Olcott Street, Manchester, CT 06040

Municipality where proposed actions might be located: Town of Manchester

Project Description: Utilizing a grant award from the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) through its MMI Grant Program, the Town of Manchester proposes to construct a food waste receiving and processing facility to manage collected food wastes, which will be Phase I of a proposed food scrap recycling program. The facility will be sized to process food scraps from the municipal collection program as well as other municipal, institutional, residential, retail, wholesale, and commercial sources; it is anticipated that this facility will serve as a regional food waste collection point for municipalities east of the Connecticut River.

The Town also proposes the construction of an aerated static pile (ASP) composting facility to compost collected food wastes with leaves and mixed yard wastes. This facility will be Phase II of a proposed onsite food scrap recycling program. Presently, it is anticipated that the ASP facility could manage up to 2,000 tons per year of food waste, but will also be expandable to manage future demand. Finally, the Town proposes the procurement and installation of new equipment to collect and process (i.e., bale) residential plastic film collected at our transfer station as well as from municipalities in the region.

Project Map: Click [here](#) to view a map of the project location.

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on:
Friday, June 28, 2025.

Additional information about the project can be viewed in person at 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT **and online at:** [MMI Grant Program Page](#)

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

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

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What Happens Next: The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) 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*.