

Notice of Scoping for Building a Regional Composting Facility for Southeastern Connecticut

Address of possible location: 132 Military Highway (Route 12), Preston, CT 06365

Municipality where proposed action might be located: Town of Preston

Project Description: Utilizing a grant award from the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) through its MMI Grant Program, the Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority (SCRRA) proposes to construct and operate the first large-scale aerobic food waste composting facility in southeastern Connecticut, fulfilling an infrastructure need in an historically underserved region. The facility will utilize an innovative hybrid compost system, combining aerated static pile (ASP) processing with open windrows for curing, resulting in quicker composting times and reduced operational costs. The facility will be situated on approximately six acres of land owned by the Authority at 132 Military Highway (Route 12) in the town of Preston. It is anticipated that the volume of source-separated organics diverted will be approximately 5,500 tons per year, and the anticipated volume of wood waste diverted will be approximately 8,500 tons per year.

Local zoning approval for the facility has been acquired and the required state-level solid waste permit application is currently under review by DEEP. A robust environmental justice public participation plan has also been developed and approved by DEEP, in consideration of Preston's status as a distressed municipality.

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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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*.