



CT DEEP Permitting and Siting Resources (as of May 2025)

Name and Link	Description of Resource	Relationship to Permit Streamlining
Client Concierge Service	Overview of Concierge Service and eligible projects Links to pre-application assistance, Municipal Resources Hub, 20BY26 Initiative, factsheets, Stakeholder Outreach, STEPs, 2019/2023 CES meeting recordings	Projects that go through the Concierge process have multi-media meetings to identify and resolve bottlenecks during permit review.
Multi-Media Permitting Factsheets and Siting Guidance (on Concierge Page)	Environmental/Multi-Media Permitting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Large-Scale Beneficial Filling Pilot Program• Farm-Based Anaerobic Digesters• Solar Projects• Offshore Wind Projects• Breweries and Distilleries Siting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Guidance for Siting Solar on Brownfields• Draft Guidance for Siting Solar on Agricultural Land	Permitting and siting guidance documents allow prospective project applicants to understand the potential permitting pathways, timelines, and requirements before or during the design process, to assist with development of more complete applications and reduce the need for requests for information.
Pre-application Assistance	Overview of process to request pre-application meeting Link to questionnaire	Pre-application meetings can identify and resolve potential issues prior to application submittal. For Dam Safety dam repair permit applications that had a pre-application meeting, median turnaround time was four months faster than those that did not.
Municipal Hub	Links to Early Municipal Assistance (EMA) Meeting Request Form, Concierge Service, 20BY26 Initiative, Municipal Newsletter, Municipal Resources, CT Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management, Online Training, Grants and Financial Assistance	EMAs function similarly to pre-application meetings, but can occur earlier in the process to allow municipalities to more efficiently and effectively plan and design projects and apply for permits.



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Permits and Licenses	Application forms and guidance documents Permit assistance Flow charts on individual permit and general permit application processes	The permits and licenses page is a centralized hub containing links to materials to improve applicant understanding of timelines, required materials, and assistance available to improve process efficiency.
Sustainable, Transparent, and Efficient Practices (STEPS) for Solar Development and Community Renewable Energy Siting Tool (CREST)	Guidance for siting solar in CT (see Multi-Media Permitting Factsheets and Siting Guidance) Links to siting workshop recordings CREST Map Viewer and solar siting resources	Solar siting guidance can help applicants understand the benefits and drawbacks of different locations and associated potential permitting requirements and timelines.
20BY20 Initiative	Quarterly reports and presentations Permitting timeframes factsheet Transparency, Predictability, & Efficiency Initiatives Dashboards	20BY20 included several successful goals related to permit streamlining, including: Goal 1: Make permitting timeframes more transparent - resulted in dashboard updated quarterly to track anticipated and actual permit processing timeframes. Goal 3: Reduce number of legacy applications - cut backlog of pre-2017 permit applications by 45%. Goal 4: Reduce time for Transfer Act audits - resulted in 190-day reduction in average days to decision. Goal 8: Eliminate some permits and move to “permit by rule” - 142 facilities currently regulated by GPLPE “permit by rule”. Goal 12: Establish permitting Concierge Service to guide projects through complex permitting process.



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20BY26 Initiative	Materials & reports Summary of goals Events	20BY26 is building on the work of 20BY20 with goals related to permit streamlining, including: Goal 1: Adopt Release-Based Regulations to modernize Connecticut's cleanup framework. Goal 2: Achieve 90% on-time completion for critical permit applications. Goal 3: Reduce legacy permit backlog by 65% by 2026. Goal 12: Expand DEEP Concierge services to municipalities and small businesses. Goal 14: Permitting for decarbonization. Goal 17: Improve efficiency and effectiveness of NDDDB review. Goal 18: Enhancing dam safety through improved permitting for repair and removal.
Integrated Resources Planning	2026-2035 IRP Notice of Proceeding and Scoping Past IRPs White papers	Strategies the state can pursue to secure an affordable, reliable, and clean electric supply, including development of CREST mapping tool to help developers identify potential challenges or opportunities for siting solar and to create a more transparent and efficient siting and permitting process.
2025 Transmission Solutions White Paper	White paper	Opportunities to address issues and remove barriers facing Connecticut and regional transmission infrastructure it relies upon.