



PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENTION NOT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT EVALUATION

Project Name: *Town WPCF Flood Protection System Improvements*

Project Location: 105 Beacon Point Rd, Stratford, CT 06615

Project Description:

The Town of Stratford ("Stratford") is proposing to install five flood gates and construct flood walls on top of the existing levees and dikes to elevate the level of protection to 16feet NAVD88 to provide flood protection against current FEMA Base Flood Elevation (BFE) plus 2-3 feet of freeboard and flood protection from stillwater (no wave effects included) for the 500-year recurrence interval flood with 1-2 feet of freeboard through the useful life of the project for the Stratford wastewater treatment facility which has an effluent discharge to the Housatonic River. GZA in conjunction with CIRCA conducted a study resulting in the report "CIRCA Resilient Connecticut Phase III Resilient Stratford South End Plan" which evaluated the resiliency of Stratford's utilities, streets and neighborhoods. The study recommends the wastewater treatment plant flood control be upgraded to improve its ability to weather increase storms and flooding conditions at the plant. An overview, the report and maps are available on the [Resilient Connecticut Stratford South End webpage](#).

General Information:

The Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is required to ensure that the requirements of section 40 CFR Part 6 of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) have been met.

The DEEP has reviewed the construction documents submitted regarding this project. This review found that all the proposed improvements will take place within existing wastewater treatment plant site, and the design flow of the wastewater plant stations will remain the same with no significant environmental impact. Based upon this review and the environmental benefits to be realized, staff has recommended that preparation of an Environmental Impact Evaluation is not required.

The Commissioner of the DEEP has also reviewed this project to ensure that the requirements of the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (Sections 22a-1a through 22a-1h of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS)) have been met. The proposed action does not fall within the categories of actions contained on DEEP's environmental classification document as actions requiring review under the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act. Therefore, the proposed action does not require public scoping as outlined under Section 22a-1b of the CGS.

Interested persons who wish to submit comments on this decision and/or obtain more information including inspection of supporting documentation may do so by contacting Ann Straut at (860) 424-3137

Written comments must be received within thirty (30) days of the date of this public notice. Comments should be emailed to ann.straut@ct.gov, or mailed to Ann Straut, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5127.

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