

Section 10

Stakeholder Participation

10.1 Introduction

Engaging stakeholders throughout the planning process is a critical element of the success of any project, particularly for a project within an Environmental Justice Community. In addition to weekly coordination meetings with the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA), City of Bridgeport General Manager, Lauren McBennett Mappa, P.E., Anthony Trelewicz, Consultant to the WPCA, and periodically, Stephen Walker, MBA, Director of Finance, other stakeholders were informed of the Facilities Planning efforts as the project progressed. To date, four updates to the WPCA Board of Commissioners were conducted: July 2019, February 2020, August 2020 and November 2020, all of which were open to the public. Additionally, discussions with CT DEEP were held in February 2020 and August 2020, to review the Facilities Planning process and its preliminary recommendations. A presentation was also made to the City Finance Committee in August 2020. Presentation slides from these meetings are included in **Appendix O**.

A meeting was held with the Town of Trumbull to discuss their service area expansion plans in March 2020. As WWTP layouts were developed, two meetings were conducted with the neighboring Captain's Cove Seaport to discuss the potential for easements and land acquisition in October 2020. In November 2020, a site walk was conducted with a Councilman and a State Representative to discuss the residential housing complex located just north of the West Side WWTP site.

CT DEEP facilitated a virtual Public Scoping Meeting for the Facilities Planning for East Side and West Side Wastewater Treatment Plants on October 29, 2020 to review the results of the facilities planning process including:

- Liquid Stream Alternatives
- Solids Processing Alternatives
- Plant Consolidation
- High Flow Management/Maximization of Flow to WWTPs
- Operability/Construction Assessment
- Resiliency to Storms, Flooding and Climate Change
- Outfall Inspection, Improvements, and Necessary Changes
- SCADA Evaluation
- Odor Control Evaluation

Written comments from the public were accepted until the close of business on November 5, 2020. Slide presentations from the meeting and comment responses are presented in **Appendix O**.

After this Facilities Plan is submitted to CT DEEP, the following meetings are anticipated. Information gleaned from these meetings will be carried forward to the preliminary design phase of the project:

- WPCA Board of Commissioners' Meetings
- City Council Meeting(s)
- CT DEEP Meetings
- Neighborhood Meeting – West Side WWTP (required under Section 22a-20a CGS)
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