

**Hearing Report
April 21, 2026**

**Clean Water Fund
Financial Assistance Program
Municipal Water Pollution Control
Priority List, State Fiscal Years
2026 - 2027**

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I. Introduction

The award of financial assistance from the Clean Water Fund (CWF) to municipalities for wastewater infrastructure is governed by Sections 22a-475 through 22a-483 of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS); and Sections 22a-482-1 through 4 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA), otherwise known as “the CWF regulations.” In accordance with the CWF regulations, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP or the Department) shall prepare an ordered priority listing of projects for which funding assistance is available for each fiscal year. Since the State of Connecticut adopts a biennial budget, the Department is adopting a biennial Priority List for Fiscal Year 2026 (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026) and Fiscal Year 2027 (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027) based upon previous fiscal year authorizations and the 2026 and 2027 capital budget authorizations. This priority listing is referred to as the CWF Priority List.

II. Administrative Requirements and Proceedings

The Campaign Monitor system is an electronic newsletter to message our municipalities and the public. To subscribe to the Campaign Monitor newsletter, municipalities and the general public can navigate to the DEEP Municipal Wastewater website, select “DEEP Municipal Wastewater Updates Newsletter” at the bottom of the webpage, and then complete the subsequent form that appears. Municipalities can join the DEEP Municipal Wastewater Updates Newsletter to receive notification of program updates, web postings, and other information regarding the Municipal Wastewater Program.

A memo dated November 20, 2024, regarding a call for project requests for FY26 and FY27 requesting towns submit a project request form to DEEP so that their projects can be considered for the Priority List. The memo included a hyperlinks to the EPA’s Cross-Cutter Checklist, Connecticut DECD defined distressed communities, and State CWF Regulations (Exhibit 1). This document, along with the FY26 and FY27 Call for Projects Request Form (Exhibit 2) was distributed to the public through the was distributed through DEEP’s Campaign Monitor on November 20, 2024. They were also posted on the Department’s Municipal Wastewater Program’s webpage. A reminder was sent out via Campaign Monitor on January 10, 2025. This documentation of notifications to the public is Exhibit 3. This call for projects is used for identifying wastewater infrastructure needs for developing the draft priority list.

In conformance with the Federal Regulations governing the capitalization grant that the Department receives from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Section 22a-482-1(c)(4) of the RCSA, the Department issued a Notice of Public Hearing on December 22, 2025 (Exhibit 4).

This notice signed by Nisha Patel, Director Water Planning and Management Division outlines the registration process for attending the hearing and provided guidance and on submission of oral and written comments. Specifically, it identified the public hearing date

of February 5, 2026, at 10:30 am via Zoom and requested that members of the public register in advance to attend the hearing using the dedicated email address, DEEP.CWF@ct.gov by February 4, 2026. It also requested notification of the intent to provide oral testimony during the hearing proceedings by the same email notification method and asked that written comments be received by email by February 27, 2026.

On January 7, 2026, the Department notified subscribers of the Municipal Wastewater Campaign Monitor of the availability of the Draft FY26 and FY27 Priority List and the Notice of Public Hearing (Exhibit 6). In addition, the Department placed the Draft FY26 and FY27 Priority List (Exhibit 5) and the Notice of Public Hearing (Exhibit 4) on the Department's Municipal Wastewater webpage. This announcement also included links to our deep website and was able to be viewed by the public.

Additionally, the notice was published for circulation in newspapers. Evidence of publication of the public notice for the public hearing was provided by Vanguard Direct Inc. The notice of public hearing appeared in the *Connecticut Post*, *Hartford Courant*, *New Haven Register*, *The Day*, and *Waterbury Republican-American* and *CT Insider* on January 8, 2026, and in *The Chronicle* on January 9, 2026. The Vanguard Direct Inc. invoice dated January 9, 2026, included the affidavits of publication from each of the newspapers referenced above (Exhibit 7). These were received via US mail on January 22, 2026.

On January 7, 2026, the notice for the hearing was placed on DEEP's dedicated "Public Notice Announcement" webpage in which the public can access public notices through <https://portal.ct.gov/deep> (Exhibit 8). Links to the documents on the DEEP Clean Water Fund webpage as well as an announcement of the availability for review of the Public Notice and draft FY26-27 Priority List sent out via Campaign Monitor (Exhibit 9). It is noted for the record that due to DEEP's website undergoing an upgrade during the beginning of the public notice timeframe, the Public Notice and draft FY26-27 Priority List links were required to be re-uploaded to DEEP's Municipal Wastewater webpage on January 15, 2026. In response to that action, an additional announcement was sent out via the Campaign Monitor on that same date. This is included in Exhibit 9 documentation.

On February 3, 2026, a reminder notice (Exhibit 10) was subsequently sent to subscribers through the Campaign Monitor informing members of the public that they can pre-register to attend the Public Hearing by sending a request to DEEP.CWF@ct.gov by February 4, 2026. The Connecticut Water Environment Association (CTWEA) also shared a reminder of the Notice of Public Hearing to its subscribers through their newsletter via email on February 3, 2026 (Exhibit 11).

The public hearing was conducted on February 5, 2026, via ZOOM and was open to individuals that registered to attend the public hearing on the Draft FY26 and FY27 Priority List. The hearing began by introducing the Hearing Officer and the DEEP staff who would be assisting with the virtual proceedings. The hearing procedures were outlined, the

exhibits entered into the record and the Draft FY26 and FY27 Priority List was presented. Ivonne Hall, Assistant Director Municipal Wastewater, presented information concerning the Federal and State funding sources. The hearing officer presented information regarding the regulations, priority rating point system, the proposed funding allocations for construction projects and for set-aside reserves.

The hearing was convened at 10:30 am and was concluded at 11:48 am. A total of forty-two (42) people attended the hearing which included twenty-four (24) Department staff. An attendance list taken from Zoom (Exhibit 12). Not all registrants from the public attended the public hearing. Following the hearing, the PowerPoint presentation (Exhibit 13) used during the proceedings was made available to the public on the DEEP website on February 6, 2026.

Prior to the hearing no one expressed an interest in providing oral testimony. At the end of the presentation of the Draft FY26 and FY27 Priority List, the Hearing Officer opened the forum and asked if anyone wished to provide comments. One (1) individual identified themselves and provided oral testimony. Their comments and DEEP's response are summarized in Section III of this report.

At the public hearing, the public attendees were notified that the comment period for the Draft FY26 and FY27 Priority List would remain open until the close of business on February 27, 2026, and shall be submitted via e-mail to the Department at DEEP.CWF@ct.gov.

During the public comment period, three (3) letters and several emails were received (Exhibits 14 - 20). The written comments and the Departments response and recommendations are discussed in section IV of the report.

Following the public hearing, all oral and written comments received in response to the public hearing and presented draft FY26 and FY27 Priority List were considered. A summary of recommendations is in Section V of this report.

There were two technical corrections made to the Draft FY26 and FY27 Priority List. Technical corrections are typographical errors or minor changes to the Priority List discovered after the draft had been distributed for public comment. The first technical correction was a typographical error to the sum of the total allotment in the set -aside reserves for construction of resiliency projects on page 15. It was revised from \$72M to \$70M. There are no modifications to the proposed total allotments for the two reserve categories under this set-aside, the *Wastewater Pump Station Infrastructure Projects* remains at \$53M and the *Wastewater infrastructure projects (non-pump station projects)* remains at \$17 for a total of \$70M. The second technical correction was made for further clarification by adding the acronym "NHPP" to clarify the projects that are categorized as North Hartford Pilot Projects which will be receiving Clean Water Funding as well as supplemental funding from the Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grant (OSG). The addition was made to the Project Descriptions in the Fundable FY27 Projects: Construction table listings on page 12 for the Windsor St. Sewer Separation Phase 3 and

Granby St. Sewer Separation Project, although footnote 3 below the listing indicates that projects in *italics* is part of the North Hartford Pilot Project.

III. Oral Testimony, Comments and Responses

The following oral comments were received during the public hearing proceedings on February 5, 2026.

**Mike G. Papa, Artscape Organic Care, LLC
Stamford, Connecticut**

Comment: Mr. Papa expressed a need to see more collaboration to solve wastewater needs, specifically the use of wetland systems to remediate the wastewater. He feels that the spending billions of dollars to clean up the water does not work, and that we will have to come back 10 years from now to clean up again. He encouraged thinking proactively and not reactively. He explained his displeasure with the State removing phosphorus from nature as he feels it is supposed to be there and believes soils are supposed to hold nutrients. He would like the State to collaborate with the public to participate in creating state-of-the-art wetlands that remediate wastewater and hold onto nutrients (phosphorus) so that it does not go into our waterways.

Response: DEEP supports collaboration with municipalities to find solutions to their wastewater needs and to improve the water quality of the waters of the State.

IV. Written Testimony, Comments and Responses

The following written comments were received during the public notice comment period, which was open from January 7, 2026 until February 27, 2026.

**Ray Jarema, P.E., Berlin Water Control Commission
Email comment on January 14, 2026**

Comment: Mr. Jarema submitted a call for projects request form for the Berlin Turnpike Pump Station Upgrade. This project is a pump station rehabilitation project

that will commence design in late 2026 and construction in early 2028 with a cost estimate between \$5 M and \$9 M. Funding has not been locally approved for this project.

Response: This project will not fall within the FY26-27 fiscal cycle and should be submitted for consideration under the next Priority List once the project advances and has local appropriations. The project was added to the list on Table 3 along with three previous request submissions.

Sid Holbrook, Westbrook
Email received on February 3, 2026

Comment: Mr. Holbrook stated that he is in favor of the Town of Westbrook receiving funding as shown on the priority list.

Response: Mr. Holbrook's support for the wastewater project in Westbrook that has been identified on the draft Priority List was noted for the record during the hearing proceedings. No modification to the draft Priority List or further actions are required.

US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1

**Katherine Marrese, Branch Chief, Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance
and Michael Silano, Water Division**
Email received on February 11, 2026, with follow-up email on February 18, 2026

Comment:
Comments received from EPA Region 1 requested updating the dates and federal capitalization grants referenced in the Priority List document to include the Federal FY25 grants, inclusion of the projects proposed to be funded under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Emerging Contaminants (EC) grant in a summary table and updating federal regulation citations within the document under the authorizations in Section 1 and program administrative costs Section 3.

Additional comments related to the Priority List request additional narratives that EPA has seen typically in an Intended Use Plan (IUP).

Response:
Since the drafting and public notice of the Priority List, allotment awards from EPA have been provided. The document was updated to provide the updated authorizations and award allotments from federal FY25 and FY26. Requested regulatory references have been added if relevant and appropriate to meet State and Federal requirements.

There was only one project proposal that requested to utilize IJJA EC grant funds in this fiscal funding cycle (FY26/27). The New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPCC) submitted a request to continue funding a pilot study of Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) removal technologies at the Hartford landfill. Since this is the only project proposal that was submitted for emerging contaminants and no other project proposals were received, a priority ranking system was not necessary. An additional table has been added to the Priority List for funding under this grant source and to demonstrate the proposed project to be funded using this funding source, “Table 4 – Supplemental IJJA Emerging Contaminants Grant” on page 26. NEIWPCC has also been listed on Table 3 identifying this request for a project related to emerging contaminants. In the draft Priority List document that was public noticed, this project was discussed in narrative form within Section 3b on page 17.

The Priority List is utilized to meet the State Clean Water Fund regulatory requirements as well as Federal CWSRF requirements and no proposed changes are proposed for adjustment.

**Jason F. Waterbury, P.E., Assistant Manager of Engineering,
The Metropolitan District
Email received on February 11, 2026**

Comment: The MDC is wrapping up the design of a sanitary sewer I/I [infiltration and inflow] rehabilitation project in Bloomfield (District Contract 2026B-01). The scope of this project is to complete the rehabilitation of approximately 46,000 LF of cross-country (aka “easement”) sewers in Bloomfield. The cost estimate for the project is approximately \$14.5M and it is estimated to advertise this project for Construction Bids in late Spring of 2026 with construction commencing by the Fall of 2027. MDC is requesting this project be considered for funding under the Reserve for non-CSO I/I Rehabilitation Projects (20% Grant/80% Loan).

Response: During the call for projects, the MDC identified a project “Easement Sewer Lining Program Phase 2”. Since receiving the comments regarding Contract 2026B-01, it has been confirmed that this contract is the “easement sewer lining program phase 2” which is listed in Table 3 and was accounted for in the determination of funding allocations for the priority list reserve set-asides. However, since this project has now been identified as being in a non-CSO community, the project has been recategorized as funding under the reserves for I/I- Non-CSO instead of the reserves for I/I-CSO as initially noted on the draft Priority List. The request category for this project has been updated in Table 3.

**Alan Wells, P.E., Tighe & Bond
Email received February 24, 2026**

Comment: Tighe & Bond submitted three project request forms on behalf of Joseph Alosso, Plainville Director of Water Pollution Control, Town of Plainville; Design of New Britain Ave Sewer Replacement which entails the replacement of 200 LF of gravity sewers from 8-inch to 10-inch to meet capacity issues (\$0.09 M), Design of the Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) Improvements to accommodate future peak hour flows (\$2.4 M); and Design of the Journey Road Wastewater Pump Station Upgrade to replace equipment to increase capacity for upstream development (\$0.25 M).

Response:

The Priority List has a design reserve to accommodate eligible projects that meet programmatic criteria. The CWF funds projects to meet water quality goals and needs and has not historically been utilized to support development. A design of the WPCF Upgrade project, if deemed eligibility, can be funded under the design set-aside reserve. The design and construction phases of the other two projects, if deemed eligible, would fall under the reserve set-asides (Pump Station Rehabilitation and Collection System Improvements) that have been allocated as loan only for construction. All three projects, if eligible, could maintain eligibility of the design costs and be funded under a future construction phase under a future priority list. None of these projects will complete design before July 2027 and therefore will likely not be a design or a construction project during this fiscal cycle. No changes are needed to the Priority List because of these additional requests. The project requests were added to Table 3.

**Susan Negrelli, P.E., Director of Engineering,
The Metropolitan District Commission (MDC)
Letter received on February 24, 2026 via email from Jason Waterbury, MDC**

Comment:

MDC is requesting an increase in the \$10.9M CSO Sewer Separation Projects for FY26 up to \$16M. They are also requesting a second "CSO Sewer Separation Projects" for FY27.

MDC requested an increase in the project "Granby Street Sewer Separation Project" from \$14M to \$17M to accommodate the change in the projects included in this initial request, which was for separation areas 7, 8 & 9 but is now areas 4, 7, and 11 to provide more significant community benefit.

MDC has indicated that work on the New North Branch Interceptor (NNBI), which is required to be completed by 2040 in accordance with DEEP Consent Order No. COWRMU22002, is being expedited and will be split into phases. The new Phase 1

construction project will go out to bid in late Spring of 2027 and is estimated to cost \$12 M. MDC is requesting the Phase I construction project be added to the FY27 Fundable Construction List. The NNBI takes flows beginning in West Hartford and routes it south toward the Hartford WPCF. This is an important project that will mitigate CSO volumes at 2 CSOs: N-9/10.

Response:

MDC has identified three (3) CSO Separation projects that would be funded with this funding request. The three projects have updated cost estimates of \$2 M, \$7 M and \$7 M, for a total of \$16 M. It is recommended to increase the FY26 "CSO Sewer Separation Projects" to from \$10.9M to \$16M and not add additional "CSO Sewer Separation Projects" listings for ranking and consideration for FY27.

The Department acknowledges the update of the sequencing of projects in the Granby area, as agreed upon by the MDC and the Department in December 2025, which will be formalized in a pending consent order modification regarding the MDC Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Long-Term Control Plan (LTCP) progress. However, since the project costs under the Granby Sewer Separation Areas included in MDC's updated estimate include the design and construction of area 7 (\$14 M) and the anticipated design of areas 4 and 11 (\$3 M), it is not recommended to update or increase this amount on the Priority List. Design and construction of areas 4 and 11 do not fall within this fiscal cycle.

After receiving additional information related to the NNBI Phase 1 project from MDC on February 27, 2026, it was determined that this project will likely not be ready to proceed during this Priority List fiscal cycle. Additional details are conveyed in the response section below. This project was not added to the Priority List.

**Jason F. Waterbury, P.E., Assistant Manager of Engineering,
The Metropolitan District
Email received on February 27, 2026**

Comment:

Submitted a Call for Projects request form for the New North Branch Interceptor (NNBI) Phase 1 Project for funding consideration.

Response:

This NNBI project is an estimated \$84 M project to address CSO Control. This new proposal takes that larger project and splits it into smaller phased projects for implementation. The first phase will increase CSO level of control at CSOs N-9 & N-10, consistent with the 2018 CSO LTCP/ Integrated Plan (IP) Update and is estimated at \$15.28 M with construction commencement in Summer 2027. The project was ranked using the priority rating system and it received 30 points, ranking it higher than other MDC projects currently listed as fundable in FY27.

Since the NNBI schedule is an estimate and the project will likely start construction and seek a funding agreement after the FY26-27 fiscal cycle, the project will not be incorporated and is recommended for submission on a future FY28-29 Priority List for consideration as a Fundable Construction Project in FY28. Therefore, no change or impact to the proposed “Fundable FY27 Projects: Construction” list, rankings or allotments for this Priority List are needed because of this request. The NNBI Phase 1 construction project will be added to Table 3 to reflect the call for project submission on February 27, 2026.

The design phase of the NNBI Phase 1 project has maintained eligibility for funding. It makes up approx. \$0.8M of the requested \$15.28 M. The design of the project has been identified in Table 3 and the funding for design is available from the first-come first serve reserve.

**Susan Sullivan, Executive Director,
New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPCC)
Letter received on February 26, 2026**

Comment:

NEIWPCC requested continued funding of the Hartford PFAS Project using the IJJA Emerging Contaminants Grant and a continued partnership with DEEP for this important project that will provide data and information to aid in better management of resources and approaches to addressing PFAS mitigation throughout the State and region.

Response:

The Department shares the commitment to partnership with NEIWPCC and continued support for this important pilot project to address the emerging contaminant of concern, PFAS. On pages 21-22 of the Priority List, there is a description of the project and the allocation of the IJJA EC Grant funding source. These federal grant funds are earmarked to address emerging contaminants with unique and distinct eligibility requirements. These funds have been elected to be used to pilot PFAS removal technologies on leachate from the Hartford landfill, which is operated by Connecticut DEEP. The EPA has approved the work plan prior to this fiscal funding cycle, submitted by DEEP, and the project commenced in 2025.

**Vanessa Valadares, P.E., Chief of Operations and Public Works,
Norwalk Water Pollution Control Authority
Letter received on February 27, 2026 via email from Ralph Kolb, P.E., Norwalk
WPCA**

Comment: Requests the reconsideration of the Hubbells Lane Relief Sewer Project for ranking on the FY26/27 Construction Fundable list as a combined sewer overflow (CSO) abatement project. The request describes the merits of the project and its connection to

an unmapped 54-inch outfall located at Wall Street in Norwalk which will be eliminated once the Hubbells Lane Relief Sewer project is completed. Additionally, the request asks that the project be recategorized under I/I-CSO for funding.

Response:

The reserve set-aside for Construction of CSO I/I Rehabilitation Projects is for communities that need to perform inflow and infiltration projects to reduce and/or eliminate the CSO discharges within the collection system. The CSO communities identified have active Long-Term Control Plans to mitigate CSOs located throughout the collection system. The communities that have been identified in this reserve are Hartford, New Haven, Norwich and Bridgeport. Each of these communities has a list of identified CSO discharges in their NPDES permit that exist within the collection system and have both Long-Term Control Plans and enforcement consent orders with the Department to study and remove the CSOs. While there are catch basins still connected to the sanitary sewer, the Norwalk collection system does not have combined sewers, and the CSO identified in their NPDES permit is the wet weather overflow at the Treatment Plant. Norwalk's identified project is not identified in an existing Consent Order COWRMU22001 as a CSO nor is it identified in their current NPDES discharge permit. Therefore, Norwalk does not meet the parameters for recategorizing the project for CSO.

The City of Norwalk was not included as an eligible CSO community because the City does not operate a combined sewer system and does not have an approved or current LTCP. The project does not satisfy the requirements to be competitive in a fundable construction rating and is recommended to be funded under the set-aside reserves for collection system rehabilitation.

A formal response letter to the City of Norwalk from DEEP is included in the exhibits.

V. Summary of Recommendations and Revisions

In response to the comment received from EPA the Department has incorporated the following changes to the Draft FY26 and FY27 Priority List:

1. Added the reference of Title VI of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act which addresses funding and cooperative federal/state programs for water pollution control to the first paragraph under Section 1: Program Authorizations and Objectives on page 2.
2. Added a new table associated with the IIJA EC Grant to identify the projects proposed to be funded from this funding source. This new table is Table 4 and titled, "Supplemental IIJA Emerging Contaminants Grant", on page 26 of the document. Since NEIWPCC's project, the Hartford landfill PFAS-removal pilot project, was the only request proposal submitted for emerging contaminants in this fiscal funding cycle, a rating or prioritization listing was not necessary and not recommended to be added to this process.

3. The authorizations and allotments for FFY25 and FFY26 were updated to be current with the latest information provide by EPA since the draft Priority List was publicly noticed in January 2026. These updates are on in Section 1 on page 2, Section 4b on pages 16 and 17, and Table 1 – Supplemental Grants on page 18. The authorization table on page 2 was modified to include the EC Grant as a source of funding (with an associated footnote) and the updated anticipated authorized funding amounts.
4. The required portion of allotted funding reserved for water quality management planning in accordance with Section 604(b) of the 1987 Amendment to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act were updated on page 5 of the Priority List to reflect FFY25 and FFY26 amounts from CWSRF and IIJA Supplemental and Emerging Contaminants. The updated amounts reserved from FFY25 are as follows: \$500,000 (\$196,000 from base CWSRF), \$305,000 from IIJA Supplemental and \$26,000 from IIJA Emerging Contaminants. The updated amounts for FFY26 were updated based on FFY26 estimated allotments and are as follows: \$419,000 (\$88,000 from Base CWSRF), \$305,000 from IIJA Supplemental, and \$26,000 from IIJA Emerging Contaminant.

In response to the comments received by the Metropolitan District, the Department has made the following modifications to the Draft FY26 and FY27 Priority List:

1. Revised on page 12 in the Fundable FY26 Projects: Construction list the associated project cost from \$10.9 M to \$16.0 M for the “CSO Sewer Separation” and updated the total funding for FY26 from \$135.9 M to \$141.0 M.

Additional revisions to the draft Priority List:

1. All additional Call for Project requests that were submitted during the public comment period were evaluated and added to “Table 3 – All FY26/FY27 Requests”.
2. In response to the Federal FY26 SRF allotments memorandum provided by EPA on April 16, 2026, the funding amounts in the Priority List document were updated from the placeholders in the draft that was public noticed. These amounts were updated in the anticipated funding sources authorized summary table on pages 2 and 3 and in Table 1 - Supplemental Grants Summary on page 23.
3. Updated reallocated EC funds from FFY22-23 which was added to the FFY25 allotment on Table 1 on page 26 with an associated footnote as well as in the narrative description in Section 4b on page 17.

In summary, the comments received during the public hearing and public comment period did not have an impact on the overall funding allocations nor the priority rating system. There are no changes to the identified fundable projects listed. There were no recommended changes to the allocated set-aside reserves for the FY26 and FY27 Priority List. There were also no comments received pertaining to the priority ratings or priority points assigned to individual projects.

VI. Final Recommendation

I recommend that the Bureau Chief of Water Protection and Land Reuse adopt the Final Clean Water Fund FY26 and FY27 Priority List as presented in Appendix B.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stacy Pappano", is positioned above a horizontal line.

April 21, 2026

Date

Stacy Pappano, Supervising Environmental Engineer
Municipal Wastewater Program



Memorandum

To: Chief Elected Official, Water Pollution Control Authority, Superintendent,
Consulting Engineer, and Regional Planning Organization

From: Nisha Patel, P.E., Director, Water Planning and Management Division *NP*

Date: November 20, 2024

Re: Call for Projects for Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements
Clean Water Fund Priority List for Fiscal Year 2026 and 2027

The Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) is preparing the Clean Water Fund Priority List for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 and FY 2027 (7/1/26 – 6/30/27) and is requesting that you provide us with information on any planning, design, or construction project(s) you intend to start between the period listed above.

Through the Clean Water Fund, DEEP provides grants and low-interest loans for infrastructure projects to meet clean water needs such as addressing combined sewer overflows, nutrient pollution, wastewater collection infrastructure needs, and projects using green infrastructure and addressing resiliency. For FY 2026 and FY 2027, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) is expected to continue to supplement the Clean Water Fund. BIL implementation is expected to prioritize clean water projects in [distressed communities](#) (as defined by CT's Department of Economic and Community Development) and projects seeking to address combined and sanitary sewer overflow (CSO/SSO) removal.

This Call for Projects Request Form again includes the **Green Components** section that was first introduced in the FY 2024 and 2025 Call for Projects Form. The purpose of this section is to encourage municipalities to take advantage of the funding opportunity if their projects meet EPA's requirements for green project/component funding. Municipalities can identify key components within their projects that will either provide a reduction in energy consumption, reduce inflow and infiltration, or install various types of green infrastructure. Examples of projects that fit this category are further detailed in [EPA's Green Project Reserve Crosswalk Table](#).

For FY 2026 and FY 2027, additional updates to the form have been incorporated. Starting on the first page, municipalities will now be able to categorize project types in numerical order according to relevance. Multiple project types can still be selected; however, the numerical system allows DEEP to categorize projects most accurately for funding and prioritize funding

consistent with the Priority Project Ranking System (RCSA Section 22a-482-1(c)(1) through (5)) of the [Clean Water Fund Regulations](#).

A new section titled “**Supplementary Information**” has also been included. It includes specific information regarding the sewer population impacted by the project, project location, project impact on potable water supply and water resource values, whether the project aids in the elimination of SSOs, and whether the project enhances phosphorus/nitrogen removal. This section allows municipalities to provide further details to aid DEEP in the evaluation of the projects for the Priority Project Ranking System which includes priority rating criteria, project ranking mechanism, and order of priority funding.

Please be aware that your municipality **must** complete a Project Request Form for **ALL NEW AND EXISTING** projects for which you may seek funding. Each phase of a project requires a separate form (e.g. design and construction of the same project will require two (2) separate forms). **Please do not assume** that if your project has been included on a previous Priority List, that it will be included in the evaluation for FY 2026 and FY 2027.

Any questions on this form can be directed to our general email at DEEP.CWF@ct.gov. If phone is preferred, please contact Ivonne Hall at 860-798-1164 or Karriem Kazu Folger at (860) 424-3742.

Please complete your forms and submit them via email at DEEP.CWF@ct.gov by the deadline of Friday, January 17, 2024.



Connecticut Clean Water Fund: Request to Place Project on Priority List

For this funding cycle (FY 2026 - 2027), all potential Clean Water Fund applicants must complete this request form for each project to be considered for funding assistance. This form is a planning tool intended to collect standardized information for all projects, and to ensure that projects which have been completed without Clean Water Fund assistance, or for which the municipality no longer seeks assistance, are no longer carried as future needs. Every phase of a project requires a separate form to be filled out.

This request form is NOT a Clean Water Fund application. To officially apply for Clean Water Fund funding assistance, a funding application must be submitted for each project. A request for additional funds is not a guarantee that funding can be secured through the Clean Water Fund.

All completed forms should be submitted via email at DEEP.CWF@ct.gov. Please note a duplicate submission of paper copies is not necessary.

PROJECT INFORMATION:

Municipality: _____

Project Name: _____

Project contact(s): _____

Contact Information: Phone: (XXX)-(XXX)-(XXXX) Email: _____

Project Type: Select all that are applicable and order numerically according to relevance (1= most relevant)

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| ☐ _ Treatment with nutrient removal | ☐ _ Rehabilitation of pump stations |
| ☐ _ New pump station | ☐ _ Collection system improvements |
| ☐ _ Infiltration/Inflow correction | ☐ _ Green infrastructure |
| ☐ _ Combined sewer overflow mitigation | ☐ _ Small community project |
| ☐ _ Resiliency project | ☐ _ Other: _____ |

Has the project been assigned a Clean Water Fund project number? ☐ No ☐ Yes: CWF# _____

What year was the last comprehensive upgrade completed for wastewater treatment facility projects? _____

A comprehensive upgrade is any significant change in treatment processes requiring construction or expansion of treatment tankage or replacement of mechanical processes with a value of at least 5 times the annual operation and maintenance budget at the time of construction. It is meant as a comprehensive refurbishing or expansion of the entire facility.

Brief project description: _____

Has this project been included on a previous Priority List? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please indicate which year(s): FY20XX-20XX and phase _____

COST INCREASES ON EXISTING PROJECTS

This section applies to projects identified on the FY24/25 Priority List under Fundable Construction

Cost increases (due to change orders or higher initial bids) on individual projects that exceed their CWF allotments. What is the current CWF allotment for the project? Grants: \$ _____

Loans: \$ _____

Is the project still under construction? (Select One)

- ☐ Yes, approximate completion will be mm/yyyy
- ☐ No, but some billing is outstanding which is estimated to exceed allotment.
- ☐ No, all bills are in, but there are insufficient funds to pay them.

Cost Increase authorized under local funding? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, the expected date of local authorization: mm/yyyy

How much additional funding will be needed to complete the project? \$ _____

For this funding round, you should complete and submit a separate form for each project and or phase of a project. For example, if planning takes place in 2025 and design takes place in 2025 or 2026, it is necessary to complete 2 separate forms.

Please identify the project phase for funding.

☐ **Planning**

☐ **Design**

☐ **Construction**

PLANNING

(Estimated planning costs: \$ _____)

A request for planning assistance should include all costs associated with the development of an engineering report (facilities plan) identifying the nature of the pollution problem, evaluating alternatives for addressing the problem, and recommending a cost effective and feasible alternative to address the problem.

Status of Planning Effort (as of the date of this form) (Complete all that apply)

- ☐ Planning started in FY: 20XX
- ☐ Project expected to commence in FY 2026
- ☐ Project expected to commence in FY 2027
- ☐ Anticipated future project (For projects expected to start after FY2027): Date _____
- ☐ Consultant selected via QBS process. (Name of firm: _____)
- ☐ Scope of work approved by DEEP. Date: mm/dd/yyyy Approved costs: \$ _____
- ☐ Planning complete. (Date of Final Engineering Report: mm/yyyy)
- ☐ Engineering Report with approval by DEEP. Approval date: mm/dd/yyyy

DESIGN

(Estimated design costs: \$ _____)

Design is the preparation of contract plans and specifications needed to implement the recommendations of an engineering report. It may also include legal costs associated with the identification of needed easements and land acquisition.

Status of Design Effort (as of the date of this form):

- ☐ Design expected to commence in FY 2026
- ☐ Design expected to commence in FY 2027

1. Funding for Design AND Construction has been authorized:

- ☐ Yes Date _____
- ☐ No Anticipated date _____

2. Using the same consultant from the planning phase: Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, has a new consultant been selected via QBS process? Yes ☐ No ☐

Name of the new firm selected: _____

3. Scope of work approved by DEEP date: mm/dd/yyyy Approved costs: \$ _____

4. Is design complete?

- ☐ Yes Date _____
- ☐ No Anticipated date _____

CONSTRUCTION

(Estimated construction costs: \$ _____)

Choose the box and enter your information for the FY that the project will commence.

☐ Construction commencing in FY 2026

Estimated costs, including engineering and contingency: \$ _____

Date of construction cost estimate: Date _____

☐ Construction commencing in FY 2027

Estimated costs, including engineering and contingency: \$ _____

Date of construction cost estimate: Date _____

Status of local funding (as of the date on this form):

☐ Funding approved

Approval date: mm/yyyy (\$ _____)

☐ Funding approval pending

Expected decision date: mm/yyyy (\$ _____)

CONSTRUCTION continued

Status of Bids (as of date of this form): **(Select one)**

- ☐ Plans and Specs approved by DEEP. Approval date: mm/dd/yyyy
- ☐ Bid package draft in process. Date expected to bid: mm/yyyy
- ☐ Bid process occurring. Bid close date: mm/dd/yyyy
- ☐ Bids under Town review. Expected recommendation to award date: mm/dd/yyyy
- ☐ Contract awarded. DEEP approval date: mm/dd/yyyy Name of firm: _____
- ☐ Construction underway. DEEP deviation letter date: mm/dd/yyyy
- ☐ Construction has not started.

Please complete this section for ALL project types in which you seek funding.

GREEN COMPONENTS

Please identify below any type of green component utilized in the project you are requesting CWF funding for above, and if available please also include the estimated cost and/or the percentage of the overall project cost. To identify green project components, please visit EPA's website for more detailed information: https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2015-04/documents/green_project_reserve-crosswalk-table.pdf. Use the 'other' check box if you have a component not specified on the list and enter the description of your green component on the line provided.

	<u>Estimated Cost:</u>	<u>and/or</u>	<u>Percentage of overall project cost:</u>
☐ Green Infrastructure	\$ _____	and/or	_____ %
☐ Sustainable Landscaping and Site Design	\$ _____	and/or	_____ %
☐ Energy Management Planning	\$ _____	and/or	_____ %
☐ Pump Station Rehabilitation	\$ _____	and/or	_____ %
☐ I/I Correction Projects	\$ _____	and/or	_____ %
☐ Energy Efficiency	\$ _____	and/or	_____ %
☐ POTW Process & Equipment	\$ _____	and/or	_____ %
☐ Renewable Energy	\$ _____	and/or	_____ %
☐ Collection System Equipment	\$ _____	and/or	_____ %
☐ Resiliency Measures	\$ _____	and/or	_____ %
☐ Achieve greater than or equal to 20% reduction in energy	\$ _____	and/or	_____ %
☐ Achieve less than 20% reduction in energy consumption	\$ _____	and/or	_____ %
☐ Other: _____	\$ _____	and/or	_____ %

Please complete this section for ALL project types in which you seek funding.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

This section is to provide further details to DEEP regarding your projects as they specifically relate to the Priority Project Ranking System in accordance with section 22a-482-1(c)(1) through (5) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA), which includes priority rating criteria, project ranking mechanism, and order of priority funding.

1. Approximated population connected to sewers in the municipality (including commercial and industrial waste) served by the project: _____
2. Address, coordinates, and/or a description of project location(s): _____
Please provide the drainage basin if it is known: _____
3. Does the project impact potable water supply? Yes ☐ No ☐
If yes, select the affected population range:
 - ☐ Impaired water supply affecting less than 25 people
 - ☐ Impaired water supply affecting 26 to 100 people
 - ☐ Impaired water supply affecting 101 to 1,000 people
 - ☐ Impaired water supply affecting 1,001 to 5,000 people
 - ☐ Impaired water supply affecting more than 5,000 people
4. Will the Project enhance specific water resource values? Yes ☐ No ☐
If yes, select how from the options below and provide specific details:
 - ☐ Project will improve recreational fisheries, anadromous fisheries, and/or open new streams for fish stocking programs. _____
 - ☐ Project will lower coliform bacterial levels in waters of shellfish beds and/or open new areas for shellfishing. _____
 - ☐ Project will enhance existing water-related outdoor recreational opportunities and/or allow for new water-related outdoor recreational opportunities. _____
 - ☐ Project will reduce eutrophication of a lake or impoundment by diverting septic system discharges out of a drainage basin, by providing nutrient removal in a municipal treatment plant, or by relocating an existing treatment plant discharge. _____
5. Will the project eliminate ponding of sewage from failing septic systems, backup of sewage into basements, or overflow sewage into streets? Yes ☐ No ☐
6. Is this project designed to meet interim or final goals for nitrogen reduction per the Long Island Sound TMDL? Yes ☐ No ☐
7. Does the project enhance phosphorus removal from a permitted NPDES discharge location? Yes ☐ No ☐

REQUIRED CERTIFICATION

The municipality and/or utility *and* the individual(s) responsible for actually preparing the application must sign this part. This request will be considered incomplete unless all required signatures are provided. If the municipality and/or utility is the preparer, please mark N/A in the spaces provided for the preparer.

“I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments thereto, and I certify that based on reasonable investigation, including my inquiry of the individuals responsible for obtaining the information, the submitted information is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.”	
Name of Municipal/Utility Representative: (print or type)	Title: (if applicable)
Signature of Municipal/Utility Representative: (signature)	Date: mm/dd/yyyy
Name of Preparer (if different from above): (print or type)	Title: (if applicable)
Signature of Preparer: (signature)	Date: mm/dd/yyyy

EXHIBIT 3: CALL FOR PROJECTS SENT OUT VIA CAMPAIGN MONITOR, AVAILABILITY ON DEEP'S WEBSITE

From: [DEEP Webmaster](#)
Subject: CWF FY26-27 Call For Projects
Date: Wednesday, November 20, 2024 7:30:49 AM



Connecticut **Department of Energy and Environmental Protection**

Municipal Wastewater Updates

CWF FY26-27 Call For Projects

The Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) is preparing the Clean Water Fund Priority List for FY 2026 and FY 2027 (7/1/25 – 6/30/27) and is requesting that you provide us with information on any planning, design, or construction project(s) you intend to start between the period listed above.

Some updates to the FY26-27 Project Request form have been made for this round. Please review the Priority List Memo and Project Request Form for the updates.

Please be aware that your municipality **MUST** complete a Project Request Form for ALL NEW AND EXISTING projects for which you may seek funding. DO NOT ASSUME that if your project has been included on a previous Priority List, that it will be included in the evaluation for FY2026 and FY2027. **Please fill out the attached Project Request Form and submit it by Friday, January 17, 2025.**

Remember to submit all forms and additional information to the Clean Water Fund (CWF) dedicated email account;

DEEP.CWF@ct.gov

FY26-27 Call for Projects Memo

FY26-27 Project Request Form

SRTK QALERT TIPS

As a reminder:

- USER NAMES AND PASSWORDS SHOULD NEVER BE SHARED!
- **Please change your service requests (reports) to a 5 Day report before closing.** This will save staff from reopening and sending it back to you to close.
- Remember to SAVE and then CLOSE your reports when you are done!

See the 2022 QAlert Tips button below for a tip sheet to assist you when using the QAlert system.

2022 QAlert Tips

From: [DEEP Webmaster](#)
Subject: CWF FY26-27 Call For Projects REMINDER
Date: Friday, January 10, 2025 10:12:08 AM



Connecticut **Department of Energy and Environmental Protection**

Municipal Wastewater Updates

REMINDER

CWF FY26-27 Call For Projects

This is a reminder that DEEP's Municipal Wastewater Program is currently preparing the Clean Water Fund Priority List for FY 2026 and FY 2027. Please provide us with information regarding any planning, design, or construction project(s) you intend to start between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2027, on the Project Request Form to be considered for future funding. This form and the FY26-27 Call for Projects Memo can be found on DEEP's Municipal Wastewater website ([Financial Assistance for Municipal Wastewater Projects](#)).

Please be aware that your municipality needs to complete a Project Request Form for ALL NEW AND EXISTING projects for which you may seek funding. Please do not assume that if your project has been included on a previous Priority List, that it will be included in the evaluation for FY 2026 and FY 2027. However, you do not have to submit a new form for work that is already under a Clean Water Fund agreement.

A completed Project Request Form for each project should be submitted to DEEP.CWF@ct.gov by Friday, January 17, 2025.

Any questions can be directed to DEEP.CWF@ct.gov.

FY26-27 Call for Projects Memo

FY26-27 Project Request Form

2023 and 2024 DATA VERIFICATION

DEEP will be reviewing all SRTK electronic bypass reports submitted prior to January 1, 2025, for correctness and completeness. You may receive multiple notifications that changes were made to a report.

If additional data is needed to complete a report, you will receive a notification to update the report. Please make corrections as requested as quickly as possible.

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2022 QAlert Tips

EXHIBIT 4: MEMORANDUM OF THE AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT FY26-27 PRIORITY LIST



Connecticut
Department of Energy &
Environmental Protection

portal.ct.gov/DEEP

Memorandum

To: Chief Elected Officials, Water Pollution Control Authorities, Superintendents,
Consulting Engineers, and Regional Planning Organizations
From: Nisha Patel, P.E., Director, Water Planning and Management Division
Date: December 22, 2025
Re: Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 and
FY 2027 Draft Clean Water Fund Priority List for Public Comment

The Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) is pleased to announce that the Draft Clean Water Fund Priority List for FY 2026 and FY 2027 is available for public comment until February 27, 2026. A virtual public informational hearing will be held on February 5, 2026, at 10:30am via Zoom. To register for the hearing, send a request to DEEP.CWF@ct.gov by February 4, 2026.

Through the Clean Water Fund, DEEP provides grants and low-interest loans for infrastructure projects to meet clean water needs such as addressing combined sewer overflows (CSOs), nutrient pollution, wastewater collection infrastructure needs, and projects using green infrastructure and addressing resiliency. The draft FY26-27 Priority List proposes a funding strategy for wastewater infrastructure projects in Bridgeport, Hartford, Derby, and New Haven that will result in the greatest water quality benefits in our state. These projects include CSO improvement projects to meet Long Term Control Plan goals; and nitrogen removal projects to meet the 2014 Total Maximum Daily Load for the Long Island Sound.

The draft FY26-27 Priority List also includes special funding reserves for planning studies, engineering designs, small community projects, and collection system improvement projects on a first-come, first-served basis. Many other funding reserves proposed for the draft FY26-27 Priority List remain the same as what is offered on the current FY24-25 Priority List, while others have expanded:

- Under the two infiltration & inflow (I/I) correction reserves, eligible sewer rehabilitation work may receive 20% grant; and work also demonstrated to reduce CSOs may receive up to 50% grant.
- Once again, the green and resiliency reserves will provide 20% grants to eligible projects.
- To support the large number of requests received for pump station projects, a new pump station resiliency reserve is being offered to provide 20% grant to eligible projects; and a reserve dedicated to the construction of new pump facilities is also being offered (loan only).
- The planning reserve (55% grant) may be used to fund planning studies that can assist in the management of municipal wastewater facilities, including PFAS sampling plans to comply with the upcoming PFAS General Permit, cybersecurity assessments and sewage sludge management studies.

The current FY24-25 Priority List remains in effect until the FY26-27 Priority List is finalized after the comment period ends on February 27, 2026.



Clean Water Fund

Financial Assistance Programs Municipal Water Pollution Control Priority List, State Fiscal Years 2026 & 2027

- Section 1: Program Authorization and Objectives
- Section 2: Meeting Future Clean Water Fund Demands and Economic Benefits to the State
- Section 3: Municipal Funding Programs
 - Section 3a: Priority Project Program (Grant & Loan)
 - Section 3b: Set-Asides and Reserves (Grant & Loan)
 - Section 3c: Collection System Improvement Program (Loan)
- Section 4: Supplemental Funding for CWF Projects

Section 1: Program Authorization and Objectives

Authorizations:

The purpose of this document is to present the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection's (Department or DEEP) state and federal funding assistance programs for municipal water pollution control projects under the Clean Water Fund (CWF) during State Fiscal Years 2026 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026) and 2027 (July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027). This document describes the uses of funds available under Sections 22a-478 and 22a-483 of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) and federal funds under the Water Quality Act of 1987.

A public hearing on this document (hereafter referred to as “the Priority List”) will be held by video conference on February 5, 2026, at 10:30am. The draft Priority List was distributed through a Municipal Wastewater email newsletter to all subscribers and posted on the Department’s website. Public notices of its availability were posted in various newspapers throughout the state. The Department is seeking public comment on the draft Priority List and all comments will be considered in the development of the final Priority List. Persons who wish to make oral comments at the hearing or provide written comments prior to the end of the public comment period must submit an email to DEEP.CWF@ct.gov. A reply email will be sent to all persons registered for the hearing with a virtual meeting invitation and instructions.

The Department has been funding projects in accordance with the FY2024 and FY2025 Priority List. The unallocated balances from that Priority List were considered in the development of the FY2026 and FY2027 Priority List.

Primary sources of funding for the CWF program are state general obligation and revenue bonds, as managed by the Office of the State Treasurer, and federal capitalization grants through the Clean Water Act with annual appropriations through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and Non-Clean Water Fund Sewer Overflow & Stormwater Reuse Municipal (OSG) Grant. Additionally, the Infrastructure Investment Jobs Act (IIJA) was signed into law on November 15, 2021, resulting in increased support of wastewater infrastructure needs in alignment with State Revolving Fund (SRF) programs such as the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF, aka Connecticut’s Clean Water Fund). The IIJA provided two additional federal grants to the State of Connecticut: the CWSRF General Supplemental Grant and the Emerging Contaminants Grant. Section 4 of this report discusses the supplemental federal funding being provided to CWF projects and additional requirements in detail.

The anticipated funding for this Priority List is as follows:

	Anticipated SFY2026 Funds Authorized	Anticipated SFY2027 Funds Authorized	Anticipated SFY2028 Funds Authorized	Anticipated SFY2029 Funds Authorized
State General Obligation Bonds (1, 2)	\$ 130,000,000	\$ 170,000,000		
State Revenue Bonds (1)	\$ 0	\$ 450,000,000		
Federal Capitalization Base Grant (3)	\$ 19,436,000	\$ 9,000,000	\$ 9,000,000	\$ 9,000,000
Federal SRF IIJA Supplemental Grant (4)	\$ 30,179,000	\$ 30,179,000	\$ 0	\$ 0

- (1) CONNECTICUT FY 2026 – FY 2027 BIENNIUM BUDGET Public Act 25-174 [CT FY26-27 Final Budget](#). State FY28 & FY29 Authorizations will be determined by the State Legislature's budget in State FY2027.
- (2) The entire FY26 General Obligation Bonds Authorization is \$133,000,000 but \$3,000,000 is reallocated to the Drinking Water Fund. The entire FY26 Revenue Bonds Authorization is \$50,000,000 but the entire \$50,000,000 is reallocated to the Drinking Water Fund. The entire FY27 General Obligation Bonds Authorization is \$175,000,000 but \$5,000,000 is reallocated to the Drinking Water Fund. The entire FY26 Revenue Bonds Authorization is \$500,000,000 but \$50,000,000 is reallocated to the Drinking Water Fund.
- (3) Due to the timing of fiscal years, Federal FY grants are awarded in the following State FY (i.e., Federal FY25 grant will be received in State FY26). Amounts estimated after earmarks. *Italics indicate the estimated amount.*
- (4) IIJA = Infrastructure Investment Jobs Act, *estimated amount*; Refer to Section 4b for more information on this IIJA grant.

Requirements of the Federal Capitalization Grants:

The requirements for the standard federal capitalization grants are as follows:

- 10% of the grant shall be used for green infrastructure, energy efficiency, or other environmentally innovative projects. The eligibility requirements for funding green projects are identified in Section 3b;
- 10% to 49% of the federal Capitalization grants shall be applied as additional subsidy (grants);
- Davis-Bacon wage rates shall be applied;
- American Iron and Steel requirements shall be followed; and
- Build America Buy America requirements shall be followed.

Additional standard federal capitalization grant requirements include:

Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) – Starting on May 14, 2022, all steel, iron, manufactured products, non-ferrous metals, plastic and polymer-based products (including polyvinylchloride, composite building materials, and polymers used in fiber optic cables), glass (including optic glass),

lumber, and drywall used in infrastructure projects for federal financial assistance programs must be produced in the United States. CT DEEP will require BABA compliance for equivalency construction projects funded through this Priority List with federal monies pursuant to EPA requirements, as amended. CT intends to utilize IJIA funding for projects which were substantially designed prior to May 14, 2022, and eligible for a BABA adjustment period waiver.

Community Grants Program - The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2025 (P.L. 117-42) identified funding for specifically named community infrastructure projects, administered directly by the EPA with no required state responsibility. Eight Connecticut projects totaling \$10,720,760 were designated as community projects for federal FY2024, which are ongoing. No Connecticut projects were selected for federal FY2025. Implementation guidance was released by the EPA on April 29, 2024. State of Connecticut staff attend EPA training on Programmatic and Administrative Requirements to ensure familiarity with community grants awards. CT will continue to collaborate with EPA and municipalities on co-funded Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) projects.

The requirements for the federal grants authorized by IJIA (CWSRF General Supplemental Grant, Emerging Contaminants Grant), and Non-CWF grant for Sewer Overflow & Stormwater Reuse Municipal (OSG) Grant) are detailed in Section 4.

Funding Levels Based Upon Project Type:

The Clean Water Fund program is defined by Sections 22a-475 through 22a-483 of the CGS and by regulations adopted on February 19, 1992, pursuant to CGS 22a-482. The State's Clean Water Fund program (Section 3a of the Priority List) provides grants equal to 20% of the eligible project costs and a loan for the remainder of the project costs which are to be repaid over not more than 20 years at 2% interest for water pollution control projects. Exceptions to grant percentage are noted below.

- Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) projects receive grants equal to 50% of the eligible project costs associated with CSO control.
- Nutrient (Nitrogen or Phosphorus) Removal projects receive grants equal to 30% of the project costs associated with nutrient removal.
- Small Community projects receive grants of 25% of the eligible project cost.
- Collection System improvements receive 100% loan of the eligible project cost and shall not receive a project grant.

Pursuant to CGS sec. 22a-478(c)(4), if supplemental federal grant funds are available for Clean Water Fund projects specifically related to the clean-up of Long Island Sound, a distressed (disadvantaged) municipality may receive a combination of state and federal grants in an amount not to exceed 50% of the cost of the project associated with nutrient removal.

Management System

As required by Section 22a-482-1(b) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA), a Priority List is established for the purpose of determining funding assistance available for sewerage projects. This list is effective upon adoption and shall remain in effect until adoption of the subsequent

Priority List. The intended effective period is from the date of adoption through June 30, 2027, or until the next Priority List is adopted.

The Priority List management system (Section 22a-482-1(c)(1) through (5) of the RCSA) includes sections on priority rating criteria, project ranking mechanism, order of priority funding, public hearing, and revisions to the Priority List. The Priority List has been developed in accordance with the requirements referenced above.

This document incorporates the priority ranking systems for grant-eligible priority projects. The loan-only collection system improvement projects will be funded from the reserves on a first-come, first-served basis.

Projects will be removed from the Priority List if they have been fully funded by the Clean Water Fund, if they have been funded by any other means, if they are no longer eligible for funding, or if the municipality withdraws the project from consideration.

Set-Asides and Reserves

In developing the fundable portion of the Priority List and the intended use plan, the State has established a number of set-asides and reserves required or allowed under federal and state regulations.

Reserves have been considered for:

- a) Program administrative costs (set-aside)
- b) Water quality management (set-aside)
- c) Cost increases
- d) Planning projects
- e) Design projects
- f) Infiltration and inflow rehabilitation projects
- g) Green Components projects
- h) Resiliency projects
- i) Small community projects
- j) Pump station rehabilitation projects
- k) Collection system improvement projects

Program Administrative Costs

The costs of administering the Clean Water Fund are covered by a combination of federal grants and state bonds. Section 35.2020(a) of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR) provides that the State may set aside from the federal capitalization grant of Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2025, FFY2026, FFY2027, and FFY2028 a reserve not to exceed 4 percent of Title VI appropriations for the purpose of administration. In addition to these federal dollars, the state may set aside an amount not to exceed 4 percent of the total bonding authorization to cover the reasonable costs of administering the program. These administrative expenses are allowed in accordance with appropriate tax laws and bonding practices.

Water Quality Management

Section 604(b) of the 1987 Amendment to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act is applicable to Title VI only. This section is intended to provide a funding source to states for water quality management planning as defined by 205(j) and 303(e) of the Federal Act. Approximately \$500,000 (\$196,000 from Base SRF and \$305,000 from IJA Supplemental) will be reserved from the FFY2025 allotment. The FFY2026 and subsequent years' allotments for this purpose will be determined in FY2026 and future years.

Small Communities

A "small community" means a municipality with a population of 5,000 or less, or highly dispersed sections of large municipalities. The regulations adopted pursuant to CGS Section 22a-482 require that a reserve of funds sufficient to finance the construction of at least one small community project per year be established.

Revisions to the Priority List

The Department reserves the right to evaluate the usage of funds in all of the reserves and the fundable construction projects at any time during the last six months of each fiscal year (and as long as the list is administratively continued) to reallocate underutilized funds into any other reserve or construction project as determined by the Commissioner. This shall be done in accordance with the requirements of Section 22a-482-1 (c) (5) (Revisions to the Priority List) of the RCSA.

Revisions of the Priority List may be made at any time during the funding period in accordance with public participation requirements and all other established procedures. A public hearing with appropriate notice may be held on all significant changes to the Priority List and all parties affected by such changes may be notified directly. If the State determines that a change must be made and that such a change is not significant, or the affected municipality has been previously notified, public notice requirements and a public hearing may be waived.

If the passage of a public act or budgetary rescissions results in a reduction in the amount of funding authorized, the final Priority List will be revised without a public notice and public hearing. In order to account for a reduction in funding, the Department will make adjustments to the funding reserves that are underutilized for new projects. Specifically, the Department will revise Section 3b of the *Set-Asides and Reserves* and Section 3c of the *Collection System Improvement Program*. If adjusting those reserves is insufficient to account for the reduction in funding, then the lowest priority point projects listed in the table for *Fundable Construction Projects* which have not advertised for bidding and/or not submitted a Clean Water Fund application will not receive funding. Any changes to the final Priority List will be posted on the DEEP website.

Section 2: Meeting Future Clean Water Fund Demands and Economic Benefits to the State

Barring significant changes to funding levels, the FY2026 and FY2027 state capital budget will likely continue a trend of robust financial support for the ongoing improvement of our aging wastewater infrastructure. Current funding authorizations will further stimulate our economy through the creation or retention of jobs for construction contractors, equipment manufacturers, construction materials suppliers, design and management professionals, and supporting businesses and industries. The availability of Clean Water Fund financing will reduce the burden on ratepayers and taxpayers from stable, low-interest financing as well as grant dollars to municipal wastewater treatment authorities.

Consistent with the priority list scoring process (See Section 3a) and in accordance with the RCSA Section 22a-482-1(c), available funding is proposed to address priority water quality areas. The priority needs of the state still remain achieving: CSO abatement as required under Long Term Control Plans and/or Integrated Municipal Stormwater and Wastewater Plans, Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) abatement for separated sanitary sewer systems as required by federal and state enforcement actions, meeting the nitrogen allocation required by the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the Long Island Sound, and nitrogen and/or phosphorus reduction to control nutrient enrichment of water bodies. Adaptation to address severe weather events and the effects of flooding and sea level rise is a design requirement for all Clean Water Fund projects in accordance with CGS Sections 22a-92(5) and 22a-478(a)(8).

Other issues that may add to the Clean Water Fund demands, but for which costs cannot be precisely determined at this time include:

- Tighter effluent limits for metals;
- Control of pharmaceuticals and personal care products;
- Control of microplastics; and/ or
- Management of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

Section 3: Municipal Funding Programs

Section 3a: Priority Project Grant-Loan Program

Priority Project Ranking System

Regulations adopted pursuant to CGS 22a-439 and 22a-482 (Section 22a-482-1(c) of the RCSA) and under 40 CFR Part 35 specify the use of a priority system for determining the funding of municipal projects.

The priority system and Priority List include project information and point ratings that become the basis for committing available and anticipated state and federal funds. Projects on the Priority List are rated on several criteria that emphasize the impact of each project on public health, improvement of water quality, and water resource utilization. Both the federal regulations governing the development of this document, 40 CFR 35.2015 and 35.2020, and state law, CGS 22a-439 and 22a-478, stress the need to fund projects that improve "priority water quality areas," i.e., specific stream segments or bodies of water where municipal discharges have resulted in the impairment of a designated use or significant public health risk, and where the reduction of pollution from the municipal discharges will substantially restore surface or groundwater uses. Based on the priority rating system and other specific management criteria, all anticipated eligible sewerage projects as requested by the municipalities or identified by the Department have been ranked for funding purposes and appear on the Priority List.

The Priority List contains the fundable portion, consisting of those projects anticipated to be funded from any unobligated balance of prior year carry-over funds and the anticipated state FY2026 and FY2027 allotments. The priority rating score, which is developed from the priority rating system for every project, becomes the prime consideration in the overall Priority List ranking.

The criteria, which establish the priority rating number, are shown below. The application of this rating system to each individual project request that was received is shown in Table 1. Note that the criteria are evaluated against existing conditions, and not against future, 20-year flow projections. In cases where the priority rating number is the same for two or more projects, preference will be given to that project ready to proceed at the earliest date.

I. Project impacts potable water supply – (10 points maximum).

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| A. Impaired water supply affecting less than 25 people – | 2 points. |
| B. Impaired water supply affecting 26 to 100 people – | 4 points. |
| C. Impaired water supply affecting 101 to 1,000 people – | 6 points. |
| D. Impaired water supply affecting 1,001 to 5,000 people – | 8 points. |
| E. Impaired water supply affecting more than 5,000 people – | 10 points. |

II. Project is necessary for attainment of State water quality goals – (28 points maximum)

- A. Project is necessary for attainment of water quality standards where the

impacted water resource is:

1. Smaller than main stem of a sub-regional drainage basin or groundwater goals will be attained – 5 points.
 2. Main stem of sub-regional drainage basin – 10 points.
 3. Main stem of regional drainage basin – 15 points.
 4. Main stem of major drainage basin – 20 points.
 5. Projects that impact coastal areas are considered the equivalent of a regional drainage basin and assigned – 15 points.
- B. Project will enable the water body to meet minimum dissolved oxygen standards – 8 points.

III. Project will enhance specific water resource values – (24 points maximum)

- A. Fishery resources - (6 points maximum).
1. Project will improve recreational fisheries – 3 points.
 2. Project will improve anadromous fisheries – 6 points.
 3. Project will open new streams for fish stocking programs – 6 points.
- B. Shellfish resources – (6 points maximum)
1. Project will lower coliform bacterial levels in the waters of shellfish beds – 3 points
 2. Project will open new areas for shell fishing – 6 points.
- C. Swimming – (6 points maximum)
1. Project will enhance existing swimming opportunities – 3 points.
 2. Project will allow for new swimming opportunities – 6 points.
- D. Eutrophication – (6 points maximum)
1. Project will reduce eutrophication of a lake or impoundment by diverting septic system discharges out of a drainage basin – 3 points.
 2. Project will reduce eutrophication of a lake or impoundment by providing nutrient removal in a municipal treatment plant or by relocating an existing treatment plant discharge – 6 points.

IV. Sewered Population initially served by the project – (12 points maximum)

- A. Less than 5,000 - 2 points.
- B. 5,000 but less than 10,000 - 4 points.
- C. 10,000 but less than 20,000 - 6 points.
- D. 20,000 but less than 40,000- 8 points.
- E. 40,000 but less than 75,000 - 10 points.
- F. 75,000 or greater - 12 points.

*For any project that is not listed as a “WPCF Upgrade” project type, 25% of the sewered population of the municipality was used during scoring.

V. Health Related Issues - (6 points).

Project will eliminate ponding of sewage from failing septic systems, backup of sewage into basements, or overflow of sewage in streets (CSO correction projects are not eligible for points for this criterion).

VI. Miscellaneous – (20 points maximum).

- A. Project involves the upgrading of an existing primary facility in order to comply with secondary treatment standards – 5 points.
- B. Project will result in the DEEP rescinding an Order concerning a sewer connection moratorium – 5 points.
- C. Project will eliminate nuisance odors associated with treatment processes or pump stations but exclusive of large-scale expansion or upgrading of treatment facilities – 5 points.
- D. Remedial action will improve treatment plant operations where treatment standards are already being achieved - 5 points.

(Note that projects receiving points under this category cannot also claim points under category VIII)

VII. Connecticut Housing Partnership Program – Development Designation

Community has received development designation - 0 points.

Public Act No. 88-305 established a Connecticut housing partnership program, and amended CGS 22a-478, requiring the Commissioner of DEEP to consider the formation of a housing partnership program with a development designation as a factor in making grants and loans. However, the Department of Housing (DOH) has discontinued the housing partnership program and is no longer maintaining a list of qualifying communities. Therefore, zero priority points will continue to be awarded for this discontinued program.

VIII. Implementation of Long Island Sound TMDL

All projects that are designed to meet interim or final goals for nitrogen reduction per the Long Island Sound TMDL continue to receive points under this criterion. In order to prioritize the projects based on net impacts to Long Island Sound, a range of 15 to 32 points, rounded to the nearest whole number, based on their equalized baseline load, was established. This is in lieu of assigning each such project the full 32 points from Categories II.A.5 (15 pts), II.B (8 pts), III.A.1 (3 pts), and III.D.2 (6 pts). The actual formula for determining the points for each facility under this criterion is:

$$\text{Priority Points} = 14 + (\text{equalized baseline load, in lbs/day})^{0.368}$$

Once a facility has been constructed that is designed to or has demonstrated the ability to achieve the final nitrogen permit limit, it is no longer eligible for priority points under this criterion. This criterion constitutes a deviation from the existing regulations and has been

approved by an action of the Commissioner dated February 2, 2002, with a goal of being consistently applied since its inception.

Projects incorporating both phosphorus and nitrogen removal components shall only receive credit for one type of nutrient removal. These types of projects shall be rated two separate ways: the first score shall include points for phosphorus removal and no points under category VIII for nitrogen removal; the second score shall include points for nitrogen removal under category VIII, with no credit for phosphorus removal. The greater of the two scores shall carry forward.

Category I, II, and III Projects

The priority rating system also includes a project ranking mechanism as permitted by federal and state regulations. The ranking system allows the State to put certain lower priority projects in a favorable position for funding for certain specific reasons. Any project listed in Category I, II, or III will be funded first without regard to priority points prior to funding other construction projects in order of priority points. In general, the rank of the project depends on its priority number, but the Commissioner **may**, in accordance with Clean Water Fund regulations, choose to assign a higher rank for projects which fall into one of the following categories:

Category I - Consists of projects for which:

- A complete financing application for construction was submitted to the Department for review during the previous funding period,
- The project was on the fundable portion of the previous priority list, and
- A Clean Water Fund agreement has not been executed for the project.

These applications have undergone preliminary review and represent the good faith efforts of the municipality to comply with program requirements. Funding for planning and design, initially funded by the municipality, may be recouped in the future if the construction of the project is awarded Clean Water Fund assistance. It should be stressed that any project placed in this category must come from the fundable portion of the previous Priority List.

Category II - Consists of projects where previously funded segments of pollution abatement facilities have been built and are not usable or are severely restricted in use until the remainder of the project is fully constructed and operational.

Category III - Consists of projects that remedy documented pollution of potable water supplies.

Fundable Projects: Category I

<u>CWF #</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>NPDES Permit #</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Cost (\$M)</u>
734-C	Bridgeport	CT0100056	West Side WPCF Upgrade – Phase 1	\$30
758- CSL	Norwich	CT0100412	South Thames Street Force Main	\$5.6
				\$35.6

Fundable FY26 Projects: Construction
(In Order of Priority Points)

<u>Pts</u>	<u>CWF #</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>NPDES Permit #</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Cost (\$M)</u>
53	TBD	Bridgeport	CT0100056	West Side WPCF Upgrade - Phase 2 Improvements (Year 1)	\$125.0
26	TBD	MDC	CT0100251	CSO Sewer Separation Projects	\$10.9
				\$135.9	

Fundable FY27 Projects: Construction
(In Order of Priority Points)

<u>Pts</u>	<u>CWF #</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>NPDES Permit #</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Cost (\$M)</u>
53	TBD	Bridgeport	CT0100056	West Side WPCF Upgrade - Phase 2 Improvements (Year 2)	\$125.0
39	TBD	Derby	CT0100161	WPCF Upgrade with Nutrient Removal	\$60.0
35	TBD	New Haven	CT0100350	WPAF Upgrade - Wet Weather Treatment and Odor Control	\$82.0
26	<i>TBD</i>	<i>MDC</i>	<i>CT0100251</i>	<i>Windsor St. Sewer Separation Phase 3</i>	<i>\$25.0</i>
26	<i>TBD</i>	<i>MDC</i>	<i>CT0100251</i>	<i>Granby St. Sewer Separation Project</i>	<i>\$14.0</i>
18	TBD	City of Hartford	CT0100251	North Main Street Improvements Project	\$7.0
				\$313.0	

- (1) TBD – Clean Water Fund number to be determined at time of agreement execution.
- (2) WPCF = Water Pollution Control Facility; WPAF = Water Pollution Abatement Facility
- (3) *Italicized projects are part of the North Hartford Pilot Project.*

Section 3b: Set-Asides and Reserves

As previously noted, in developing the fundable portion of the Priority List and the intended use plan, the State has established a number of set-asides and reserves required or allowed under federal and state regulations. **These reserves are accessed on a first-come, first-served basis unless otherwise noted, and do not rely on a priority point score for allocation to qualifying municipalities. Projects seeking funding through Reserve categories must submit a complete Clean Water Fund application to be considered; projects will be funded on a first-come, first-served basis subject to the availability of funds.**

Reserve for Cost Increases (Grant percentage varies)

FY26/27 \$30 M

This reserve is intended for construction cost increases on currently funded projects (i.e. design or construction projects with executed Clean Water Fund agreements).

Reserve for Planning Projects (55% grant)

FY26/27 \$25 M

Planning funds are available for wastewater facilities planning that is required for any construction project to be eligible for the Clean Water Fund in the future. These planning funds may also be available for other planning studies that can assist in the management of municipal wastewater facilities, including PFAS sampling plans to comply with the upcoming PFAS General Permit, cybersecurity assessments and sewage sludge management studies.

Planning funds will be distributed on a first-come, first served basis as complete applications are filed. In order for a planning project to be eligible, Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) must be used to choose an engineering consultant for that specific project.

If the planning reserve fund in this Priority List is depleted, municipalities may still choose to proceed with planning by utilizing local funds and may retain eligibility for future reimbursement of eligible costs provided the municipality has received prior written approval of the fees and scope of work from the Department. Municipalities that expend funds for eligible planning efforts without receiving prior written approval from the Department will not be eligible for reimbursement at a later date.

Reserve for Design Projects

(Non-CSO: 20% grant/80% loan; CSO: 50% grant/50% loan)

FY26/27 \$25 M

Design funds will be made available only for those projects that can be expected to be constructed within three years and listed in a future Priority List for construction funding. The QBS process must be followed in the selection of the design engineer. If the design engineer was selected by the town through a QBS process during the planning phase, the town may continue to use the same engineering consultant.

For design costs associated with collection system improvements in Section 3c of the Priority List, the Department will not process separate design agreements. Rather, the Department will require the municipalities to seek prior written approval on the design fees and to then complete design with local financing. The municipality may then recoup the design cost (as loan) by including them in the construction application for Clean Water Fund financing. This process is permitted by RCSA Section 22a-482-2(d)(3) of the Clean Water Fund Regulations.

Design funds will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis as complete applications are filed. If the design reserve funds in this Priority List are depleted, municipalities may still choose to proceed with design by utilizing local funds and may retain eligibility for future reimbursement of eligible costs provided the municipality has received prior written approval of the fees and scope of work from the department. In such cases, funding for design may be recouped at the time the construction of the project is awarded Clean Water Fund assistance. Municipalities that expend funds for eligible design efforts without receiving prior written approval from the Department will not be eligible for reimbursement at a later date.

<u>Reserve for Construction of non-CSO I/I Rehabilitation Projects</u> <u>(20% Grant/80% Loan)</u>	FY26/27	\$28 M
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Infiltration and Inflow (I/I) rehabilitation projects are designed to reduce the volume and frequency of extraneous flow (storm and surface water inflow and groundwater infiltration) entering sanitary sewer systems. Due to the increased frequency and intensity of severe weather events which causes more frequent flooding, the Department has decided to continue providing a partial grant for I/I projects under this Priority List. Projects funded under this reserve will minimize sewage overflows resulting from system surcharge, reduce hydraulic overloading and energy consumption, improve treatment efficiency, and reserve capacity for future wastewater needs.

<u>Reserve for Construction of CSO I/I Rehabilitation Projects</u> <u>(50% grant/50% loan)</u>	FY26/27	\$68 M
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Flooding due to the increased frequency and intensity of severe weather events causes more complex issues in CSO communities including chronic sewer backups. Therefore, I/I rehabilitation projects specifically located in CSO communities are critical to protecting public health. On a limited basis and subject to availability of state funding, I/I projects documented to result in combined sewer overflow mitigation in the four (4) CSO communities, namely Bridgeport, Hartford, New Haven, and Norwich, will have availability of up to 50% grant. These projects must also be located within one of the four (4) CSO communities to be eligible for this reserve.

<u>Reserve for Construction of Green Components</u> <u>(Non-CSO: 20% grant/80% loan; CSO: 50% grant/50% loan)</u>	FY26/27	\$25 M
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Green Components are components of “green projects” as specified by the EPA [Green Project Reserve Crosswalk Table \(epa.gov\)](#) that adopt practices to reduce the environmental footprint of water and wastewater treatment, collection, and distribution, help utilities adapt to climate change, enhance water and energy conservation, adopt more sustainable solutions to wet weather flows, and promote innovative approaches to water management problems.

This reserve includes, but is not limited to, the following types of construction projects:

- Green Infrastructure, including demonstration projects of green infrastructure technologies to promote infiltration of stormwater and mitigate combined sewer overflows. (50% grant/50%loan)
- Energy Management planning (20% grant/80% loan)
- Pump Station Consolidation and/or Elimination (not otherwise funded in the pump station reserve in Section 3c) (20% grant/80% loan)
- I/I Rehabilitation Projects (not otherwise funded in the reserves listed above in this section)
- Energy efficiency projects as identified by EPA’s [Green Project Reserve Crosswalk Table](#). Examples include cost-effective renewable energy components at treatment plants and projects that achieve a measurable reduction in energy consumption at treatment plants. (20% grant/80% loan)
- Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) Process & Equipment Upgrades (20% grant/80% loan)
- Collection System Equipment Upgrades (20% grant/80% loan)
- Renewable energy projects such as wind, solar, geothermal, micro-hydroelectric, and biogas combined heat and power systems that provide power to a POTW (20% grant/80% loan)

Projects that DO NOT meet the EPA’s criteria of energy efficiency include:

- Renewable energy generation that is privately owned or the portion of a publicly owned renewable energy facility that does not provide power to a POTW
- Simply replacing a piece of equipment, because it is at the end of its useful life, with something of average efficiency
- Facultative lagoons, even if integral to an innovative treatment process.

Reserve for Construction of Resiliency Projects
(20% grant/80% loan)

FY26/27

\$72 M
(total)

Wastewater Pump Station Infrastructure Projects

\$53 M

This is a new funding reserve that is focused on projects that allow **wastewater pump station infrastructure** to better withstand the effects of severe weather events such as an increase in frequency and severity of precipitation events, flooding, storm surge, wave action, and sea level rise.

Projects that fall under the resiliency category may also contain green components as well. A portion of this reserve may be prioritized for projects in municipalities that have established a Municipal Stormwater Authority pursuant to section 22a-498 of the general statutes. In addition to the rolling application period associated with all reserve categories in the Priority List, this reserve may be administered by a specific call for projects, on a first come, first served basis, or both.

Wastewater infrastructure projects (non-pump station projects):

\$17 M

This reserve is for projects that allow wastewater infrastructure to better withstand the effects of severe weather events such as an increase in frequency and severity of precipitation events, flooding, storm surge, wave action, and sea level rise. Projects that fall under the resiliency category may also contain green components as well. A portion of this reserve may be prioritized for projects in municipalities, especially distressed (disadvantaged) municipalities, that have established a Municipal Stormwater Authority pursuant to section 22a-498 of the general statutes. In addition to the rolling application period associated with all reserve categories in the Priority List, this reserve may be administered by a specific call for projects, on a first come, first served basis, or both.

Reserve for Construction of Small Community Projects
(25% grant/ 75% loan)

FY26/27

\$132 M
(total of
below)

This reserve allows for the funding of small community projects that will mitigate an existing documented community pollution problem. Small community projects include, but are not limited to, the following:

Brookfield, Dean/Pocono Area Sewer Extension - \$6.0 M

Coventry WPCF Upgrade and/or Regionalization - \$30 M

Jewett City WPCF Upgrade - \$5.0 M

Marlborough Town Center/Lake Terramuggus Phase IV - \$6.3 M

New Hartford, Pine Meadows sewer extension - \$8.8 M

Old Lyme Project Areas:

Shared Infrastructure (Pump Station, shoreline sewer, force main/odor control) \$27 M

Town of Old Lyme (Internal sewers - Sound View and MTA-B) \$12 M

 Miami Beach Association (Internal Sewers) \$15.5 M

 Old Colony Beach Club Association (Internal Sewers) \$10 M

 Old Lyme Shores Beach Association (Internal Sewers) \$11 M

Section 3c: Collection System Improvement Program

In accordance with Section 22a-478(c)(8) of the CGS, the funding of collection system improvement projects is permissive (“sewer collection system improvements may receive a loan for one hundred percent of the eligible cost....”). This is different from the priority project grant-loan program which is obligatory if funding is available. This funding is a 2% interest rate loan payable over 20 years.

It is important to note that this program is a subset of the Clean Water Fund and the only changes to the Clean Water Fund program are the funding level and the requirement for a separate priority system. All other aspects of the Clean Water Fund program, including the statutes and regulations, cost-effectiveness of projects, and environmental review apply to the collection system improvement program. Qualifications Based Selection must be used to choose an engineering consultant for that specific project. All administrative procedures applicable to the Clean Water Fund program apply to the collection system improvement program as well.

As indicated in Section 3b, the Department will not process separate design agreements for collection system improvements. Rather, the Department will require the municipalities to seek prior written approval on the design fees and then complete design with local financing rather than a Clean Water Fund loan. The municipality may then recoup the design cost by including them in the construction application for Clean Water Fund financing. This process is permitted by RCSA Section 22a-482-2(d)(3) of the Clean Water Fund Regulations.

Fundable FY2026/2027 Construction Projects (Collection System Improvement Program)

<u>Reserve for Construction of Collection System Improvement Projects (Loan Only)</u>	FY26/27	\$44 M
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This reserve will be available for the following types of sanitary sewer projects:

- Rehabilitation and/or replacement of sanitary sewers that cannot be adequately repaired through lining alone;
- Construction of relief sewers in separated sewer systems to address hydraulic overloading of existing sewers;
- Construction of sewers to cost-effectively eliminate sanitary sewer pump stations; and
- Extension of sanitary sewers to solve an existing community pollution problem.

<u>Reserve for Construction of Pump Station Rehabilitation Projects (Loan Only)</u>	FY26/27	\$42 M
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Projects funded under this reserve are for pump station improvement projects located in the collection system that result in a reduction in energy consumption, increase resiliency during extreme wet weather events, upgrade the ability to provide emergency power, or replace equipment that is

beyond its design life.

Reserve for Construction of New Pump Station Facilities
(Loan Only)

FY26/27

\$10 M

Projects funded under this reserve are for the construction of new wastewater pump station facilities.

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Section 4: Supplemental Funding for CWF Projects

Projects from either the Fundable Construction or Set Aside Reserves categories may receive federal funding as a supplement to state funding, contingent upon compliance with applicable federal requirements. Selected projects will be chosen and borrowers notified upon receipt of each federal FY grant award(s). The Infrastructure Investment Jobs Act (IIJA) was signed into law on November 15, 2021, resulting in increased support of wastewater infrastructure needs in alignment with State Revolving Fund (SRF) programs such as the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF, aka Connecticut's Clean Water Fund). The IIJA provided two additional federal grants to the State of Connecticut: CWSRF General Supplemental Grant, and Emerging Contaminants (EC) Grant.

The IIJA also revised the cost share requirements of the Non-CWF Sewer Overflow & Stormwater Reuse Municipal (OSG) Grant. As a result, IIJA legislation Public Law 117-58 mandates that 49% of base IIJA supplemental funding be used for additional subsidy to municipalities which meet state criteria for distressed (disadvantaged) communities, as well as 20% state matching component for the Federal FY2025 and 2026 grants (awarded in State FY26 and FY27), and 0% state matching for EC and OSG grants.

The IIJA Emerging Contaminants Grant requires a 0 to 20% sliding scale cost share for projects funding rural or financially distressed (disadvantaged) communities. The OSG grant requires that 25% of each federal grant fund projects in financially distressed and/or rural communities. IIJA grants will continue to be provided annually through October 2026, with implementation in accordance with applicable implementation guidelines, as published and amended by US EPA and/or the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and required by the new federal administration in 2025.

Section 4a: CWSRF Amendments from IIJA

For the CWSRF Base Program, some of the key provisions of IIJA include the following amendments:

Davis-Bacon Wage Act - Required grant conditions per Section 33 USC 1382(b)(6) and the IIJA of 2021 also include that CWSRF projects funded in FFY2025-28, regardless of funding source, must pay their workers the federal Davis-Bacon wage rates for their job classification. CT's CWSRF (i.e. the Clean Water Fund) requires all projects to comply with Davis-Bacon wage requirements. EPA's FY2012 Appropriations bill required the application of Davis-Bacon prevailing wage rates to all treatment works projects funded in whole or in part by the CWSRF. This requirement continues through 2027. Davis-Bacon applies to construction contracts over \$2,000 and their subcontractors (regardless of the subcontract amount). The Davis-Bacon requirements do not apply to decentralized wastewater treatment projects. To ensure compliance with these requirements, DEEP confirms that the correct wage determinations are **required to be** included in the bid specifications and/or construction contracts. DEEP also provides guidance to recipients for the specific EPA Davis-Bacon contract language that is to be included in bid specification and/or contracts. In addition, DEEP collects Certifications of Davis-

Bacon compliance from the principal or prime contractor with disbursement requests.

American Iron and Steel – The American Iron and Steel procurement requirement is permanent for *all* CWSRF construction projects going forward. Projects must ensure that certain aspects of the project are made with American Iron and Steel products. These are defined by EPA guidance “Implementation of American Iron and Steel Provisions of P. L. 113-76, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014” dated March 20, 2014.

To ensure these requirements are met as defined by the “Implementation of American Iron and Steel Provisions of P. L. 113-76, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014” dated March 20, 2014, DEEP provides guidance, including a copy of the memo. Beginning in 2014, CT added language to Clean Water Fund contract documents and loan agreements addressing certification requirements and waiver requests. DEEP also reviews all waiver requests and submits them to EPA Headquarters to ensure compliance.

Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) – IIJA also expands domestic sourcing requirements with the inclusion of the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA). Starting on May 14, 2022, all steel, iron, manufactured products, non-ferrous metals, plastic and polymer-based products (including polyvinylchloride, composite building materials, and polymers used in fiber optic cables), glass (including optic glass), lumber, and drywall used in infrastructure projects for federal financial assistance programs must be produced in the United States. CT DEEP will require BABA compliance for equivalency construction projects funded through this Priority List with federal monies pursuant to EPA requirements, as amended.

The EPA released the Build America, Buy America Act Implementation Procedures for EPA Office of Water Federal Financial Assistance Programs in November 2022. The memorandum provides important information to support EPA’s grantees, contractors, and manufacturers in complying with BABA. CT DEEP is committed to compliance with all procedures outlined in the memo for all SRF funded programs. Pursuant to Section 70914(c) of the Act, the head of a Federal agency may waive the application of a Buy America preference under an infrastructure program. CT intends to utilize IIJA funding for projects which were substantially designed prior to May 14, 2022, and eligible for a BABA adjustment period waiver.

Annual CWSRF Capitalization Grant Requirements – The 2022 Consolidated Appropriations Act (Public Law 117-103) required that between 10 to 30% of the base appropriation be provided as additional subsidy, plus an additional 10% required by CWF grant terms and conditions. IIJA establishes an additional subsidy range of exactly 49% for the annual CWSRF IIJA Supplemental capitalization, and 100% subsidy for Emerging Contaminants and Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse grant. Congress has previously required that states use 10% of the annual CWSRF capitalization grant for additional subsidy, resulting in project subsidies between 10-49%. For projects funded through the Base SRF grant, this requirement can be met without changing the existing grant and loan

ratios for state clean water projects.

Section 4b:

1. IIJA CWSRF General Supplemental Grant

In addition to the annual capitalization grant, IIJA has authorized an annual CWSRF General Supplemental Grant through 2026 to further support the Clean Water Fund program. In State FY2026 (Federal FY2025), the Supplemental CWSRF grant award to Connecticut is \$30,179,000, and it is assumed to remain the same in State FY2027 (Federal FY2026).

Congress required 49% of IIJA CWSRF General Supplemental funding be provided as grants and/or forgivable loans to communities that meet a state's affordability criteria or certain project types, consistent with the Clean Water Act, and EPA encourages states to use these funds to support projects in disadvantaged communities. In Connecticut, IIJA CWSRF General Supplemental Grant recipients will be a disadvantaged municipality(ies) listed as a distressed community by the Department of Community and Economic Development.

Per Section 22a-478(c)(4) of Connecticut General Statutes, if supplemental federal grants are available for projects targeted to the clean-up of Long Island Sound, those project components may receive up to 50% grant. CT DEEP has targeted the removal of sanitary sewer overflows (i.e. untreated discharges of sewage) as a priority to address the health and environmental impacts of such overflows to Long Island Sound, which occur either directly or indirectly through inland waters.

2. IIJA Emerging Contaminants (EC) Grant:

The IIJA Emerging Contaminants (EC) grant seeks to address emerging contaminants (including but not limited to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances known as PFAS) through any project eligible per section 603(c) of the Clean Water Act. IIJA EC key priorities are to ensure that disadvantaged communities benefit equitably; and to reduce people's exposure to perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and other emerging contaminants through their drinking water and to help address discharges through wastewater and, potentially, nonpoint sources. In accordance with the Department's water quality goals and the state PFAS Action Plan, dated November 1, 2019, the Department proposed to focus on PFAS contamination and treatment.

In State FY2026 (Federal FY2025), the Emerging Contaminant grant award to Connecticut is \$2,605,000, and it is expected to remain the same in State FY2027 (Federal FY2026). CT DEEP has partnered with the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPCC) on a pilot project to test PFAS removal technologies on ash leachate, condensate and groundwater

discharges from the Hartford Landfill. The pilot project is expected to begin by 2026 and end in October 2027. More project details follow

IIJA EC Grant Eligibility requirements:

- Only capital costs are eligible
- Can include planning and design (including monitoring) that is integral to the development of an eligible capital project
- Eligible recipients: Section 603(c) of the Water Pollution Control Act may include: Municipalities, intermunicipal, interstate, or state agencies.

Project Goals:

- Project focus on PFAS in landfill discharges in a distressed (disadvantaged) CT community.
- Investigate the feasibility, performance, efficacy, and costs of various PFAS treatment system options.
- Identification of preferred technologies for pilot testing.
- Preliminary engineering, procurement, installation, and testing of select pilot treatment technologies, alternatives and associated structures/appurtenances.
- Evaluation of pilot treatment technologies for functionality, treatment efficacy, and cost effectiveness and recommending a permanent solution or combination of solutions for implementation.
- Testing of water samples employing EPA's Analytical Method 1633A.

Section 4c: Non-Clean Water Fund Grant

Sewer Overflow & Stormwater Reuse Municipal (OSG) Grant –

Separate from the CWSRF Program, the Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants Program (OSG Program) was reauthorized by America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA) of 2018 and again by the 2021 IIJA. The IIJA reauthorized the program through 2026 to further support clean water needs. The OSG grant provides funding for critical stormwater infrastructure projects to eligible entities with projects that address infrastructure needs related to mitigation and/or removal of CSOs and SSOs and to improve stormwater management. Eligible projects can be located on private or public property and include planning, design, and construction of treatment works to intercept, transport, control, treat, or reuse municipal combined sewer overflows, sanitary sewer overflows, or stormwater and any other measures to manage, reduce, treat, or recapture stormwater or subsurface drainage water.

Priority will be given to funding projects in communities in distressed (disadvantaged) areas that have a long-term municipal CSO or SSO control plan and are listed on this Priority List as construction-ready or eligible under a reserve category. For State FY2026 and FY2027, the removal of private inflow connections and the installation of new storm sewer connections from residences in

North Hartford (as part of a pilot program initiated in 2023 to address the impacts of CSOs and SSOs) is planned. North Hartford is an economically distressed (disadvantaged) area with a combined sewer system which often causes sewer backups into homes. Traditionally, work on private property has been excluded from the CWSRF. However, in light of the ongoing public health and environmental equity crisis, the Department has determined that the OSG program is well-suited to provide additional funding for projects funded under this Priority List in the North Hartford area.

In State FY2026 (Federal FY2025), the OSG grant award to Connecticut is anticipated to be \$869,000, and it is expected to remain the same in State FY2027 (Federal FY2026).

TABLE 1 – Supplemental Grants Summary

Connecticut's expected allocations and state match requirements for the next two years are as follows:

Grant	State FY 26 (Federal FY25) Allocation	State FY 27 (Federal FY26) Allocation	State Match
Supplemental Clean Water State Revolving Fund Grant	\$30,179,000	<i>\$30,179,000</i>	1. Match of 20% in FFY25 (state FY26) and FFY26 (state FY27). 2. 49% of grant funds must be additional subsidy (i.e. grants). Note: Projects on this Priority List (Fundable or Reserves categories) and/or the SFY26/SFY27 intended use plans will be eligible to receive additional subsidy.
Non-CWF Sewer Overflow & Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants (OSG)	<i>\$869,000</i>	<i>\$869,000</i>	1. Match not required. 2. 100% of EPA's capitalization grant to be provided as an add. Subsidy (i.e. grant)
Emerging Contaminants Grant	\$2,605,000	<i>\$2,605,000</i>	2. Match not required. 3. 100% of EPA's capitalization grant to be provided as an add. Subsidy (i.e. grant)

Italics indicate an estimated value.



Table 2 - Fundable Construction

Municipality	Project Description	FY26 (\$M)	FY27 (\$M)	I	IIA	IIB	3A1	3A2	3A3	3B1	3B2	3C1	3C2	3D1	3D2	IV	V	VIA	VIB	VIC	VID	VII	VIII	Priority Points
Bridgeport	West Side WWTP – Phase 2 Improvements (Year 1)***	\$125								3						12				5			33	53
Bridgeport	West Side WWTP – Phase 2 Improvements (Year 2)***		\$125							3						12				5			33	53
Bristol*	WPCF Upgrade - Aeration Blowers**		\$4.65													10					5			15
Danbury	WPCF Upgrade - Digester Complex I	\$2.40														12					5			17
Derby	WPCF Upgrade - Nutrient Removal		\$60.00		20	8										6					5			39
Hartford (City of)	North Main Street Improvements Project		\$7.00		10											8								18
Litchfield	WPCF Upgrade – Solids Handling Improvements		\$4.60													4								4
Litchfield*	WPCF Upgrade – Secondary Treatment Improvements**		\$8													4								4
Mattabassett	WPCF Upgrade - Odor Control	\$2.50														12				5				17
Mattabassett*	WPCF Upgrade – Resiliency and Aeration**		\$2.00													12					5			17
MDC	CSO Sewer Separation Projects	\$10.87			10	8										8								26
MDC	Windsor St Sewer Separation Phase 3		\$25.00		10	8										8								26
MDC	Granby 7 Sewer Separation Project		\$14.00		10	8										8								26
MDC	WPCF Upgrade – Sludge Screening & Equalization Phase 1	\$5.04														12								12
MDC	WPCF Upgrade – Sludge Screening & Equalization Phase 2		\$19.22													12								12
New Haven	ESWPAF Upgrade Phase 2 – Wet Weather Treatment and Odor Control		\$82		15					3						12				5				35
Norwalk	WPCF Upgrade – Final Settling Tanks		\$26													10					5			15

Notes:

***Facility is meeting Nitrogen Goals and will not receive additional priority points**

****Project qualifies for funding under the Green Reserve**

*****Project will be funded in phases, project estimate totals \$350 Million**

Table 3 – All FY26/FY27 Requests

Municipality	Request Category	Description	FY26 (\$M)	FY27 (\$M)
Avon	Planning	Simsbury Sewershed I/I Study	\$0.75	
Avon	Planning	Farmington Sewershed SSES Study	\$0.66	
Berlin	Planning	Belcher Brook Sewer	\$0.03	
Berlin	Design	Belcher Brook Sewer	\$0.12	
Berlin	Collection System Improvements	Belcher Brook Sewer		\$4.50
Bridgeport	WPCF Upgrade / CSO	West Side WWTP - Phase 1 Improvements	\$30.00	
Bridgeport	WPCF Upgrade / CSO	West Side WWTP - Phase 2 Improvements	\$350.00	
Bridgeport	Design	East Side WWTP - Phase 3 Improvements		\$23.00
Bridgeport	Design	West WWTP - Phase 4a and 4b Improvements & East WWTP	\$30.00	
Bristol	Planning	Bristol Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) Aeration Blowers Upgrade	\$0.08	
Bristol	Design	Bristol Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) Aeration Blowers Upgrade	\$0.27	
Bristol	WPCF Upgrade (Green)	Bristol Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) Aeration Blowers Upgrade		\$4.65
Brookfield	Small Community Project	Dean/Pocono Area Sewer Extension	\$6.00	
Brooklyn	Design	Tatnic Road Pump Station and WPCA Support	\$0.20	
Brooklyn	Pump Station Rehabilitation	Tatnic Road Pump Station and WPCA Support		\$2.00
Canton	Planning	Wastewater Facilities Plan	\$0.98	
Cheshire	Planning	Cheshire I/I, Plant Capacity and Force Main Evaluation	\$1.00	
Coventry	Design	Treatment Plant Upgrade or Regionalization	\$2.00	
Coventry	Small Community Project	Treatment Plant Upgrade or Regionalization		\$30.00
Danbury	Design	Beaver Brook Pump Station Upgrade	\$0.43	
Danbury	Pump Station Rehabilitation	Beaver Brook Pump Station Upgrade	\$5.30	
Danbury	Design	East Side Sewer	\$0.64	
Danbury	Collection System Improvements	East Side Sewer	\$5.70	
Danbury	Green	ECOFACORY Cogen Facilities to Power WWTP	\$11.40	
Danbury	Collection System Improvements	Hillside Sewer PS Abandonment	\$0.39	
Danbury	Design	Mill Plain Sewer Extension & Pump Station Elimination	\$0.21	
Danbury	Collection System Improvements	Mill Plain Sewer Extension & Pump Station Elimination	\$3.00	
Danbury	Collection System Improvements	Osborne Street Sewer	\$1.71	
Danbury	Planning	Pump Station Asset Management	\$0.23	
Danbury	Design	Pump Station SCADA Systems	\$0.06	
Danbury	Pump Station Rehabilitation	Pump Station SCADA Systems	\$0.40	
Danbury	Planning	Sewer Collection System I/I Study	\$1.60	
Danbury	Planning	Sewer System Criticality Analysis	\$0.32	

Danbury	Resiliency PS	Sewer Pump Station Emergency Generators	\$0.68	
Danbury	I/I - Non-CSO	Sheriden Street Sewer Separation	\$0.59	
Danbury	Collection System Improvements	Triangle Street Sewer Rehab	\$0.64	
Danbury	Design	Triangle St Pump Station Replacement	\$0.04	
Danbury	Pump Station Rehabilitation	Triangle St Pump Station Replacement	\$0.27	
Danbury	Design	Turner Road Pump Station Upgrade	\$0.04	
Danbury	Pump Station Rehabilitation	Turner Road Pump Station Upgrade	\$0.30	
Danbury	Collection System Improvements	Valley View Sewer Replacement	\$0.57	
Danbury	Design	West Side Sewer Phase II	\$1.07	
Danbury	Collection System Improvements	West Side Sewer Phase II		\$18.87
Danbury	WPCF Upgrade	WWTP Digester Complex I	\$2.40	
Danbury	Design	WWTP Generator Upgrade	\$0.11	
Danbury	Resiliency	WWTP Generator Upgrade	\$1.07	
Danbury	Design	WWTP Solar Power	\$0.64	
Danbury	Green	WWTP Solar Power	\$10.70	
Danbury	Resiliency	WWTP Switchgear Relocation	\$1.07	
Derby	WPCF Upgrade	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade		\$60.00
East Hampton	Design	Wastewater Facilities Plan		\$1.00
East Hampton	Planning	Wastewater Facilities Plan	\$0.60	
East Hampton	Planning	Middletown Ave Pump Station Upgrades	\$0.06	
East Hampton	Design	Middletown Ave Pump Station Upgrades	\$0.40	
East Hampton	New Pump Station	Middletown Ave Pump Station Upgrades		\$10.00
East Hampton	Planning	Wastewater Facilities Plan	\$0.60	
East Hampton	Design	Wastewater Facilities Plan		\$2.00
East Hampton	WPCF Upgrade	Wastewater Facilities Plan		\$60.00
East Lyme	Planning	Bride Brook Sewer Pump Station	\$0.25	
East Lyme	Planning	Niantic Force Main Rehabilitation Project	\$0.30	
East Lyme	Design	Bride Brook Sewer Pump Station	\$0.50	
East Lyme	Design	Niantic Force Main Rehabilitation Project	\$0.30	
East Lyme	New Pump Station	Bride Brook Sewer Pump Station, Additional Capacity for Old Lyme Connection	\$7.00	
East Lyme	Resiliency	Niantic Force Main Rehabilitation Project		\$3.00
Fairfield	Planning	Inflow and Infiltration (I/I) Improvements Program - Phase V Continued	\$0.50	
Fairfield	Design	Center Street Pump Station Upgrade and Force Main	\$0.40	
Fairfield	Design	Fairfield Beach Pump Station Upgrade and Force Main		\$0.49
Fairfield	Design	Mill River Pump Station Upgrade and Force Main		\$0.30
Fairfield	Design	Pine Creek Pump Station Upgrade and Force Main		\$0.28
Fairfield	Design	WPCF Plant Equipment Improvements - Phase 1	\$4.15	

Fairfield	Pump Station Rehabilitation	Center Street Pump Station Upgrade and Force Main		\$8.23
Fairfield	Resiliency PS	Fairfield Beach Pump Station Upgrade and Force Main		\$8.77
Fairfield	Pump Station Rehabilitation	Mill River Pump Station Upgrade and Force Main		\$3.75
Fairfield	Resiliency PS	Pine Creek Pump Station Upgrade and Force Main		\$4.96
Fairfield	Green	WPCF Plant Equipment Improvements - Phase 1		\$10.37
Glastonbury	New Pump Station	Parker Terrace Pump Station & Force Main	\$5.30	
Glastonbury	Green	Aeration Jockey Blower and Controls	\$0.54	
Glastonbury	Design	Parker Terrace Pump Station Upgrade	\$0.29	
Glastonbury	Design	Aeration Jockey Blower and Controls	\$0.03	
Hartford	CSO	North Main Street Improvements Project	\$7.00	
Jewett City	Design	Collection System Rehabilitation	\$0.08	
Jewett City	Design	Pump Station Rehabilitation	\$0.30	
Jewett City	Design	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade	\$0.50	
Jewett City	Planning	Facility Plan / Collection System Rehabilitation		\$0.75
Jewett City	Planning	Pump Station Rehabilitation		\$2.50
Jewett City	Small Community Project	Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade		\$5.00
Killingly	Planning	Wastewater Facilities Plan	\$0.35	
Killingly	Design	Wastewater Facilities Plan Update	\$3.00	
Litchfield	Design	Solids Handling Improvements	\$0.60	
Litchfield	Design	Secondary Treatment System Improvements	\$1.00	
Litchfield	Green	Secondary Treatment System Improvements		\$7.00
Litchfield	WPCF Upgrade	Solids Handling Improvements		\$4.00
Manchester	Design	8th District Pump Station Upgrade		\$0.30
Manchester	Planning	I/I Study	\$0.50	
Manchester	Design	Zinc Reduction	\$0.20	
Marlborough	Small Community Project	Town Center Lake Terramuggus Sewer Project Phase IV		\$6.25
Mattabassett	Resiliency	WPCF Upgrade (Resiliency and Aeration)		\$4.00
Mattabassett	WPCF Upgrade	WPCF Upgrade for Odor Control	\$2.50	
Mattabassett	Green	Aeration Upgrade		\$2.00
MDC	Collection System Improvements	CSO & Sewer System Monitoring Upgrades - Phase 1	\$5.01	
MDC	Design	Granby 7 Sewer Separation	\$1.47	
MDC	Design	Granby 8 Sewer Separation	\$1.53	
MDC	Design	Granby 9 Sewer Separation	\$2.20	
MDC	CSO	Windsor St Sewer Separation - Phase 2	\$3.62	
MDC	CSO	Windsor St Sewer Separation - Phase 3	\$25.00	
MDC	CSO	Sewer Separation	\$10.87	
MDC	Planning	Hartford Citywide Drainage Study	\$4.50	

MDC	Design	NNBI Replacement/Relocation	\$2.20	
MDC	I/I - CSO	18 in to 21in Brick Rehabilitation & I/I Reduction (LD Phase 3A-2)	\$12.44	
MDC	I/I - CSO	Large Diameter Rehab Phase 3B (Cemetery Brook Area)		\$6.28
MDC	I/I - CSO	Large Diameter Rehab Phase 4		\$18.11
MDC	I/I - CSO	Small Diameter Lining/Rehab 2026		\$15.01
MDC	I/I - CSO	Easement Sewer Lining Program Phase 2	\$16.10	
MDC	Pump Station Rehabilitation	Island Road Sewer Pumping Station Improvements	\$6.30	
MDC	New Pump Station	Hog Brook New SPS and SPS Elimination - Phase 1		\$25.30
MDC	WPCF Upgrade	Sludge Screening and Equalization Phase 1	\$5.04	
MDC	WPCF Upgrade	Sludge Screening and Equalization Phase 2		\$19.22
Miami Beach Association	Small Community Project	MBA Sewers and Other Infrastructure	\$16.10	
New Hartford	Small Community Project	Pine Meadow Sewer Extension	\$8.80	
New Haven	Planning	GNHWPCA Long Term Control Plan Update (Planning Study)	\$1.50	
New Haven	Planning	Planning Study Wet Weather Flow Conveyance from West Side Harbor	\$0.50	
New Haven	Design	ESWPAF Phase II-Wet Weather Treatment and Odor Control	\$7.00	
New Haven	Design	Fair Haven CSO Improvements Phase 2		\$2.50
New Haven	Design	Infiltration and Inflow Improvements Mill River Ph 3 Areas 6,7,11,13,15,19,22	\$0.50	
New Haven	WPCF Upgrade / CSO	ESWPAF Phase II-Wet Weather Treatment and Odor Control		\$82.00
New Haven	CSO	Fair Haven CSO Improvements Phase 2		\$22.50
New Haven	I/I - CSO	Mill River Ph 3 Areas 6,7,11,13,15,19,22	\$7.50	
New Haven	CSO	Yale Campus Trumbull St Area Sewer Separation Phase 2	\$23.57	
New Haven	CSO	Orchard Street Area Sewer Separation	\$12.89	
New Haven	I/I - Non-CSO	Woodbridge Areas 2 & 2A and East Haven Areas 15, 18, & 23	\$3.29	
New Haven	WPCF Upgrade / CSO	East Street Pump Station for CSO reduction	\$73.00	
New Haven	WPCF Upgrade	Construction of Process Air Compressor Improvements	\$19.23	
New Milford	Planning	Pump Stations	\$ --	
Norwalk	Design	Norwalk WPCF Aeration System Upgrades	\$2.50	
Norwalk	Design	Norwalk WPCF Final Settling Tanks Upgrade	\$1.00	
Norwalk	Collection System Improvements	Ann Street Elimination	\$0.80	
Norwalk	I/I - Non-CSO	Hubbells Lane Relief Sewer	\$10.65	
Norwalk	I/I - Non-CSO	Catch Basin Disconnection Program		\$10.60
Norwalk	WPCF Upgrade	Norwalk WPCF Final Settling Tanks Upgrade		\$25.00
Norwalk	Green	Norwalk WPCF Aeration System Upgrades		\$48.00
Norwich	Planning	Combined Sewer Overflow Long Term Control Plan Update	\$1.57	
Norwich	Design	Greeneville Sanitary Sewer Improvements	\$0.44	
Norwich	I/I - CSO	Greeneville Sanitary Sewer Improvements		\$4.35
Norwich	WPCF Upgrade / CSO	South Thames Street Emergency Services Force Main & Utility Bridge Improvements	\$5.27	

Old Colony Beach Club Association	Small Community Project	OCBCA Sewers and Other Infrastructure	\$6.60	
Old Colony Beach Club Association	Small Community Project	Old Lyme Beach Associations Shared Sewer Infrastructure Project	\$21.00	
Old Lyme Shores Beach Association	Small Community Project	OLSBA Sewers and Other Infrastructure	\$9.10	
Old Saybrook	Design	Community Large Scale OWRs, Collection System and WWRF Design	\$2.00	
Oxford	Collection System Improvements	Increase Capacity at Oxford PS		\$0.12
Oxford	Pump Station Rehabilitation	Install Three Phase Power at Perkins Rd., Pump Station	\$0.28	
Oxford	Collection System Improvements	Replace Towner Lane Force Main	\$3.50	
Oxford	Green	Upgrade Long Meadow Meter		\$0.20
Plainfield	Planning	Town of Plainfield Phase 1 Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Study (SSES)	\$0.65	
Plainfield	Planning	Town of Plainfield Facilities Plan	\$0.30	
Plainfield	Resiliency	Secondary Clarifier Project	\$4.83	
Plymouth	Design	Phosphorus Reduction Improvements	\$1.00	
Ridgefield	Pump Station Rehabilitation	Ramapoo Road Pump Station Upgrade		\$2.78
Ridgefield	New Pump Station	Quail Ridge Pump Station Relocation	\$4.60	
Shelton	Planning	Wastewater Facilities Planning	\$0.30	
South Windsor	Design	Clark Street, Benedict Drive, Pleasant Valley Pump Station Upgrades	\$0.65	
South Windsor	Resiliency PS	Clark Street, Pleasant Valley Pump Station Upgrades	\$14.00	
South Windsor	Pump Station Rehabilitation	Benedict Drive Pump Station Upgrades	\$4.00	
Sprague	Small Community Project	WPCF Comprehensive Upgrade		\$15.00
Stamford	Design	WPCF Sludge Management Upgrade		\$0.50
Stamford	Planning	SSES Phase IV		\$0.50
Stamford	Design	Alvord Lane and Commerce Drive PS Upgrade	\$0.53	
Stamford	Pump Station Rehabilitation	Alvord Lane and Commerce Drive PS Upgrade		\$5.90
Stamford	I/I - Non-CSO	Sewer Rehabilitation for I/I Removal	\$2.75	
Stonington	Planning	Wastewater Facilities Plan	\$1.50	
Stonington	Design	Phase I Interceptor Pipe and Manhole Rehabilitation	\$0.12	
Stonington	I/I - Non-CSO	Phase I Interceptor Pipe and Manhole Rehabilitation	\$3.40	
Suffield	Collection System Improvements	Kent Farms Sewer Conversion		\$1.80
Torrington	Planning	Central Drainage Basin Sewershed I/I & SSES	\$0.50	
Torrington	Design	Central Drainage Basin Sewershed I/I & SSES		\$0.15
Torrington	Design	Harris Drive Pump Station Upgrade	\$0.25	
Torrington	Design	Cinnamon Ridge Pump Station Rehabilitation		\$0.20
Torrington	Design	Toro Siphon Abandonment	\$0.20	
Torrington	Pump Station Rehabilitation	Harris Drive Pump Station Upgrade		\$5.50
Torrington	Collection System Improvements	Toro Siphon Abandonment		\$2.80
Trumbull	Planning	Sanitary Sewer Evaluation	\$1.00	
Wallingford	Design	Solids Handling Complex Rehabilitation	\$0.98	

Waterbury	Green	Replace Aeration Tank Blower	\$10.00	
Watertown	Planning	Infiltration and Inflow Study	\$0.40	
West Haven	Design	Phase 3 Pump Station Rehab/Replacement (Dawson Ave & East Ave)	\$1.60	
West Haven	Resiliency PS	Phase 3 Pump Station Rehab/Replacement (Dawson Ave & East Ave)	\$30.00	
Westbrook	Design	Westbrook Town Center Wastewater System	\$1.50	
Westbrook	Small Community Project	Westbrook Town Center Wastewater System		\$13.10

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Financial Assistance for Municipal Wastewater Projects

The Clean Water Fund Financial Assistance for Municipal Projects

The Clean Water Fund is the mechanism through which CT DEEP provides financial assistance to municipalities for projects addressing wastewater needs.

Due to resource constraints, municipalities should allocate a minimum of 90 calendar days from the date of submission to CT DEEP for the review and comment or approval of any document submitted related to the Clean Water Fund. These documents may include, but are not limited to, funding applications, engineering reports, plans and specifications, and professional services contracts.

Implementation or execution of such documents without prior written approval by CT DEEP will result in loss of funding eligibility for the subject of the document.

Reports Regarding CWF

- **Clean Water Fund Annual Reports to the Governor** (<https://portal.ct.gov/ott/debt-management/clean-water-fund-reports>)
- **The Clean Water Fund Dilemma, Increasing Demands with Diminishing Fiscal Resources:** A Report from the Clean Water Fund Advisory Workgroup to DEEP Commissioner Gina McCarthy

Applications for Funding – All Applications should be returned to: DEEP.ADMINCWF@ct.gov (<mailto:DEEP.ADMINCWF@ct.gov?subject=CWF%20Application>). Questions should be sent to: DEEP.CWF@ct.gov (<mailto:DEEP.CWF@ct.gov?subject=CWF>).

- **Clean Water Fund Program - Funding Application** (Word)

Priority Lists

FY 2026 - 2027

NEW! DEEP has released the Draft Clean Water Fund Priority List for FY 2026 and FY 2027 (7/1/25 - 6/30/27) for the public comment period, which ends on February 27, 2026.

- **FY 2026-2027 Notice of Public Hearing**
- **FY 2026-2027 Draft Priority List**

A virtual public informational hearing will be held for the Draft Clean Water Fund Priority List on February 5, 2026, at 10:30am via Zoom, an online internet meeting platform. Please see Notice of Public Hearing for further details about how to register for the public hearing and how to submit public comments on the Draft FY 2026 - 2027 Priority List. The FY 2024 - 2025 Priority List remains in effect until the Draft FY 2026 - 2027 Priority List is finalized after the public comment period ends.

FY 2024 - 2025

The final FY24-25 Priority List was issued on July 8, 2024 and associated documents including the PowerPoint Presentation and comments from the Priority List Hearing are available in one document:

- **FY 2024 - 2025 Hearing Report and Clean Water Fund Priority List**

EXHIBIT 7: PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLICATION, NEWSPAPERS AND AFFIDAVITS

Affidavit of Publication

State of Connecticut
County of Hartford

I, Melanie Meile, Senior Account Representative of Vanguard Direct, 716 Brook Street, Ste 124, Rocky Hill, CT 06067 do solemnly swear on:

Notary Date:	January 9, 2026
Ad Title:	CT DEEP Clean Water Fund Priority List
	Nisha Patel 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5127 PO 66361
Appeared in:	Connecticut Post – 1/8/26 The Hartford Courant – 1/8/26 New Haven Register – 1/8/26 The Day – 1/8/26 Waterbury Republican-American – 1/8/26 The Chronicle – 1/9/26
VG Job#:	01-741711

Publication and the newspaper extracts, hereto annexed were clipped from the above named issue of said newspaper.

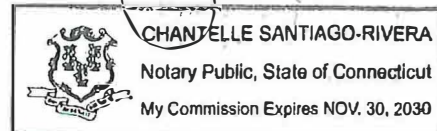
Signature of Vanguard rep:



Subscribed to and sworn to before me, this 9 day of January, 2025.



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**Notice of Public Hearing
Clean Water Fund Priority List - Fiscal Year 2026 and 2027**

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) will hold a hearing to collect comments on the draft fiscal year 2026 and 2027 Priority List (Priority List) for the Clean Water Fund program on February 5, 2026, at 10:30am. The draft Priority List can be found at: <https://portal.ct.gov/deep/municipal-wastewater/financial-assistance-for-municipal-wastewater-projects>.

The draft Priority List proposes a funding strategy that will reach a significant number of necessary wastewater infrastructure projects whose implementation is considered significant to reduce serious negative impacts on water quality in our state. These projects include combined sewer overflow improvement projects in our state's largest cities to meet Long Term Control Plan goals; and nitrogen removal projects to meet the 2014 Total Maximum Daily Load for the Long Island Sound.

The draft Priority List also includes funding reserves for planning studies, engineering designs, and green and resiliency projects, small community projects, and collection system improvement projects.

Virtual hearing process:

The hearing will be conducted through Zoom, an online internet meeting platform. In addition, written comment may be submitted at any time until the date of the hearing. **All written comments shall be submitted by electronic mail to DEEP.CWF@ct.gov or before February 27, 2026.** All written comments submitted prior to the hearing will be acknowledged at the hearing. **If written comments are submitted or to be submitted by February 27, 2026, there is no requirement to make an oral statement at the hearing** as written comments submitted by the deadline will be considered equivalent to an oral statement provided at the hearing.

Members of the public must register for the hearing by sending a request to DEEP.CWF@ct.gov by February 4, 2026. Persons who wish to make oral comments at the hearing or provide written comments must submit an email to DEEP.CWF@ct.gov. A reply email will be sent to all persons registered for the hearing with a virtual meeting invitation and instructions. The public informational hearing will be moderated and will begin with a brief presentation from DEEP, followed by the oral statements from members of the public in the order in which they registered for the hearing. The hearing will close after the last person registered has completed their statement. After the close of the hearing, the Department will consider all written comments submitted by the deadline and oral statements provided at the hearing.

/s/ Nisha Patel
Nisha Patel, P.E., Director
Water Planning and Management Division
Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse

PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of a Public Hearing to be held by the Woodbridge Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) on Monday, January 12, 2026, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Central Meeting Room of the Woodbridge Town Hall, 11 Westinghouse Lane, Woodbridge, CT, regarding the application of Green Skies Clean Energy, LLC, 65 Acorn Hill Road Ext., Variances of Table 3.1 - "Uses Allowed by Zone" to permit the construction and operation of a 4.33 acre ground mounted solar array within the Residential A Zone.

Henry Nusbaum, Chairman

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held by the Island Wetlands Agency of the Town of Woodbridge on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Senior Café of the Center Building, 4 Westinghouse Lane, Woodbridge, CT on the following application:

Darlin Lavarack (tel) 87 Beecher Road

Construct an apartment building on site with some activity in an upland review area.

The public hearing has been called because the Agency has determined that a public hearing is in the public interest. The application file is available for review during regular hours of the Land Use Office of the Woodbridge Town Hall, 11 Westinghouse Lane and the Town Website at: <https://www.woodbridgect.gov/287/Island-Wetlands>.

Jack Runk, Vice Chairman

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/s/ Nisha Patel
Nisha Patel, P.E., Director
Water Planning and Management Division
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Notice of Decision

Woodbridge Town Plan and Zoning Commission (TPZ) Notice is hereby given that at the Woodbridge TPZ meeting on January 5, 2026, the TPZ adopted, with an effective date of January 19, 2026, amendments to the Zoning Regulations for the Town of Woodbridge proposed by the TPZ in Section 3.2 regarding Opportunity Housing in the Residential A Zone, to revert back to the language in that section that had been in place in November 2024.

Paul Schatz, Secretary

ORANGE TPZ
NOTICE OF DECISION

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting held on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, the Orange Town Plan and Zoning Commission acted on the following:

APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION, PERMIT OR USE - Submitted by George Hendon. For property known as 250 Indian River Road, to establish a retail/recreation establishment within the existing building. A waiver of the Site Plan and Architectural Design Plan has been requested. **APPROVED.**

A copy of this notice has been filed with the Orange Town Clerk. Dated in Orange, CT this 7th day of January, 2026.

Kevin Cornell
Secretary
T.P.Z.C.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
NOTICE

Homeland Towers, LLC and Celco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless will host a Public Information Meeting regarding its plans to construct a wireless telecommunications facility in the northwest portion of a 11.6-acre parcel 65 Half Mile Road in North Haven, Connecticut.

The proposal calls for the construction of a 130-foot monopole tower, the installation of antennas on the tower and associated equipment, and a diesel-fueled backup generator on the ground within a fenced facility compound at the base of the tower. The tower and compound would be designed to accommodate up to four wireless carriers and the town's emergency service providers. If a need exists, the telecommunications facility described above is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Connecticut Siting Council pursuant to the provisions of Section 16-50g et seq. of the General Statutes.

A Public Information Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the North Haven Recreation Center, 7 Unley Street in North Haven.

If you have any questions about the proposal please contact Ray Vergall, Homeland Towers, LLC at (203) 297-6345, rv@homelandtowers.us or Kenneth C. Baldwin, Esq., Robinson & Cole LLP at 860-275-8345, kbb@wdr.com.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to section 12c-63b of the Connecticut General Statutes, Certificate of Need Determination number 25-32652-DTL Recovery Services of CT LLC is seeking to add an additional license for Mental Health Day Treatment at their existing location, 71 Bradley Rd Unit 6, Madison, CT.

Contact the State Department of Public Health, office of Healthcare Strategy (OHS)

WEST HAVEN, CT LEGAL NOTICE

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
CITY OF WEST HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

The West Haven Zoning Board of Appeals will hold Public Hearings and a Regular meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 in the Harriet North Room, Second Floor, City Hall, and 355 Main Street, West Haven, CT at 6:30 P.M. to consider the following:

305 Canler Street: A request to mount solar panels which will be visible from the street to allow for maximum sun exposure in the VDO (Village District Overlay) Owner: Margarita Cayo / Applicant: Chris Milward, File # 001-28 V

177-179 Abrater Street: A request to mount solar panels which will be visible from the street to allow for maximum sun exposure in the VDO (Village District Overlay) Owner: Kathleen Delao / Applicant: Katy Bradley, File # 002-28 V

210, 210, & 220 Fresh Meadow Road: A request to allow a front yard setback of 25' where 50' is required to construct an 80' x 100' metal storage building area in an Industrial Planned Development (PIP) district. Owner/Applicant: GO Realty, LLC, File # 003-28 V

81 Templeton Street: A request for a rear yard setback of 20' where 30' is required and to permit 24.5% building coverage where 20% is allowed for an addition to an existing dwelling. Owner: Mike Mastropietro / Applicant: David Miller, File # 004-28 V

62 Westfield Street: A request for a side yard setback of 5.5' where 15' is required and to permit 28.6% building coverage where 20% is allowed to construct a single-family dwelling. Owner: Mike Mastropietro / Applicant: David Miller, File # 005-28 V

32 Arlington Street: An application for a one-time lot split of a currently nonconforming lot with variance requests of lot size of 3,360sf where 16,000 is required, side yard setback of 1' on the North side where 15' is required, to allow 31% building coverage where 20% is allowed, street frontage of 30' where 60' is required, and to permit 0 parking spaces where 2 are required. Owner: Claudio Arduini / Applicant: Giuseppe Colatta, File # 006-28 V

32 Arlington Street (A): Variance requests of lot size of 3,360sf where 16,000 is required, side yard setbacks of 3.5' and 4.5' where 15' is required, to allow 33% building coverage where 20% is allowed, maximum lot coverage of 30% where 35% is allowed, and to permit 61% open space where 65% is required. Owner: Claudio Arduini / Applicant: Giuseppe Colatta, File # 007-28 V

95 Elm Street: A request to permit lot coverage of 91% where 75% is allowed and to permit an access drive of 12' where 22' is required to redevelop the existing mixed-use property with 2 commercial units and 15 residential units. Owner: Applicant: VASE Management LLC, File # 008-28 V

PROBATE NOTICES

Court of Probate, District of West Haven Probate Court

NOTICE OF HEARING
INSOLVENT ESTATE

ESTATE OF
Maureen F. Byrne,
AKA Maureen Frances Byrne
(24-00146)

Pursuant to an order of Hon. Mark J. DeGennaro, Judge a hearing will be held to determine whether the above estate is insolvent, as is represented in documentation on file at the Court of Probate. Said hearing, wherein the Court's decision may affect your interests, if any, will be held at the court of probate, 355 Main Street, P.O. Box 127, West Haven, CT 06516, on January 21, 2026, at 10:00 AM.

By Order of the Court
Shamarrow Codner, Clerk

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF
Edwin Jones,
AKA Edwin J. Jones
(25-00488)

The Hon. Ben Gettlinger, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Milford - Orange Probate Court, by decree dated January 6, 2025, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Taylor Manley,
Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Susan Greko
c/o ANDREW L. WALLACH,
GOLDMAN GRUDER &
WOODS, L.L.C.
200 CONNECTICUT AVE,
NORWALK, CT 06854

Did You Know?

Board games are popular ways to pass the time and socialize with family and friends. Board games have been played for centuries. The oldest board game is believed to have originated in the Middle East. It was discovered at the Royal Cemetery of the Sumerian city of Ur in 1924 by a British archaeologist. Highly decorated boards made of wood and inlaid shell and lapis lazuli were found and believed to be made between 2,600 and 2,400 B.C. The game was called the Royal Game of Ur since its original name wasn't known.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

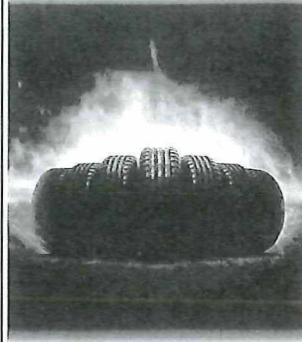
ESTATE OF John V Minardi
(21-00077)

The Hon. Michael R. Brandt, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of East Haven - North Haven Probate Court, by decree dated December 20, 2025, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Kelly Smith,
Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is:
John W Minardi
c/o JAMES JOSEPH
GIULIETTI,
GIULIETTI & MORITKO,
15 WADSWORTH LANE,
WALLINGFORD, CT 06492

Advertorial



Choose the right tire for your vehicle and season

Motorists spend hours behind the wheel and spend lots of money on maintenance to ensure their vehicles are in top working order. But tires are one area of maintenance that often goes unchecked, even by the most diligent automobile owners.

Tires undergo a lot of wear and tear, which only highlights the importance of proper tire maintenance. But many drivers do not give tires a passing thought until there is a problem, such as a flat or excessive wear. Also, some drivers think that all tires are the same, failing to realize that the kind of tires vehicles need depends on various factors. In addition to the size and type of vehicle, drivers should consider the type of driving they do and the driving conditions they routinely encounter before choosing tires for their vehicles. Many vehicles come off the lot with all-season passenger tires because these tires are among the most versatile. However, if you live in a particular climate or do a lot of driving that requires specific traction or maneuverability, all-season tires may not be the best bet. The following are descriptions of common tire types and the conditions in which they might make the best fit.

All-season

All-season tires provide all-season versatility, good wear and ride comfort. They can be dependable tires and offer light snow traction as well.

All-season tires provide adequate protection in many conditions, but do not offer specific benefits in any one area. They're likely to be satisfactory for a vast array of drivers. All-season tires are typically offered in touring and passenger types. Touring will provide lower road noise and better handling, while passenger varieties offer a smooth ride and longevity.

Summer tires

Summer tires are designed to offer traction and maneuverability in warm weather. Orbital grooves and complex treads maximize traction in hot, humid weather. If you live in an area where the temperature is consistently steamy, summer tires may be a good investment.

Winter tires

A safety precaution for many people who live where conditions often include snow, ice and cold weather, winter tires can be lifesavers. These tires are designed using several different types of rubber, and feature tread designs that maximize traction during inclement conditions. Winter tires also come in various subcategories. Studdable winter tires provide the extra security of added studs to enhance traction on ice. Performance winter tires offer better dry road handling, but traction on snow and ice may be compromised.

Performance tires

Performance tires offer a sports car feel. These are meant for drivers who want to feel the road and increase low-speed traction. The higher the level of performance, the increased level of handling and stability at high speeds.

Truck tires

Trucks, pickups and SUVs also have a variety of tire types. There are off-road varieties, which will offer an aggressive tread design for off-road traction and other obstacles. Light truck tires help provide durability and traction. Specially designed SUV tires may be large, but can still offer comfort-focused applications designed for on-road driving.

Drivers looking for better performance from their tires should speak with a tire retailer about the options available to them.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
WATERBURY CITY PLAN COMMISSION

Date: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026
Time: 6:00 PM
Place: CITY HALL - 2ND FLOOR
ALDERMANIC CHAMBERS
235 GRAND STREET
WATERBURY, CT

Notice is hereby given that the following Public Hearings will be held before the Members of the City Plan Commission at the above date, time and place:

- PL 2025-0248** - Subdivision of property into five (5) lots - Location: Granby Street and Brigham Street (W/BL 047-107-070) Zoning District: Low Density Residential "RL"; Applicant: Granby Street, LLC.
- PL 2025-0313** - Re-subdivision of one lot into two lots - Location: 2670 North Main Street (N/MA 0079-1039-0019) Zoning District: Low Density Residential "RL"; Applicant: East Waterbury Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, Inc.
- PL 2025-0316** - Subdivision of one (1) lot into four (4) lots pursuant to the Waterbury Land Subdivision Regulations (proposed subdivision shown below as "Daily 1872" Location: 418 South Hill Road (S/HR 0044-0044-0044) Zoning District: Single Family Residential District "RS"; Applicant: Street View Rehab, LLC.
- PL 2025-0317** - Special Exception pursuant to Sections 4.03, 4.09 and 10.04 of the Zoning Regulations to permit a Residential Campus Development consisting of 12 units of multi-family housing configured within two buildings; Zoning District: Moderate Density Residential "RM"; Location: Eastern Avenue (E/AS 010-027-0040); Applicant: Coldwell Banker Property Management, LLC. Application documents may be available at www.waterburyct.org, or call City Planning Department at 203.674.6817 for more information.

ATTEST:
Robert J. Nemes, ACP
City Planner
R-A 01-01-2026 & 01-08-2026

PUBLIC NOTICES

Calling All Legal Contractors - INVITATION TO BID
The Sharon Housing Trust is looking for bids from qualified contractors to build a new construction 2-story, 1500 of homes at 160 Silver Lake Street Road in Sharon for their affordable housing program. Build your community and help increase the availability of affordable housing for all.

Drawings, Bid Documents and all additional information can be found on the CT Source Bid Board <http://portal.ct.gov/ctsource/bidboard>. Documents will be posted on January 6, 2026. Bids are due February 20. Targeted construction start date is April 1, 2026.

INVITATION TO BID
Bids addressed to the Regional School District No. 1 for the Kent Center School Permanent Replacement Project, Kent Center School, Kent, CT, will be received by Mr. Samuel Herick, Business Manager, Regional School District No. 1, 246 Warren Turnpike Road, Falls Village, CT 06031 no later than 3:00 PM local time on Tuesday, January 6, 2026.

Electronic copies of the Bid Package, as prepared by Allied Engineering Associates, Inc., 85 Main Street, 3rd Floor, North Canaan, Connecticut 06018, may be obtained on or after 8:00 A.M. Wednesday, January 7, 2026 via an email request to Mr. Samuel Herick, at shenick@regional-school-district-1.org, shenick@regional-school-district-1.org, or via the RSD1 website. Addenda will be issued in all Bidders registered with the office of the Engineer and the Owner.

As security, each Bid must be accompanied by a Certified Check or Cashier's Check drawn upon either a State Bank and Trust Company or a National Banking Association, to the order of the Regional School District No. 1, or the Bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond having as surety thereto, such Surety Company or Companies as are authorized to do business in the State of Connecticut, of an amount not less than 10% of the Bid. Email a copy of check or bond certificate with bids and send the original to Mr. Samuel Herick, Business Manager, Regional School District No. 1, 246 Warren Turnpike Road, Falls Village.

The successful Bidder shall furnish Performance, Labor and Material Payment Bonds, each for 100% of the Contract Sum.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Monday, January 13, 2026, at 10:00 AM, at Kent Center School, 9 Judd Avenue, Kent, CT 06026.

Samuel J. Herick Business Manager Regional School District No. 1
Falls Village, Connecticut 06031

Legal Notice
To Morris CT Republicans, pursuant to State Election law, you are hereby notified that a caucus will be held on January 13th at 7:00 PM at the Morris Community Hall, 125 Main St., Morris, CT to elect candidates for the Morris PTC and to transact other business as may be proper.

Thomas Weik
Morris Republican Town Committee, Chair.

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that there will be a caucus of all enrolled Republican electors of the Town of Colchester on January 13, 2026 at 7:00 PM at the Colchester Town Hall (2nd Floor), 562 Colchester Rd., to elect members for the Republican Town Committee.

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THERE WILL BE A CAUCUS OF ALL ENROLLED REPUBLICAN ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF NEWINGTON ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026 AT 7:00 PM AT THE LEDA MONTGOMERY ART GALLERY OF THE TOWN HALL, 155 MAIN STREET, NEWINGTON TO ELECT MEMBERS OF THE REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE.

GEORGE P. SEABOURN
CHAIRMAN
REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE

LEGAL NOTICE
To enrolled members of the Democratic Party of the Town of Morris, CT:

Pursuant to the rules of the Democratic Party and State election law, you are hereby notified that a caucus will be held on January 13, 2026 at 6:00 PM at the Morris Senior Center, 109-21 East St., Morris, CT, to elect candidates to the 2026-28 Morris Democratic Town Committee and to transact other business as may be proper to come before said caucus. Held at Morris, CT on January 6, 2026 by Lawrence M. Genssey, Vice Chairman, Morris Democratic Town Committee. Contact 860-267-3014.

Legal Notice
Planning and Zoning Commission
The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on January 15, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the North Canaan Town Hall located at 100 Pease Street in North Canaan Connecticut for the special application from Carol Ustio to convert a single-family home at 182 East Canaan Rd. to a two-family home.

The purpose is to accept public comments and will be received in person, by email or regular mail and via zoom.

Email and regular mail must be in the zoning office no later than 6 PM, on January 12, 2026

The zoom link will be posted on the agenda and on the Town website.

LEGAL NOTICE TO TOWN OF WINCHESTER TAXPAYERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL taxpayers of the Town of Winchester, City of Winchester, Connecticut, that the following are due: SECOND INSTALLMENT of Real Estate and Personal Property taxes as well as Supplemental Motor Vehicle tax. Such taxes have been due on the assessment list of October 1, 2024. INSTALLMENT DUE DATE: January 1, 2026. LAST DAY TO PAY/POSTMARK DATE: January 6, 2026. FAILURE TO RECEIVE A BILL DOES NOT RELIEVE OR EXCUSE THE OBLIGATION OF THE BILL DUE TO THE INTEREST ACCRUING. Connecticut State Statute Section 12-136. To avoid long lines, please pay by mail (stamped with Postmark date) or online. Please send payment to: PLEASE MAIL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: TOWN OF WINCHESTER, COLLECTOR OF REVENUE 330 Main Street, Winchester CT 06094. For more information, additional fee information, and the online fee payment option can be found at www.townofwinchester.org.

DATED AT WINSTED, CONNECTICUT THIS 10TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2025.

Patricia Colombo
Assistant Collector of Revenue

PROBATE NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF JOSEPH A. LUGLI
(E-00578)

The Hon. Matthew P. Vaccaro, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Waterbury Probate Court, on and after January 9, 2026, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to present any claim by such date may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Tracy Bloch, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Elaine March
c/o DANA MARIE O'ROURKE, NERENSTEIN, HOROWITZ & ASSOCIATES P.C.,
200 GLASTONBURY BLVD.,
STE 200,
GLASTONBURY, CT 06033

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Jane M. Stagner, of Housatonic (E-00578)

The Hon. Rosa C. Rabbinas, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Waterbury Probate Court, by decree dated December 12, 2025 ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to present any claim by such date may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Catherine Emaly, Chief Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Thomas E. Stagner
c/o BRIAN T. MAHON, MAHON, GUNN & MAHON, P.C.,
530 BROAD STREET,
PO BOX 200,
MERIDEN, CT 06450

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Public Hearing

Clean Water Fund Priority List - Fiscal Year 2026 and 2027
The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) will hold a hearing to collect comments on the draft fiscal year 2026 and 2027 Priority List (Priority List) for the Clean Water Fund program on February 4, 2026, at 10:00am. The draft Priority List can be found at <https://portal.ct.gov/deep/municipal-water/water/financial>.

The draft Priority List proposes a funding strategy that will reach a significant number of necessary wastewater infrastructure projects whose implementation is considered significant to reduce serious public health and environmental risks. The draft Priority List includes combined sewer overflow improvement projects in our state's largest cities, must Long Term Asset Replacement and nitrogen removal projects to meet the 2014 Total Maximum Daily Load for the Long Island Sound.

The draft Priority List also includes funding reserves for playing fields, engineering designs, and green and roadway projects, small community projects, and collection system improvement projects.

Virtual hearing process:
The hearing will be conducted through Zoom, an online internet meeting platform. In addition, written comments may be submitted at any time until the date of the hearing. All written comments shall be submitted by electronic mail to DEEP at deep@ct.gov on or before February 27, 2026. All written comments submitted prior to the hearing will be acknowledged. All written comments submitted on or after the hearing will be submitted by February 27, 2026. There is no requirement that all comments be submitted at the hearing as written comments submitted by the deadline will be considered equivalent to an oral statement provided at the hearing.

Members of the public must register for the hearing by sending a request to DEEP.CWFF@ct.gov by February 4, 2026. Persons who wish to make oral comments at the hearing or provide written comments must submit an email to DEEP.CWFF@ct.gov. A reply email will be sent to all persons registered for the hearing a virtual meeting invitation and instructions. The public informational hearing will be moderated and will begin with a brief presentation from DEEP, followed by the oral statements from members of the public in the order in which they registered for the hearing. The hearing will close after the last person registered has completed their statement. After the close of the hearing, the Department will consider all written comments submitted by the deadline and oral statements provided at the hearing.

At Maha Patel
Nisha Patel, P.E., Director
Water Planning and Management Division
Bureau of Water Protection and Land Use

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer that is committed to complying with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Please contact DEEP.CWFF@ct.gov if you are seeking a communication aid or service, have a self-identified disability, or require some other accommodation. If you wish to file an ADA or Title VI discrimination complaint, you may submit your complaint to the DEEP Office of Diversity and Equity at (860) 418-6110 or at deopaccommodations@dep.gov. In order to facilitate efforts to provide an accommodation, please request all accommodations as soon as possible following notice of any agency hearing, meeting, program or event.

NOTICE

CITY OF WATERBURY, TAXES GRAND LIST OF OCTOBER 1, 2024 - SECOND INSTALLMENT

Notice is hereby given that Real Estate, Personal Property, Motor Vehicle, and Motor Vehicle Supplemental taxes for the City of Waterbury become due and payable on Thursday, January 1, 2026. Failure to pay any tax due on January 1, 2026, or on or before February 2, 2026, will cause the tax to become delinquent. Pursuant to Connecticut General Statute §12-145, any tax not paid on or before the delinquency date is subject to interest at the rate of 1.5% per month or fraction thereof, from the due date until the tax is paid in full.

Payments may be made at the Office of the Tax Collector, City Hall, 235 Grand Street, Waterbury, CT, during regular business hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Payments may also be made by mail payable to "Tax Collector, P.O. Box 1860, Hartford, Connecticut 06146-1860." Payments postmarked on or before February 2, 2026, will not be considered delinquent.

or online through the City of Waterbury's official website: www.waterburyct.org.

This notice is being published and posted in accordance with the requirements of CGS §12-145.

Dated at Waterbury, Connecticut this 6th day of December 2025.

Cassie Garman, CMC
Tax Collector
City of Waterbury

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with CT Statute 47A-420, the personal property from the following locations will be auctioned at 7am on Thursday 1/15/26 at 271 Oxford Dr, 16 Sharon Rd, 100 Emerson Court, Southbury, CT 06488, 271 Oxford Dr, 16 Sharon Rd, 100 Emerson Court, Southbury, CT 06488, 271 Oxford Dr, 16 Sharon Rd, 100 Emerson Court, Southbury, CT 06488, 271 Oxford Dr, 16 Sharon Rd, 100 Emerson Court, Southbury, CT 06488.

WATERBURY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the following Public Hearings will be held at a Special Meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals at the date, time and place noted below:

DATE: WEDNESDAY, January 21, 2026
TIME: 6:00 PM
Place: CITY HALL - 2ND FLOOR
ALDERMANIC CHAMBERS
235 GRAND STREET
WATERBURY, CT

1. PL 2025-0227 Variance from Section 55.03.06 RL District Rear Yard & 4.09 Motor Development Standards Table to allow a 17-foot rear yard where 25 feet is required, and from 55.03.09 RL District Corner Lot Setback from Secondary Street & 4.09 Motor Development Standards Table to allow a Corner Lot Setback of 15 feet where 15 feet is required; Location: 9 Euclid Avenue; Applicant: New 92 LLC.

Application documents may be available at www.waterburyct.org, or call City Planning department at 203.674.6817 for more information.

ATTEST:
Clifford C. Blumstein III, ACP, CCEO
Assistant City Planner
R-A January 8, 2026 & January 16, 2026

WOLCOTT LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statute 10-126(b), the contract between the Wolcott Board of Education and the Wolcott Education Association for the period of August 1, 2025 to July 31, 2026 was filed with the Town Clerk on December 3, 2025 and electronic, and is available for public inspection in the Town Clerk's Office.

Arren Anusack, MTC, MNC
Wolcott Town Clerk

At Your Service Directory

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Teen triplets pursue dream of representing Jamaica in ski racing at Winter Olympics

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BEAVER CREEK, Colo. — On a snowy afternoon, following a day of watching top-level ski racing, the teenage triplets took a moment to relax on a couch next to a roaring fire near the slopes at Beaver Creek.

A rare chance to just do nothing.

It's been a whirlwind winter for Helaina, Henri IV and Hennyah Rivers in their quest to represent their mother's country of Jamaica, a nation associated more for sprinting than skiing, at the Winter Olympics next month.

Their dream was put in motion long ago by their father, who, appropriately enough, was born in a neighborhood known as

Jamaica in Queens, New York. It's a dream that comes with significance, too: As Black ski racers in a predominantly white sport, the triplets see making this team as a way to open doors for more racers of color to follow in their tracks.

The 18-year-olds born minutes apart in Brooklyn have been all over the globe competing in



The Rivers family, from left, Henri, Hennyah, Henri IV, Helaina and Karen Rivers pose for a photo Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2025 in Beaver Creek, Colo.

lower-tier races in an effort to qualify for the technical events, slalom and giant slalom. Henri already has a spot, in the slalom, and his sisters are close. The deadline is Jan. 18.

"It would just be groundbreaking for three 18-year-old Black triplets to represent Jamaica, a non-snow sport country, on the global stage," Helaina said. "I think about that every time I go to bed."

A skiing family
The seeds of this quest were planted decades ago, when their dad, Henri, found a pair of boots and wooden skis as a kid in the attic of a resort his parents operated.

He tried them on. A perfect fit. He tried them out. It ignited a lifelong passion.

"Skiing," he said, "gives you the power of freedom."

He converted his wife, Karen, to skiing. She preferred the sun and the sand after growing up on the beaches of Jamaica before moving to New York with her family as a kid.

"He said, 'Six months out of the year I'm following snow. So either you're going to take it up and enjoy it or I'll see you when I get back,'" Karen laughed.

Helaina was born at 9:58 a.m. on Aug. 24, 2007. Henri arrived at 9:59 a.m. and Hennyah followed at 10.

They're close. Very close. The siblings were on skis around 18 months old, learning the basics on the slopes near their home in Windham, New York. They went to ski academies for high school, Helaina and Hennyah to the Holderness School in New Hampshire and Henri to Stratton Mountain School in Vermont.

It's been an expensive endeavor to get here, on the cusp of the Olympics. A recent training block from July to December cost the family roughly \$80,000.

They rely on the generosity of friends for places to stay and support from the Jamaica Ski Federation. They also receive contributions from National Brotherhood of Snowsports (NBS), an organization that assists athletes of color in winter sports and counts Henri as president.

"In my heart, I believe (the triplets) are going to be a huge catalyst in opening up the sport for Black athletes," he said.

Olympic qualifying

The trio have been competing in entry-league FIS races and national junior races, not on the World Cup circuit with, say, Mikaela Shiffrin. To earn a spot, a ski racer must accrue points to lower their ranking. The simplest way to do that is through top finishes.

First to qualify was Henri, who met the criteria after a race in Dubai. To celebrate, he had a rare Coke.

Helaina and Hennyah are knocking on the door. The plan is to race up until the deadline but the mission doesn't stop with Italy. They're in this for the long run, setting their sights for the 2030 Games in the French Alps and the 2034 Games in Utah.

The triplets hear all the time how their story compares to the 1993

Disney movie "Cool Runnings," which is based loosely on the Jamaican bobsled team at the 1988 Games.

"This," Henri said, "will be just like 'Cool Runnings' — but bigger."

The National Ski Areas Association published an updated demographic survey in November 2024 reflecting that 1% of guests at U.S. resorts surveyed identified their race as Black.

"I want to show that people in winter sports, it doesn't have any color," Henri said. "This gives us the opportunity to show that we can thrive in winter sports."

Close bonds
The triplets share more than a love of ski racing. When Henri joined Scouting America, his sisters soon joined, too. All three recently made the rank of Eagle Scout. They started a YouTube channel to document their journey.

Each sibling's best quality? Each weighed in:

— Helaina on Henri: "His humor."

— Henri on Hennyah: "By far the biggest emergency-builder I've seen."

— Hennyah on Helaina: "She always makes sure we're OK before herself."

They have their individual interests, too.

Hennyah likes to meditate. She's also taken up running. Helaina is certified in scuba diving and enjoys cooking. Her most requested dish? Blueberry banana pancakes.

For Henri, it's sports — particularly basketball — and video games. His favorite is NBA 2K.

The triplets appreciate the devotion of mom and dad. This season alone, they've taken trips to Argentina, Belgium, Dubai and all around the U.S.

"We've grown up with our parents coaching us, with our parents guiding us and our parents helping push us in a way that we never get tired of the sport," Helaina said. "They're very supportive."

Should all three make the Olympics, it would take coordination to see them all race. Henri's events are in Bormio, while his sisters would compete in Cortina, which is a five-hour drive in the best of conditions. They will find a way to make it work. They always have.

"It's just really great," Helaina said, "that we get to do this whole journey, together."

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Dated: January 1, 2026
Jillian Wood Reviczky
Democratic Town Committee Chair

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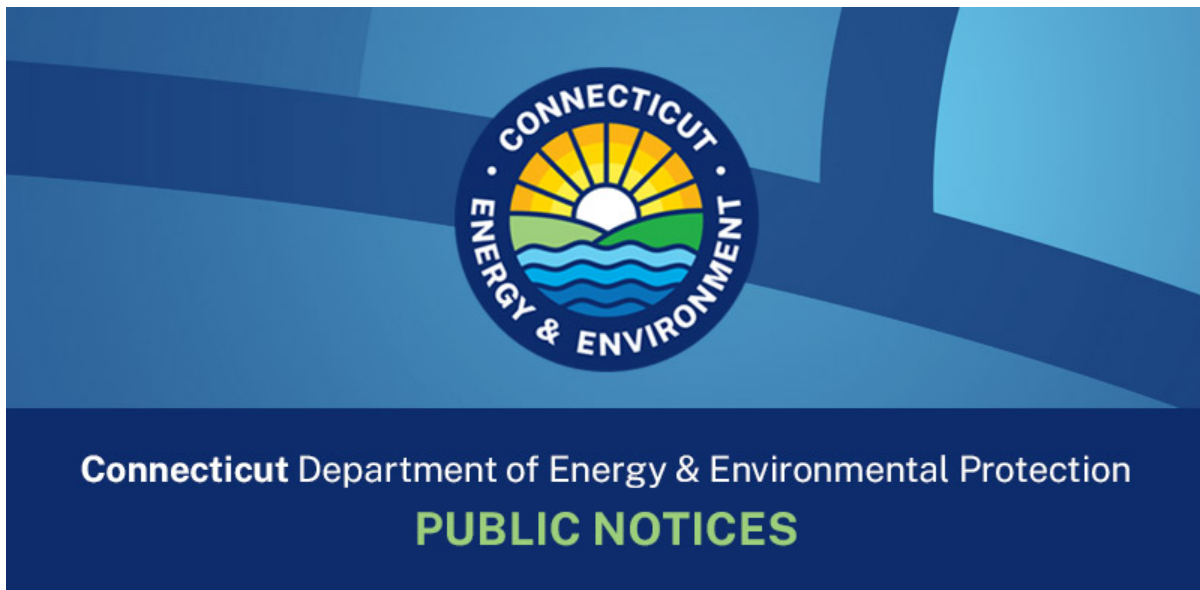
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From: [DEEP Webmaster](#)

Subject: Notice of Public Hearing - CWF FY26-27 Priority List

Date: Wednesday, January 7, 2026 5:30:37 AM



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Municipal Wastewater Updates Notice of Public Hearing

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EXHIBIT 10: REMINDER NOTIFICATION FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING VIA THE CAMPAIGN MONITOR

From: [DEEP Webmaster](#)
Subject: CWF FY26-27 Priority List Public Hearing
Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 7:43:35 AM



Connecticut **Department of Energy and Environmental Protection**

Municipal Wastewater Updates

REMINDER

Public Hearing for the Clean Water Fund Priority List - Fiscal Year 2026 and 2027

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) will hold a virtual public informational hearing to collect comments on the draft fiscal year 2026 and 2027 [Priority List](#) for the Clean Water Fund program on February 5, 2026, at 10:30 am via Zoom.

Members of the public must register for the hearing by sending a request to DEEP.CWF@ct.gov by the deadline of **February 4, 2026.** A reply email will be sent to all persons registered for the hearing with a virtual meeting invitation and instructions.

Any persons who wish to make oral comments at the hearing are asked to register by sending an email to DEEP.CWF@ct.gov.

Virtual hearing process:

The public informational hearing will be conducted through Zoom, an online internet meeting platform. This hearing will be moderated and will begin with a brief presentation from DEEP's Municipal Wastewater Program, followed by the oral

statements from members of the public in the order in which they registered for the hearing. The hearing will close after the last person registered has completed their statement. After the close of the hearing, the Department will consider all oral statements provided at the hearing and all written comments submitted by the close of the public comment deadline.

Written comments may be submitted at any time **by electronic mail**

to DEEP.CWF@ct.gov on or before the

deadline of February 27, 2026. All written comments submitted prior to the hearing will be acknowledged during the virtual hearing proceedings. *If written comments are submitted or will be submitted by February 27, 2026, there is no requirement to make an oral statement at the hearing* as written comments submitted by the deadline will be considered equivalent to an oral statement provided at the hearing.

Please add the link to the Notice of Public Hearing and the Draft FY26-27 Priority List at the end of this message - I added them below. I also made the PL link in the first paragraph which should also link to the actual document posted on our webpage.

Notice of Public Hearing

**DEEP CWF FY26-27 Draft Priority
List**

79 Elm Street Partial Reopening

DEEP headquarters at 79 Elm Street in Hartford has partially re-opened to staff and members of the public as of Tuesday, February 3. The DEEP records room has re-opened. The DEEP Central Permit Processing Unit (CPPU) will be open to the public starting on Wednesday, Feb. 4.

In-person meetings scheduled at 79 Elm Street may be impacted until we are able to fully return to the office. Please contact the meeting organizer directly for additional information.

We continue to be able to receive documents via U.S. Mail or courier service, though staff may have delayed access to incoming mail, including hard-copy applications submitted to the Central Permit Processing Unit (CPPU), so our response time may be slightly delayed over the next few weeks. If you have a document that is time sensitive please reach out to the project engineer or one of the relevant contacts below:

- Wastewater Treatment Operator Certification - craig.motasky@ct.gov
- NPDES Permits - DEEP.MunicipalNPDES@ct.gov
- SRTK / Bypass Reporting - DEEP.SRTK@ct.gov
- E-MORs & E-NARs - DEEP.WPCF@ct.gov
- Nitrogen Program - DEEP.Nitrogen@ct.gov

- CWF Assistance - DEEP.CWF@ct.gov
- Submission of CWF Applications - DEEP.AdminCWF@ct.gov
- General Questions - Ivonne.Hall@ct.gov

We apologize for any inconvenience. We will send another email once Municipal Wastewater staff have returned to the office.

**79 Elm Street Closure /
Reopening Updates**

SRTK QALERT TIPS

If you have been contacted to provide additional information on a report, please do so IMMEDIATELY as we are trying to finish the report due to the legislature ASAP.

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- Contact DEEP.SRTK@ct.gov to reset your password
- USER NAMES AND PASSWORDS SHOULD NEVER BE SHARED!
- **Please change your service requests (reports) to a 5 Day report before closing.** This will save staff from reopening and sending it back to you to close.
- Remember to SAVE and then CLOSE your reports when you are done!

See the 2025 QAlert Tips button below for a tip sheet to assist you when using the QAlert system.

2025 QAlert Tips

QAlert Reporting Flow Chart

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Subject: CTDEEP Notice of Public Hearing

**EXHIBIT 11: CONNECTICUT WATER
ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION
(CTWEA) REMINDER OF THE PUBLIC
HEARING**



CTDEEP Notice of Public Hearing

Clean Water Fund Priority List - Fiscal Year 2026/2027

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) will hold a hearing to collect comments on the draft fiscal year 2026 and 2027 Priority List for the Clean Water Fund program on February 5, 2026, at 10:30am.

Please use the links below to access the official Notice of Public Hearing and the Draft FY26-27 Priority List. Please note the deadline of **February 4th, 2026** to register.

Virtual hearing process:

The hearing will be conducted through Zoom. In addition, written comment may be submitted at any time until the date of the hearing. **All written comments shall be submitted by electronic mail to DEEP.CWF@ct.gov on or before February 27, 2026.** All written comments submitted prior to the hearing will be acknowledged at the hearing. **If written comments are submitted or to be submitted by February 27, 2026, there is no requirement to make an oral statement at the hearing** as written comments submitted by the deadline will be considered equivalent to an oral statement provided at the hearing.

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Notice of Public Hearing

**DEEP CWF FY26-27
Draft Priority List**

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FY 2026-2027 Priority List Public Hearing Attendance List

1. Frederick A. Mueller, *Vice President, Tighe & Bond*
2. Vanessa McPherson, *Arcadis*
3. Lisa Muscanell-DePaola, P.E., *Lead Engineer, Wright-Pierce*
4. Kenneth O'Hara, *Vice President, C.H. Nickerson*
5. John Jolls, *Engineer, Weston & Sampson*
6. Mike G. Papa, *Artscape Organic Care, LLC*
7. Benjamin Levin, P.E., *Associate Vice President and Connecticut Operations Manager, Hazen and Sawyer*
8. Leilani Dalpe, *Grant Administrator, Tighe & Bond*
9. Maureen Crowley, *Project Manager, AECOM*
10. Mike Ruef, *Chief Operator, Coventry Wastewater Treatment Plant*
11. Ralph Kolb, P.E., *Sr. Environmental Engineer, Norwalk Water Pollution Control Authority*
12. Christine Pacelli, EIT, CCM, *Wastewater Systems Manager, Norwalk Water Pollution Control Authority*
13. Audrey Karl, *CDM Smith*
14. Jay Kulowiec, P.E., *Industrial/Wastewater Consultancy, LLC, Old Saybrook*
15. Nick Stevens, P.E., *Greater New Haven Water Pollution Control Authority*
16. Tom Sgroi, P.E., *Director of Engineering, Greater New Haven Water Pollution Control Authority*
17. Frank Russo, *Chief Operator, Meriden Water Pollution Control Facility*
18. Michael Silano, *EPA Region 1*

19. Nisha Patel, *Director, Water Planning & Management Division, CT DEEP*
20. Stacy Pappano, *Supervising Environmental Engineer, Water Planning & Management Division, CT DEEP*
21. Syed Bokhari, *Environmental Engineer II, Water Planning & Management Division, CT DEEP*
22. Karriem Kazu Folger, *Environmental Engineer II, Water Planning & Management Division, CT DEEP*
23. Graham J. Stevens, *Bureau Chief, Bureau of Water Protection & Land Reuse, CT DEEP*
24. Ivonne Hall, *Assistant Director, Water Planning & Management Division, CT DEEP*
25. Carlos Esguerra, *Supervising Environmental Engineer, Water Planning & Management Division, CT DEEP*
26. Ann Straut, *Environmental Engineer III, Water Planning & Management Division, CT DEEP*
27. Catharine Chu, *Environmental Engineer III, Water Planning & Management Division, CT DEEP*
28. Christopher Falk, *Environmental Engineer II, Water Planning & Management Division, CT DEEP*
29. Anthony Poon, *Environmental Engineer II, Water Planning & Management Division, CT DEEP*
30. Jueda Shytko, *Environmental Engineer II, Water Planning & Management Division, CT DEEP*
31. Craig Motasky, *Environmental Analyst III, Water Planning & Management Division, CT DEEP*
32. Iliana Raffa, *Environmental Analyst III, Water Planning & Management Division, CT DEEP*
33. Christopher Chaber, *Environmental Analyst II, Water Planning & Management Division, CT DEEP*
34. Nana Adjei, *Environmental Analyst II, Water Planning & Management Division, CT DEEP*
35. Kymberly Cianci, *Fiscal Administrative Manager I, Bureau of Central Services, CT DEEP*
36. Robert Chandler, *Accountant, Bureau of Central Services, CT DEEP*
37. Julie Wilson, *Chief of Fiscal Administrative Services, Bureau of Central Services, CT DEEP*
38. Lee Rogers, *Associate Accountant, Bureau of Central Services, CT DEEP*
39. Kimberly Forbes, *Associate Accountant, Bureau of Central Services, CT DEEP*
40. Vincenzo Gagliardi, *Accountant, Bureau of Central Services, CT DEEP*
41. Bonny Dugay, *Fiscal Administrative Assistant, Bureau of Central Services, CT DEEP*
42. Phillip Giguere, *Fiscal Administrative Assistant, Bureau of Central Services, CT DEEP*



**CLEAN WATER FUND
DRAFT FY2026/2027 PRIORITY LIST
PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING
10:30 AM, FEBRUARY 5, 2026, VIA ZOOM**

HEARING PROCEDURE

This hearing is for informational purposes. It is not intended for a debate or as a question-and-answer session.

All testimony and comments received during this process will be addressed formally through the adoption of a hearing examiners report and the finalization of the FY26-27 Priority List.

Hearing Etiquette Rules:

Please keep your microphones on mute unless called upon to do so.

Please rename yourself to show name and affiliation.

Please only use the chat function to identify yourself to provide testimony.

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Anyone who becomes distributive will be removed.

PUBLIC HEARING - OUTLINE

- 1. Hearing Procedures and Instructions**
- 2. Introductions by Hearing Examiner Stacy Pappano**
- 3. Introduction of Exhibits**
- 4. Sources of funding by Assistant Director Ivonne Hall**
- 5. Project prioritization: categories, fundable construction list, reserves; and supplementals**
- 6. Written testimony received to date**
- 7. Introduction of oral testimony (registered speakers)**
- 8. Closing**

INTRODUCTIONS

Draft FY26-27 Priority List

Municipal Wastewater Program

- ❖ Ivonne Hall, Assistant Director**
- ❖ Stacy Pappano, Supervising Environmental Engineer**
- ❖ Karriem Kazu Folger, Environmental Engineer II**
- ❖ Syed Bokhari, Environmental Engineer II**

EXHIBITS

- 1. Call for Projects Memorandum**
- 2. Call for Projects Request Form with EPA Green Reserve Crosswalk Table**
- 3. Call for Projects sent out via Campaign Monitor, availability on DEEP's website**
- 4. Memorandum of the availability of the Draft FY26-27 Priority List**
- 5. Draft FY26-27 Priority List**
- 6. Public Notice and draft FY26-27 Priority List posted on DEEP's Municipal Wastewater webpage**
- 7. Public Notice publication, newspapers and affidavits**
- 8. Public Notice posted on DEEP's dedicated Public Notice webpage**
- 9. Public Notice and draft FY26-27 Priority List sent out via Campaign Monitor**
- 10. Reminder notification for the Public Hearing via the Campaign Monitor**
- 11. CTWEA Reminder Announcement of the Public Hearing**
- 12. Written comment**

CWF SOURCES OF MONEY – FY26/27 PRIORITY LIST

FY26 EPA CWF grants = \$52.1 M

- Base Capitalization grant \$19.4 M
- IIJA Supplemental grant \$30.2 M
- IIJA Emerging Contaminants \$2.61 M

FY26 EPA Non-CWF OSG (Stormwater & Sewer Overflows) \$0.87 M

State Bonding: FY26 = \$130 M, FY27 = \$620 M

- General Obligation Bonds (grants): \$130 M FY26; \$170 M FY27
- State Revenue Bonds (loans): \$450 M FY27

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT (IIJA)

IIJA is discussed in Section 4 of the Draft Priority List

- Provides additional grants for municipal wastewater projects annually through State Fiscal Year 2027.
- Additional IIJA funding available: IIJA CWSRF General Supplemental Grant & IIJA Emerging Contaminants Grant
- IIJA also reauthorized the existing non-CWF Sewer Overflow & Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grant (OSG) program through State Fiscal Year 2027.
- The most significant IIJA requirement is that federal funding must comply with the Build America, Buy America (BABA) Act, which bolsters the current American Iron & Steel (AIS) requirements
 - Unlike AIS, BABA is not required for all CWF projects, only those funded with federal dollars

IIJA CWSRF GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT

IIJA CWSRF General Supplemental Grant:

- In Connecticut, IIJA CWSRF General Supplemental Grant recipients must be a municipality(ies) listed as a distressed community by the Department of Community and Economic Development.
- CT DEEP has targeted the removal of sewer overflows (i.e. untreated discharges of sewage) as a priority to address the health and environmental impacts of such overflows to Long Island Sound, which occur either directly or indirectly through inland waters.

The Norwich WPCF Upgrade has been selected to receive the State FY26 and FY27 IIJA CWSRF General Supplemental Grants.

- At this time, the Norwich WPCF Upgrade is meeting all equivalency requirements, including BABA, for federal funding received for this Priority List funding cycle.
- Norwich meets distressed community criteria per the Department of Economic and Community Development.
- The Norwich WPCF Upgrade will reduce sanitary sewer overflows and reduce nitrogen ultimately discharged to Long Island Sound.

IIJA EMERGING CONTAMINANTS (EC) GRANT

- CT's IIJA Emerging Contaminants (EC) Workplan was approved by EPA in 2024 for use of EC grant funds awarded, beginning in State FY23.
- The State FY26 EC grant award was \$2.6 M, and the State FY27 EC grant award is to be determined.
- The EC grant funds are funding a pilot project for PFAS removal technologies at the Hartford landfill.
- The Hartford landfill PFAS pilot project is the only project proposal received for both the FY24/25 and FY26/27 Priority Lists involving PFAS removal or any other Emerging Contaminant.
- Federal EC grant funds are earmarked to address ECs with unique and distinct eligibility requirements.



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NON-CWF SEWER OVERFLOW & STORMWATER REUSE MUNICIPAL GRANT (OSG)

The EPA OSG program is offered separately from the CWSRF.

The OSG grant provides funding for critical stormwater infrastructure projects to eligible entities with projects that address infrastructure needs related to mitigation and/or removal of CSOs and SSOs and to improve stormwater management.

- Eligible projects can be located on private or public property to address municipal combined sewer overflows, sanitary sewer overflows, or stormwater and any other measures to manage, reduce, treat, or recapture stormwater or subsurface drainage water.
- Priority must be given to funding projects in communities in distressed areas that have a long-term municipal CSO or SSO control plan and are listed on this Priority List as construction-ready or eligible under a reserve category

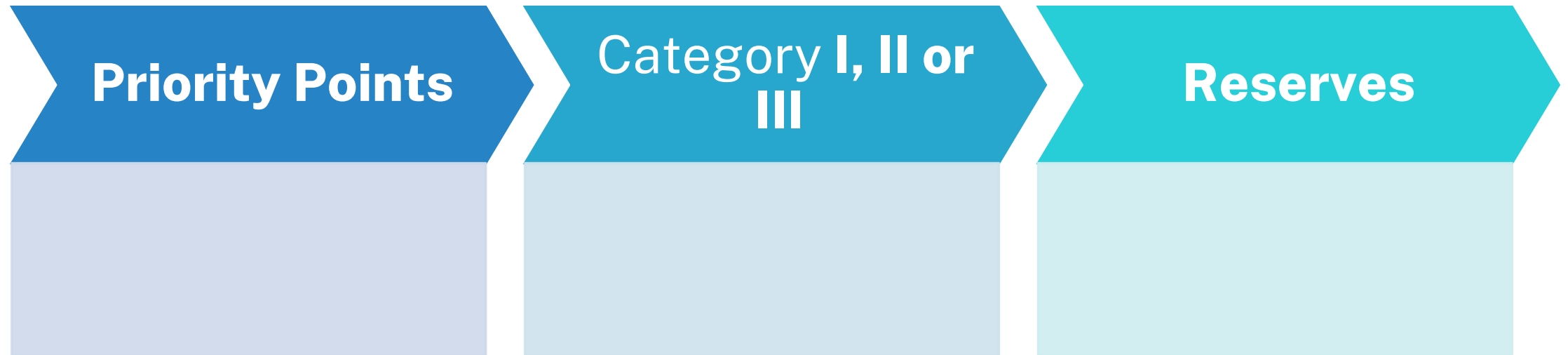
The State FY26 and FY27 OSG grants will fund private property work as part of the North Hartford Pilot Project to alleviate basement backups.

The State FY26 OSG grant award was \$0.87 M, and the FY27 OSG grant award is to be determined.

DEVELOPING THE FY26/27 CLEAN WATER FUND PRIORITY LIST

- ✓ Call for projects in November 2024 \$2.4 B in needs submitted
- 📊 Assess readiness to proceed to construction \$891 M in new needs assessed as construction-ready projects
- 💰 Determine fundable projects with consideration of available funds (State Capital Budget)
- Prepare draft PL document
- **Public notice of public hearing** **Public comment period ends 2/27/26**
- 👤 **Public hearing by DEEP (virtual)** **2/5/26 via Zoom**
- 🎧 Prepare hearing examiner's report
- 🧠 DEEP Commissioner approval

HOW DO CWF PROJECTS GET FUNDED?



CATEGORIES

Category I

Project was fundable on the previous priority list
CWF application submitted to DEEP during previous funding period
CWF agreement has not been executed

Category II

Portion of a construction project has been CWF funded
Project is not usable or severely restricted in use until project is completed

Category III

Project will remedy documented pollution of a drinking water supply

CATEGORY 1 – FUNDABLE CONSTRUCTION

CWF	Municipality	NPDES Permit	Project	Cost (\$M)
734	Bridgeport	CT0100056	West Side WPCF Upgrade- Phase 1	\$30
758	Norwich	CT0100412	South Thames Street Force Main	\$5.6
Total:				\$35.6

FY26/27 PROPOSED FUNDABLE CONSTRUCTION

Fundable Construction for FY26

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Priority Points</u>	<u>Estimate (\$M)</u>
Bridgeport	West Side WWTP - Phase 2 Improvements (Year 1)	53	\$125
MDC	CSO Sewer Separation contracts	26	\$10.9
			\$135.9

Fundable Construction for FY27

Bridgeport	West Side WWTP - Phase 2 Improvements (Year 2)	53	\$125
Derby	WWTP Upgrade with Nutrient Removal	39	\$60
New Haven	ESWPAF Upgrade - Wet Weather Treatment and Odor Control	35	\$82
MDC	Windsor St Sewer Separation Phase 3 (NHPP)	26	\$25
MDC	Granby 7 Sewer Separation Project (NHPP)	26	\$14
City of Hartford	North Main Street Separation Project	18	\$7.0

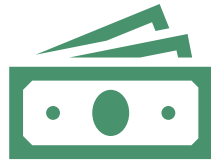
\$313.0

** NHPP = North Hartford Pilot Project

SET-ASIDES AND RESERVES



First come, first served



Funding not based upon priority points



With few exceptions, available to all towns



Categories change over time (add/delete)

FY26/27 PROPOSED SET ASIDE RESERVES

Proposed Reserves	Cost (\$M)	
Planning	\$25	
Design	\$25	
Cost Increase	\$30	
CSO Sewer – I/I Rehab	\$68	
Non-CSO Sewer – I/I Rehab	\$28	
Sewer Rehab	\$44	
Green/Resiliency*	\$95	
Small Community	\$132	
Pump Station Rehab	\$42	
New Pump Station	\$10	
TOTALS: \$499 M		

- ✓ Increasing planning reserves to address cybersecurity planning, implementation of upcoming PFAS General Permit, and sludge management planning.
- ✓ Increasing funding requests for green and resiliency projects. New reserve dedicated to pump station resiliency which address flood mitigation and climate resiliency.
- ✓ Many requests to assist with pump station projects. Proposing two reserve categories to address needs; useful life upgrades and new infrastructure.

SET ASIDES AND RESERVES

Cost Increases - \$30 Million

- First-come first-serve basis

Planning (engineering studies) - \$25 Million

- 55% grant; first-come first-serve basis

Design - \$25 million

- Grant and Loan, first-come first-serve basis

SET ASIDES AND RESERVES

Construction of Non-CSO Infiltration and Inflow Rehabilitation - \$28 Million

- 20% grant, 80% Loan

Construction of CSO Infiltration and Inflow Rehabilitation - \$68 Million

- Up to 50% grant , 50% Loan
- 4 CSO Communities : Bridgeport, Hartford, New Haven, Norwich

SET ASIDES AND RESERVES

Construction of Green Components - \$25 Million

- Non CSO Community 20 % Grant., 80% Loan, CSO Community 50% Grant, 50% Loan
- EPA Green Project Reserve Crosswalk Table

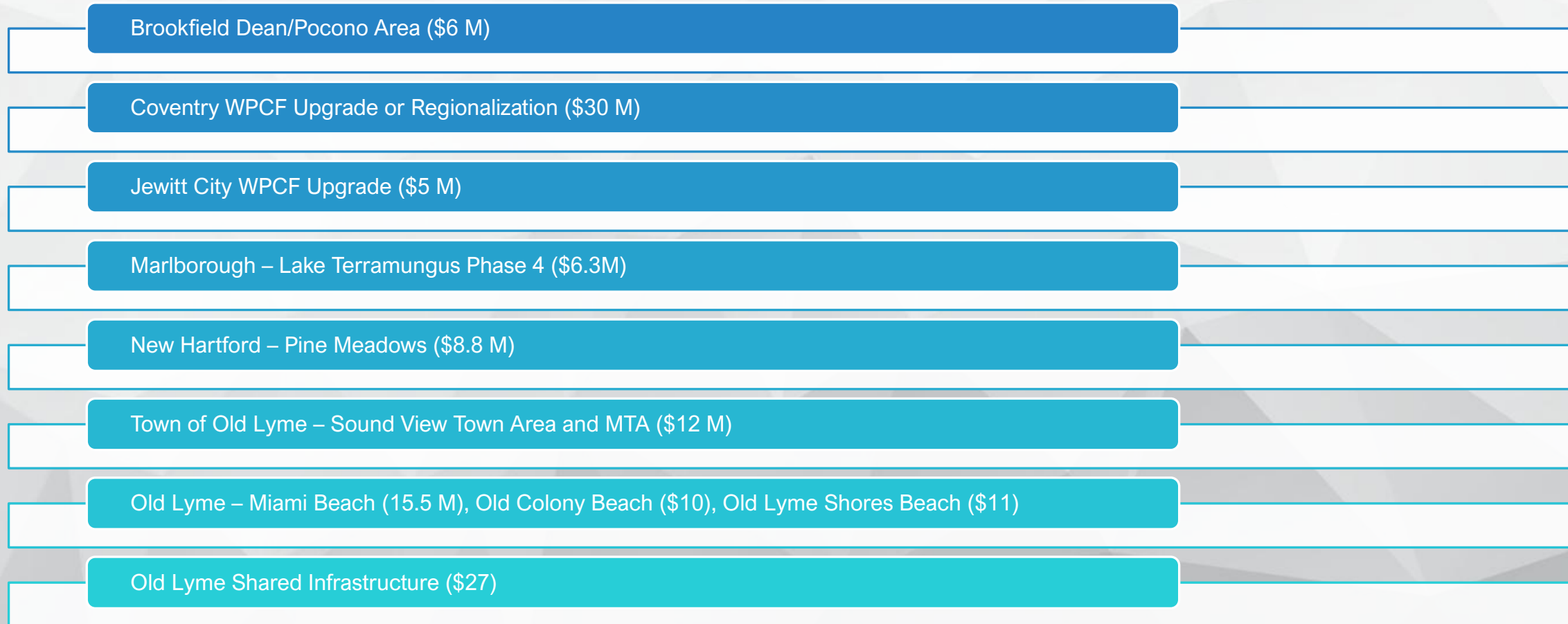
Construction of Resiliency Projects - \$70 Million

- 20% Grant , 80% Loan
- Wastewater Pump Station Infrastructure Projects (\$53 M)
- Wastewater Infrastructure Projects (\$17 M)

SET ASIDE AND RESERVES

SMALL COMMUNITY

(25% GRANT, 75% LOAN) TOTAL \$132 M



SET ASIDES AND RESERVES

Collection System Improvement Projects - \$ 44 Million

- Loan Only

Construction of Pump Station Rehabilitation - \$ 42 Million

- Loan Only

SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT FUNDING

IIJA CWSRF (\$30.1 M)

- Norwich WPCF Upgrade

IIJA EC (\$2.61 M)

- Hartford Landfill Pilot Project

OSG (\$0.87 M)

- North Hartford Pilot Projects

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

- **Sid Holbrook - Westbrook**

ORAL TESTIMONY

Registered speakers

Order of testimony:

- Members of the State Legislature**
- Professional Organizations**
- Municipal CEOs**
- Other Municipal Officials**
- Consultants**
- Members of the Public**

CLOSING

Written comment period ends February 27, 2026

Submit to DEEP.CWF@ct.gov

Referenced Documents:

[FY 2026-2027 Draft Priority List](#)

[FY 2026-2027 Notice of Public Hearing](#)

[Green Project Reserve Crosswalk Table \(epa.gov\)](#)

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Webpage for these
documents



EXHIBIT 14: WRITTEN COMMENT FROM SID HOLBROOK

From: [Sid Holbrook](#)
To: [DEEP CWF](#)
Subject: CLEAN WATER FUND HEARING
Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 2:22:03 PM

I WOULD LIKE TO NOTIFY THE DEEP THAT I AM IN FAVOR OF THE TOWN OF WESTBROOK RECIEVING FUNDING AS SHOWN ON THE PRIORITY LIST

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Sincerely Yours,

Sid Holbrook



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EXHIBIT 15: WRITTEN COMMENT THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION (MDC)

February 24, 2026

Mr. Karriem Kazu Folger
Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse
Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
79 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106

Subject: Draft FY 26/27 CWF Priority List - Comments

The Metropolitan District (MDC) would like to first express our great appreciation of the overall funding identified for MDC within the Draft FY 26/27 CWF Priority List ("Priority List"). As detailed in our 2018 Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) Update/Integrated Plan (IP) submitted to CT DEEP in December 2018, and updated in various correspondences, submittals and approvals through 2025, the MDC is committed to continuing its progress to date on both Consent Order and Consent Decree related projects (Clean Water Project). That being said, the MDC would like to provide the following written testimony for the purposes of public comment relative to the Priority List:

- The MDC acknowledges that DEEP has a fundable 2026 construction project titled "CSO Separation Projects" funded at \$10.9M. The MDC included an additional request in the 2027 funding year with the same title funded at \$10.9M. The MDC requests the addition of this project to the 2027 funding year.
- The MDC acknowledges that DEEP has a fundable 2027 construction project titled "Granby Street Sewer Separation Project". The MDC's initial request for this project included the Granby Areas 7, 8 & 9. The District is requesting to amend this request to now be Granby Separation Areas 4, 7, and Area 11, which is a new outfall, with the postponement of Granby Areas 8 & 9. Additionally, the cost should be increased from \$14M to \$17.5M. These costs include the design and construction of Granby 7, as well as the anticipated design costs for Granby 4 & 11. As discussed in our December 2, 2025 Consent Order Modification Request, this schedule modification will provide CSO reductions as well as providing a more significant community benefit.

- The MDC requests to add the New North Branch Interceptor (NNBI) Relocation Phase 1 project to the Priority List. The MDC has recently decided to phase the NNBI Project, with the first phase including the downstream relocation/replacement of the NNBI, and the construction of the new CSO N-22 structure, now included in Phase 1 of the Integrated Plan. The design of this project was recently initiated and is expected to continue through the end of 2026, with the project ready for submission to CT DEEP in November or December of 2026 and a planned bid advertisement date of April 2027. The estimated construction cost for this project is \$12M and is expected to be completed in the Spring of 2028.

Again, the District thanks CT DEEP for the support received to date, and for the cooperative efforts by CT DEEP staff on the development, and subsequent revisions, of the LTCP Update/IP as well as generous funding for projects in our plan.

Sincerely,

The Metropolitan District



Susan Negrelli, PE

Director of Engineering

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**EXHIBIT 16: WRITTEN COMMENT
FROM NEW ENGLAND INTERSTATE
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL
COMMISSION
(NEIWPCC)**

February 26, 2026

Nisha Patel, P.E., Director
Water Planning and Management Division
Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse

Dear Ms. Patel:

NEIWPCC appreciates the opportunity to comment on CT DEEP's Clean Water Fund Priority List- Fiscal Year 2026 and 2027. Since its formation in 1947, NEIWPCC has been vital in providing leadership on water-related issues and providing support to our member states in a variety of areas, including training environmental professionals, scientific research, and public education and outreach. One example of NEIWPCC responding to our state's needs is our partnership with DEEP on the Hartford PFAS Project, described on pages 21-22 of the Priority List.

NEIWPCC requests the continued funding of this important project using the IIJA Emerging Contaminants Grant. This work not only benefits the Hartford Landfill and surrounding vulnerable community, but also provides important data and information that will aid in better management of resources and approaches to addressing PFAS throughout the state and region. This broad impact makes the work a cost-effective, optimal application of federal resources.

We look forward to our continued partnership with DEEP on the Hartford Landfill PFAS project and are proud to be in the position to support CT, and all of our member states, with this critical study. Please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Christina Stringer (cstringer@neiwpc.org) of my staff for further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Sullivan". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue rectangular background.

Susan Sullivan
Executive Director



EXHIBIT 17: WRITTEN COMMENTS FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

From: Marrese, Katherine <Marrese.Katie@epa.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2026 9:56 AM

To: Patel, Nisha <Nisha.Patel@ct.gov>; Hall, Ivonne <Ivonne.Hall@ct.gov>; Cianci, Kymberly <Kymberly.Cianci@ct.gov>; Masson, Kimberly <Kimberly.Masson@ct.gov>; Pappano, Stacy <Stacy.Pappano@ct.gov>; Esguerra, Carlos <Carlos.Esguerra@ct.gov>

Cc: Connors, Sarah <Connors.Sarah@epa.gov>; Stelmaszczyk, Patricia <Stelmaszczyk.Patricia@epa.gov>; Silano, Michael <silano.michael@epa.gov>; Garau, Carrie <Garau.Carrie@epa.gov>

Subject: CT CWSRF IUP and PPL

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Good Morning Everyone,

Our team has pulled together updates and changes for the IUP and PPL. We recognize that the most recent draft PPL is currently in the comment period and Michael and Carrie will provide a full review prior to your next check-in so questions can be discussed ahead of the comment end date. If you have any questions on the items below, I'm happy to

discuss them. The critical piece that we would like to work with you all on is making it more transparent which projects on the PPL are getting CWSRF funding. We understand that the state funding is the biggest driver for the Clean Water Fund program but the way that the current tables are set up it is challenging to identify how much of these projects are being funded by CWSRF. We look forward to working through that process with you and are available to help with the development.

Project Priority List:

- Update the dates and federal capitalization grants referenced in the most recent draft PPL to include the FFY2025 grants
- Include the NEIWPCC Emerging Contaminants (EC) project in the most recent draft PPL's comprehensive list
- In Section 1 – Authorizations – first paragraph, remove “Water Quality Act of 1987” and update to Title VI of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.
- In Section 1 – Authorizations, table on page 1, the IJJA EC grants must be included as available funds
- In Section 1 – Authorizations, under Program Administrative Costs on page 4, remove Section 35.2020(a) and replace it with 40 CFR 35.3120(g). The previous references the old construction grant program.
- In Section 3a – Priority Project Grant-Loan Program, remove 40 CFR 35.2015 and 35.2020 and replace it with 40 CFR 35.3150. The previous references the old construction grant program and not the CWSRF.

Intended Use Plan:

- Once the upcoming PPL is finalized, the past FFY25 IUP needs to be updated to reference the finalized version.
- IUP Section 2 subsection C IJJA, it states “The IJJA Emerging Contaminants Grant required a 0-20% sliding scale cost share for projects funding rural or financially distressed communities.” This is the cost share for the OSG program and not IJJA EC. There was no additional subsidy requirement for IJJA CWSRF EC funding other than providing 100% subsidy for the funding. Please update.
- IUP Section 2 Background, remove 2024 Consolidated Appropriations Act, as authorized by Public Law 118-42, and signed into law on March 8, 2024 and change it to [Public Law 119-4 2025 Consolidated Appropriations Act](#)
- IUP Section 2, section h – Community Grants Program – change Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2025 (P.L. 117-42) to [Public Law 118-122 2024 Consolidated Appropriations Act](#) because that is the Appropriations Act that named the 2024 CDS projects. There were no CDS projects in the 2025 Appropriations Act.

- IUP Section 7 Program Management, Assurances and Specific Proposals, missing 602(b) (5) - First Use for Enforceable Requirements and 602(b) (6) - Compliance with Title II Requirements

Thanks

Katie

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Subject: PPL Feedback & Approvals

Importance: High

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Good Morning Everyone,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Project Priority List. Our team has reviewed the document and have the following comments, in addition to those sent by Katie last week. We want to recognize and highlight the substantial improvements that have already been

made. The additional footnotes throughout the document are clear and informative, the embedded links are easy to access, and the added sections, such as 4c: Non-Clean Water Funds Grant and Table 2-Fundable Construction, provide clarifying details and important data points. We are glad to see these improvements and are excited to continue working on others.

The PPL document is more expansive than just including the priority ranking criteria and the projects that could be funded by the CWSRF. It includes additional narratives that we typically would see in the Intended Use Plan. We focused our comments on the federal requirements that need to be included in the PPL and only provided further comments if any corrections need to be made for accuracy of the CWSRF requirements.

Our feedback is organized into sections, first are required items that need to be updated in the PPL document, second are recommendations, third are questions we would like to follow up on, fourth is general feedback, and last are references and links to resources. We have already scheduled meetings during our on-site review in March to discuss the separate IUP and PPL documents and would like to continue to use our regular check-ins to work on the longer-term items. I would like to push our check-in to next week to provide folks time to review this information. You will see an updated meeting invite from me shortly.

The remaining concerns we have that are preventing approval of FFY25 grant draws are specific to the IIJA EC grant. We want to work through these concerns before approving draws on the FFY25 IIJA EC Grant. We do not have the same concerns for the Base and IIJA Supplemental Grants and are giving our **final IUP approval so that the state can start drawing on the FFY25 Base and IIJA Supplemental grants.**

Priority List Feedback

Required PPL Items:

1. Include the NEIWPCC Emerging Contaminants (EC) pilot project in the PPL's comprehensive list (i.e. Table 3). This will allow 2025 and/or future 2026 funding to go to the project (if needed) but, more importantly, this project was not included on any previous PPL so that is needed for the current NEIWPCC EC project to be compliant.
2. If NEIWPCC is coming in for additional funding for implementation from the pilot project, the additional implementation project needs to be on the PPL as its own project. This could also potentially be done with a separate PPL in the IUP. We would like to brainstorm with the state to see what the easiest course of action would be.
3. In section 1 Program Authorization and Objectives, subsection Program Administrative Costs, the Section 40 CFR 35.2020(a) reference is not related to CWSRF and should be 40 CFR 35.3110(g).
4. In section 3: Municipal Funding Programs, subsection Priority Ranking System, the 40 CFR part 35.2015 and 35.2020 references are for the old construction grants program and should be 40 CFR 35.3150 for CWSRF.
5. In section 4 Supplemental Funding for CWF Projects: Infrastructure Investment Jobs Act (IIJA) it is stated, *"the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF, aka Connecticut's Clean Water Fund)."* Our understanding is that the Clean Water Fund is inclusive of both the CWSRF AND state grant

funding and that those funds are kept in separate accounts under the umbrella of the Clean Water Fund. If that is the case, we recommend not using CWF and CWSRF interchangeably.

6. In Section 4 Supplemental Funding for CWF Project, the cost-share requirements for the CWSRF IIJA EC funds and OSG funds are not correct as written. There is no cost share requirement for the CWSRF IIJA EC grant as it is provided as 100% additional subsidy. The OSG has a 0%-20% sliding scale cost share for project subawards to rural or financially distressed communities.
7. The project priority list needs to identify certain pieces of key information. The current project priority list must include: the NPDES permit number or other applicable enforcement requirement; and if available; the type of financial assistance.

Recommended PPL Items:

1. We recommend editing the language in the Section 1 subsection titled Funding Levels Based Upon Project Type to say, “... *not more than 20 years or the useful life of the project.*” and Section 3c. Collection System Improvement Program to say “... *over 20 years or the useful life of the project.*”
2. We recommend adding an “effective date” or “as of date” to changes to the PPL ranking criteria. The CT Housing Partnership Program – Development Designation points are no longer available because the program was discontinued. An accompanying date so borrowers are aware that projects ranked prior to X date may still receive points based on this criterion could be helpful.
3. We recommend listing the projects based on priority points instead of alphabetically for Table 2 – Fundable Construction. If this is done for ease of recipients finding themselves on the PPL, some states provide both a ranked list and an alphabetical list.

General Feedback

CWSRF vs Non-CWSRF Funding

We need to clearly and consistently identify when CWSRF funds are being used and for what purposes. We recognize that at the time of the PPL it would be difficult to identify which projects would receive a specific amount of CWSRF funding. Once the IUP is developed in the late spring/early summer along with the grant applications, the projects receiving CWSRF funding and the amount of CWSRF funding needs to be identified in the IUP. We are happy to talk this process through in the coming months.

Carve Outs, Reserves, or Put-Asides

The CWSRF does not have set-asides, that is a feature exclusive to the DWSRF. The CWSRF has “*eligible uses of the funds*” which allow for technical assistance and program administration, but they are distinct and different from the concept of set-asides. When utilizing these “*eligible uses of the funds*”, we should have a breakdown of the uses and their cost estimates as well. This language is likely carryover from the initial CWSRF Guidance document from 1988. There was a transition period between the Construction Grants Program and the CWSRF where funds could be transferred from the Construction Grants Program to the CWSRF where the requirements overlapped. Set-asides and reserves were requirements with the Construction Grants Program.

Questions:

1. What is the difference between the Table 2 -Fundable Construction and the Table 3 – All

FY26/FY27 Requests?

- a. The newly added Table 2- Fundable Construction appears to be the funding line for this upcoming year, where projects below the line will have to wait for the next call for projects to receive assistance.
2. What are the “other specific management criteria” mentioned in Section 3a Priority Project Grant-Loan Program, paragraph 2?
3. In the section titled Fundable FY2026/2027 Construction Projects (Collection System Improvement Program), what is/are the source(s) of the \$96M loan funds available?

Resources

- 40 CFR 35.3150(a) Intended Use Plan (IUP) – Purpose. [\(Link\)](#)
- 33 USC 1383(k) Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Funds. [\(Link\)](#)
- 33 USC 1383(d)(7) Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Funds [\(Link\)](#)
- State Revolving Fund Equivalency Handbook [\(Link\)](#)
- SRF Fund Management Handbook [\(Link\)](#)
- Implementation of the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds Provisions of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law [\(Link\)](#)
- Interpretive Guidance for Certain Amendments in the Water Resources Reform and Development Act to Titles I, II, V, and VI of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act [\(Link\)](#)
- [PUBLIC LAW 118-15](#) “Continuing Appropriations Act, 2024 and Other Extensions Act.”
- [PUBLIC LAW 118-122](#) “Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024.”
- [PUBLIC LAW 118-22](#) “Further Continuing Appropriations and Other Extensions Act, 2024.”
- [PUBLIC LAW 119-4](#) “Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025.”
- [PUBLIC LAW 119-37](#) “Continuing Appropriations... and Extensions Act, 2026.”

Again, we appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on the PPL and recognize the tremendous effort that goes into the document and overall program. We look forward to our continued collaboration and seeing everyone in a couple of weeks!

From,
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**EXHIBIT 18: WRITTEN COMMENT
FROM THE CITY OF NORWALK**



**Norwalk Water
Pollution Control
Authority**

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February 27, 2026

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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DEEP.CWF@ct.gov

Subject: Draft FY2026-2027 Clean Water Fund Priority List

Dear Municipal Wastewater Division:

The Water Pollution Control Authority (“WPCA”) for the City of Norwalk (the “City”) has reviewed the Draft FY2026-2027 Clean Water Fund (“CWF”) Priority List and offers the following comment. The City respectfully requests that DEEP reconsider the points allocated to Norwalk’s Hubbells Lane Relief Sewer Project (the “Project”) and recategorize it as a fundable project for the FY2026-2027 CWF in accordance with the State’s prioritization of combined sewer overflow (“CSO”) abatement projects.

Combined Sewer Overflows

DEEP’s website¹ describes CSOs as “combined sewers that transport both wastewater (water and sewage that goes down the drain in homes and businesses) and stormwater (rain or snow that washes off streets and parking lots) in one pipe to a wastewater treatment plant.” DEEP further notes that CSOs “were purposefully designed in combined sewer systems to prevent back-ups of untreated wastewater into homes and businesses, flooding in streets, and bursting underground pipes during heavy rains.”

Wall Street Combined Sewer Overflow

In October 2020, during routine surveillance of the collection system, Norwalk discovered an unidentified and unmapped 54-inch outfall located at Wall Street in Norwalk. Norwalk promptly and diligently notified DEEP of the outfall, and following correspondence with the Agency, blocked approximately 75% of the outfall. The outfall is located north of the wastewater treatment plant in an area that receives significant flow from the northern portion of the City’s collection system (see map included as Attachment A). Of the known 70 catch basins connected to Norwalk’s sanitary sewer system, 33 are connected upstream of the Wall Street CSO outfall. City streets in these areas have limited to no storm drains, with most storm flow diverted to the sanitary sewer via one of these 33 catch basins. As such, the Wall Street outfall meets DEEP’s

¹ [Combined Sewer Overflows Right to Know](#)

definition of CSO, as it conveys both storm water and wastewater and was originally constructed in the 1880s as a “relief outfall” to the river to prevent back-ups and street flooding. Furthermore, upon additional investigation and study, the City’s calibrated hydraulic model, developed by Brown and Caldwell, demonstrates that the Wall Street CSO only activates during wet weather and starts to activate during a 2-year 24-hour storm event. This model further shows that Wall Street overflows are caused solely by wet weather events.

Norwalk now seeks to eliminate the Wall Street CSO in its entirety through implementation of the Hubbells Lane Relief Sewer Project, which, through the diversion of flow will enable the City to permanently eliminate the Wall Street CSO.

Hubbells Lane Relief Sewer Project and Water Quality Benefits

The Hubbells Lane Relief Sewer Project will reroute flows from the East Wall Street trunk sewer to the East Interceptor, via a Hubbells Lane Relief Sewer and increase approximately 600 feet of the East Interceptor from a 36-inch to 60-inch diameter sewer (see map included as Attachment B). Modeling shows that construction of the Project will have three primary benefits:

- (1) Permanently close the Wall Street CSO and eliminate the CSO from the City’s collection system;
- (2) Lower the hydraulic grade line in portions of the East Interceptor that have historically been prone to significant surcharge; and
- (3) Effectively mitigate significant surcharging and prevent manhole overflows up to the 25-year, 6-hour return frequency event.

Because the Project eliminates a CSO, the City believes that the Project Type as set forth in the Draft Priority List should be recategorized from “I/I- Non-CSO” to “CSO.” Similarly, the City believes that the Project is eligible for points in Criteria III(A)(1), Criteria III(B)(1), Criteria III(C)(1), and Criteria V.

The Hubbells Lane Relief Sewer Project is necessary for the furtherance of water quality goals in the Norwalk River and Long Island Sound because it will eliminate a CSO from the collection system and mitigate surcharges to the system in this area, which will have a significant positive effect on water quality. Similarly, by eliminating this CSO, the Project minimizes potential bacterial impacts to shellfish beds and enhances existing swimming and fishing opportunities by significantly improving overall water quality in these areas. The City has some of Connecticut’s largest oyster beds downstream of this area, and Norwalk’s beaches are an important recreational source for the City.

The Hubbells Lane Relief Sewer Project is estimated to cost approximately \$14.2 million. The Project is currently at 100% design and is expected to take approximately 730 days to complete once construction commences.

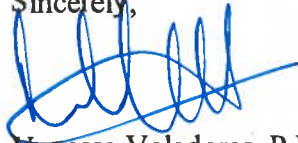
As demonstrated by the Hubbells Lane Relief Sewer project, the City is actively engaging in a CSO project to reduce flooding, surcharging, and chronic collection system backups. Based on the above factors, the City respectfully requests that DEEP review and revise the Priority List points allocation for the Hubbells Lane Sewer Relief Project to take into consideration these substantial benefits, including elimination of a CSO and significantly enhanced water quality.

points allocation for the Hubbells Lane Sewer Relief Project to take into consideration these substantial benefits, including elimination of a CSO and significantly enhanced water quality.

The City of Norwalk appreciates DEEP's ongoing commitment to allocate funding to municipalities and looks forward to continuing to partner with the Department to meet our shared goals of improving water quality in the Norwalk River and Long Island Sound.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at vvaladares@norwalkct.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Vanessa Valadares", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Vanessa Valadares, P.E.

Chief of Operations and Public Works

Copy: Ralph Kolb, P.E., WPCA (*via Electronic Mail*)
Christine Pacelli, WPCA (*via Electronic Mail*)

ATTACHMENT A



Sanitary Sewer Collection System

Norwalk CT

WILTON

Town of Wilton connects
to City of Norwalk Collection System

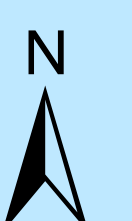
NEW CANAAN

WESTPORT

- Gravity Main**
- Main
 - Interceptor
 - Siphon
- Force Main**
- Sanitary Force Main
- Legend**
- Catch Basin Connected to Sanitary Sewer
 - Sanitary Sewer Pump Station
 - Wastewater Treatment Plant
 - Sanitary Manhole
 - Wall Street CSO Outfall
 - Collection System Upstream of Wall Street Discharge

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Map Date: 10/24/2024, SanitarySewerCollectionSystem2.mxd
Data Sources: Norwalk CT GIS, CT DEEP GIS, UConn MAGIC

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ATTACHMENT B

Attachment B
Norwalk Water Pollution Control Authority
Hubbells Lane Relief Sewer Layout

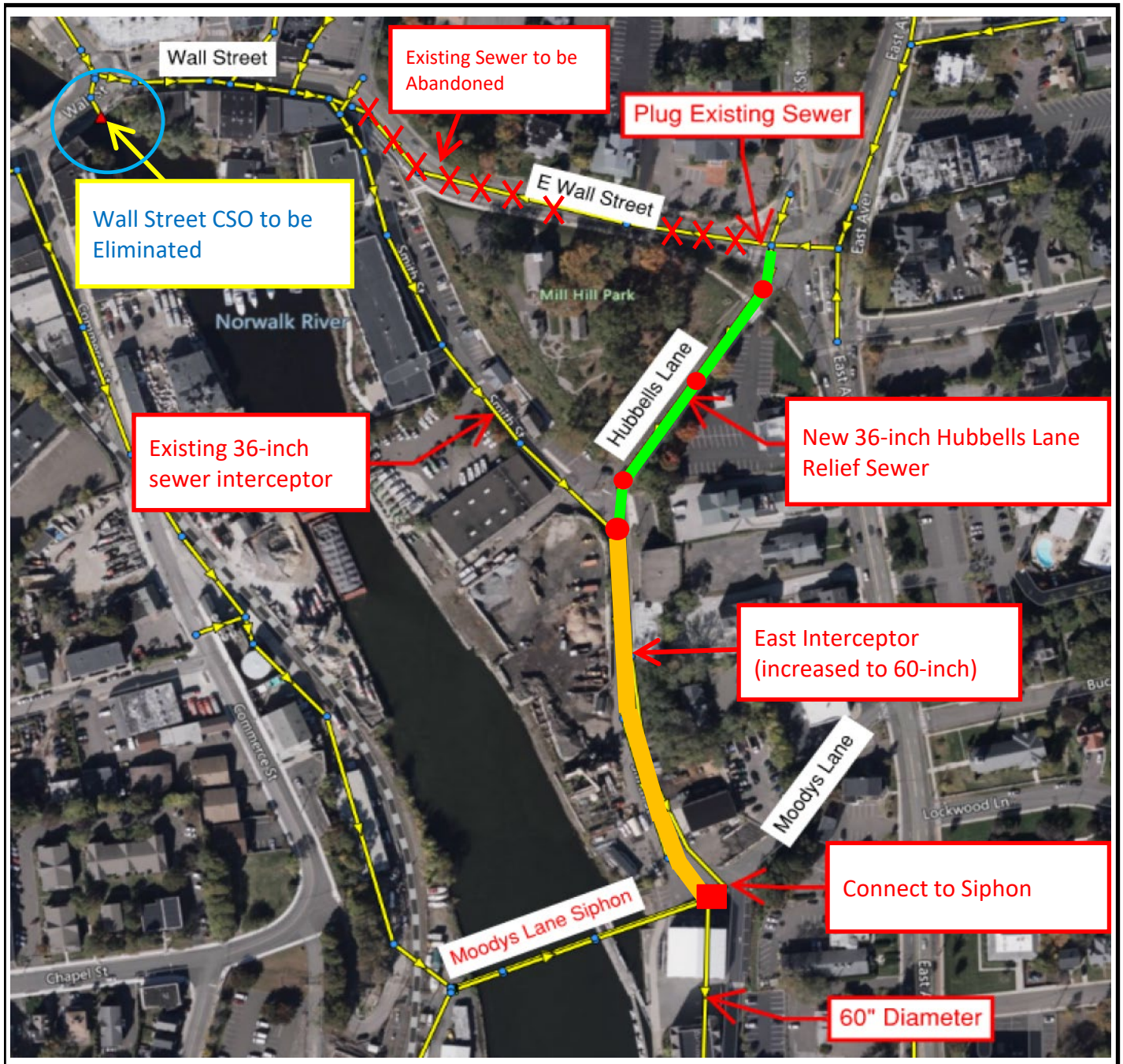


Exhibit 19: Written Comment from Tighe & Bond on behalf of the Town of Plainville

From: [Alan Wells](#)
To: [DEEP CWF](#);
Subject: FY26-27 Clean Water Fund Project Request Forms
Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026 11:04:01 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[FY26-27 Project Request Form - New Britain Ave Sewer_signed.pdf](#)
[FY26-27 Project Request Form-Journey Rd WWPS_signed.pdf](#)
[FY26-27 Project Request Form-WPCF_signed.pdf](#)

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Hello Syed,

Attached please find FY26-27 Clean Water Fund Project Request Forms submitted on behalf of the Town of Plainville. The Project Request Forms are for the following projects:

1. New Britain Ave. Sewer Replacement – Design
2. Journey Rd. WWPS Upgrade – Design
3. Water Pollution Control Facility Improvements – Design

Please confirm receipt and let us know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Alan J. Wells, PE

Senior Project Manager



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EXHIBIT 20: WRITTEN COMMENT FROM THE BERLIN WATER CONTROL COMMISSION

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Date: Monday, January 12, 2026 1:29:16 PM
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GOOD AFTERNOON PLEASE PROCESS THE FOLLOWING FOR THE NEXT PRIORITY LIST--- __THANKS----

Ray

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June 8, 2026

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City of Norwalk
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Subject: Draft FY2026-2027 Clean Water Fund Priority List – Hubbells Lane Relief Sewer

Dear Ms. Valadares:

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) has reviewed the City of Norwalk's comments submitted during the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026–2027 Draft Clean Water Fund (CWF) Priority List public comment period regarding the Hubbells Lane Relief Sewer Project.

The Hubbells Lane Relief Sewer project is currently eligible to receive a low-interest loan for 100% of the project cost under the Reserve for Construction of Collection System Improvements, which provides funding on a first-come, first-served basis. The City has requested that the project be recategorized as a combined sewer overflow (CSO) abatement project on the fundable list, which would provide a 50% grant and 50% loan under the Clean Water Fund Program.

CSO project classification is reserved for the four (4) eligible CSO communities (Bridgeport, Hartford, New Haven, Norwich) that operate documented combined sewer systems with NPDES permitted CSO outfalls and active or previously approved Long-Term Control Plans (LTCPs) intended to reduce or eliminate CSOs within the collection system. The four (4) eligible CSO communities also have obligations stated in their respective enforcement actions such as Consent Orders or LTCP requirements.

The City of Norwalk is not designated as an eligible CSO community because the City does not operate a combined sewer system and does not have an approved or current LTCP. According to the City's most recent NPDES permit renewal application received on October 2, 2025, Part VI, Section 7 states that 98.98% of the collection system is categorized as "separate sanitary sewer" and only 1.02% is "combined". This confirms that the system is overwhelmingly separate and does not meet the definition of a combined system in the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 22a-482-1(a)(9).

The City makes reference to the "Wall Street CSO outfall" in their comments, which conveys both stormwater and sanitary flow during wet weather events. However, this outfall is not documented in Norwalk's NPDES permit as a CSO outfall and is therefore not recognized by DEEP as a regulated CSO. Furthermore, the 33 catch basins upstream of the Wall Street outfall represent inflow or cross-connections, rather than a combined sewer system. As described on page 2 in the City's comments letter, one of the primary benefits of the project is to "effectively mitigate significant surcharging and prevent manhole overflows up to the 25-year, 6-hour return frequency event". Wet-weather surcharging and specifically, manhole overflows would be considered Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) within a separate sanitary sewer system, not CSOs. Though the wastewater treatment plant does have a wet-weather bypass (Outfall 002-1) included in their NPDES permit, that allows the discharge of primary treated and disinfected wastewater

during high wet-weather flows, this only represents a treatment plant wet-weather bypass, rather than a CSO outfall from a combined sewer system.

DEEP appreciates the City's efforts to address wet weather concerns within its collection system. However, after careful review, the Department concludes that the project does not meet the criteria for CSO abatement project classification, and the Hubbells Lane Relief Sewer project will remain eligible under the Reserve for Construction of Collection System Improvements in the FY 2026-2027 CWF Priority List. Projects under this Reserve set-aside are not scored under the Priority Point Ranking system, therefore, the scoring adjustment requested by the City under Criteria III(A)(1), III(B)(1), III(C)(1), and V is not applicable.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Syed Bokhari at (860) 424-3107 or syed.bokhari@ct.gov.

Sincerely,



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Water Planning and Management Division
Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse

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