

Notice of Public Hearing Clean Water Fund Priority List - Fiscal Year 2024 and 2025

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) will hold a hearing to collect comments on the draft fiscal year 2024 and 2025 Priority List (Priority List) for the Clean Water Fund program on February 7, 2024, at 1pm. 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 to meet Long Term Control Plan goals in our state's largest cities; nitrogen removal projects in order to meet the 2014 Total Maximum Daily Load for the Long Island Sound; and a phosphorus removal project in order to comply with new NPDES permit effluent limits. In addition, the draft Priority List includes funding for planning studies, engineering designs, small community projects, green infrastructure and climate resiliency, and collection system improvement projects.

New 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 on or before February 23, 2024. Due to the inability to collect written comments at the hearing, 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 23, 2024, 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 January 31, 2024**. 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 Zoom 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.

Dated: 12/21/2023

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