

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 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.

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.

Dated: December 22, 2025

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