



Public Information Meeting

Project No. 0108-0196

Construction of the Quinebaug River Trail
Plainfield, Connecticut

Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT)

April 9, 2026

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Entrance off South Walnut Street



View Looking Towards Trout Hatchery Road



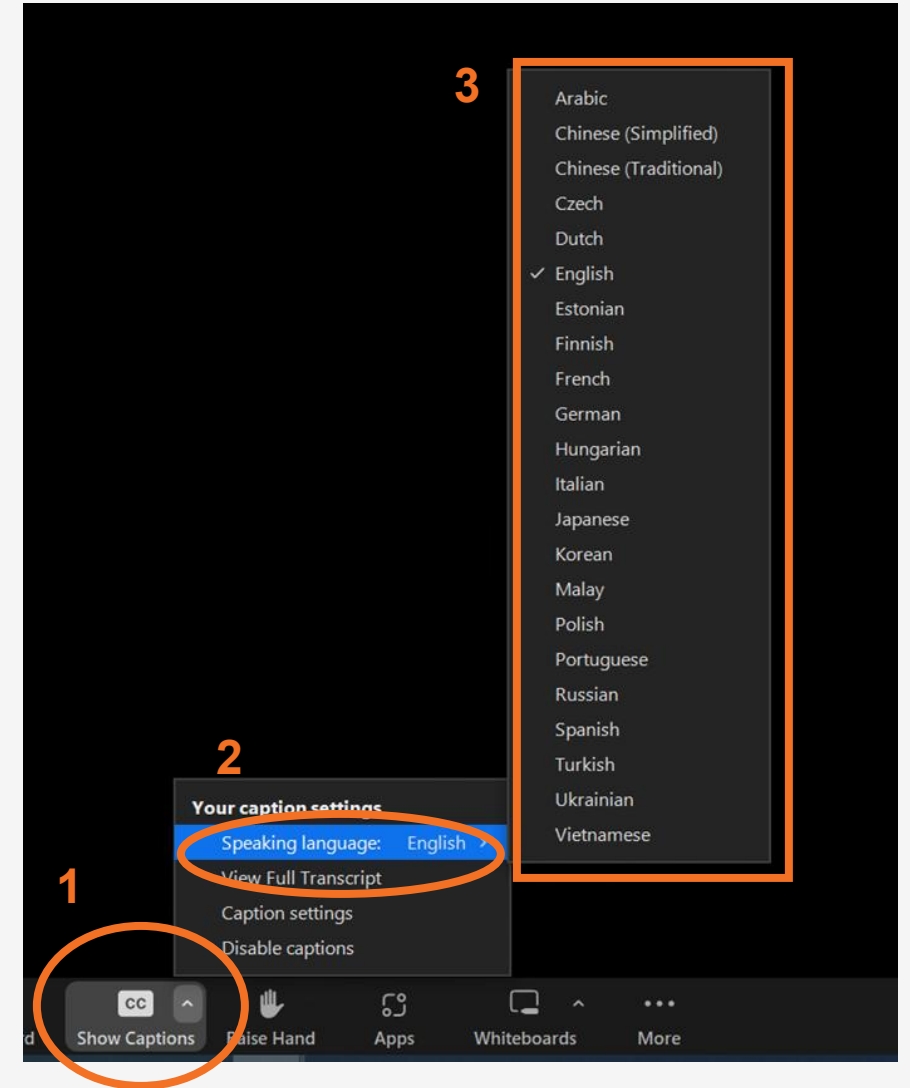
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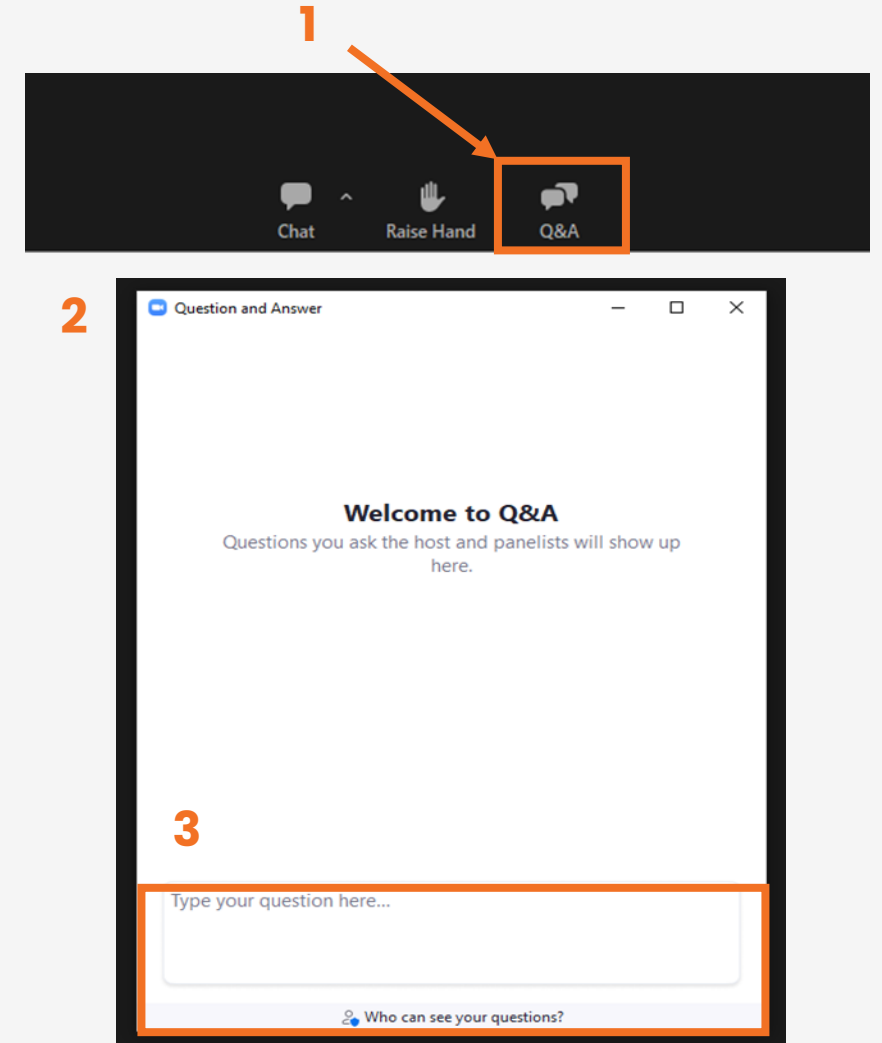
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Project Background

Plainfield Plan of Conservation & Development (2018) Goals

- Enhance opportunities for active recreation
- Develop multi-purpose trail system
- Coordinate with regional trail networks / plans
(East Coast Greenway, Quinebaug River Trail, Last Green Valley)

Connecticut Active Transportation Plan (CTDOT, 2019) Goals

- Close gaps in trail network of statewide significance
- Establish a more complete and connected multi-use trail network
- Improve transportation options for non-motorists



Project Background

Federal “Earmark” Funds Awarded to Town

- \$2,180,000 received thru Congressman Courtney
- \$545,000 local funding match required
- Specific use for trail between Wauregan Road (CT 205) and Cady Lane
- September 2026 deadline

Plainfield Requested CTDOT Administer Project

- Similar to Moosup Valley State Park Project (SPN 108-189)
- Expertise and ability to meet deadline
- CTDOT will provide funding match



Project Background

CTDEEP Concerns

- Secure Trout Hatchery
- Protection of Wildlife Management Area
- Trail corridor maintenance
- Monitoring and enforcement of violations

CTDOT Efforts to Date

- Completed corridor survey
- Environmental and Cultural resource screening and coordination
- Design Build determination
- Scope and cost evaluations



What is Design-Build?

Alternative Project Delivery Method

CTDOT provides a Base Technical Concept (BTC) and Project Requirements

Design-Build Team

- Contractor and Designer Team Selected Based on Best Value
- Best Value = Qualifications + Price + Technical Approach

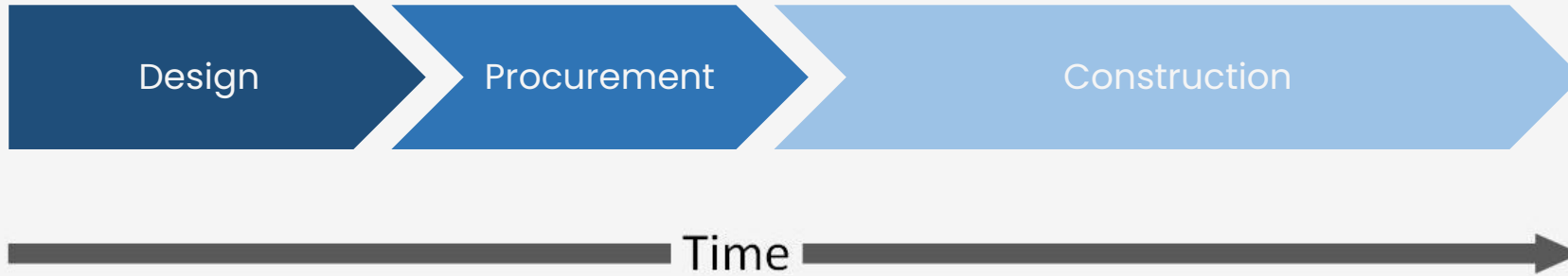
Selected Team

- Completes Final Design
- Constructs the Project Based on Accepted Design

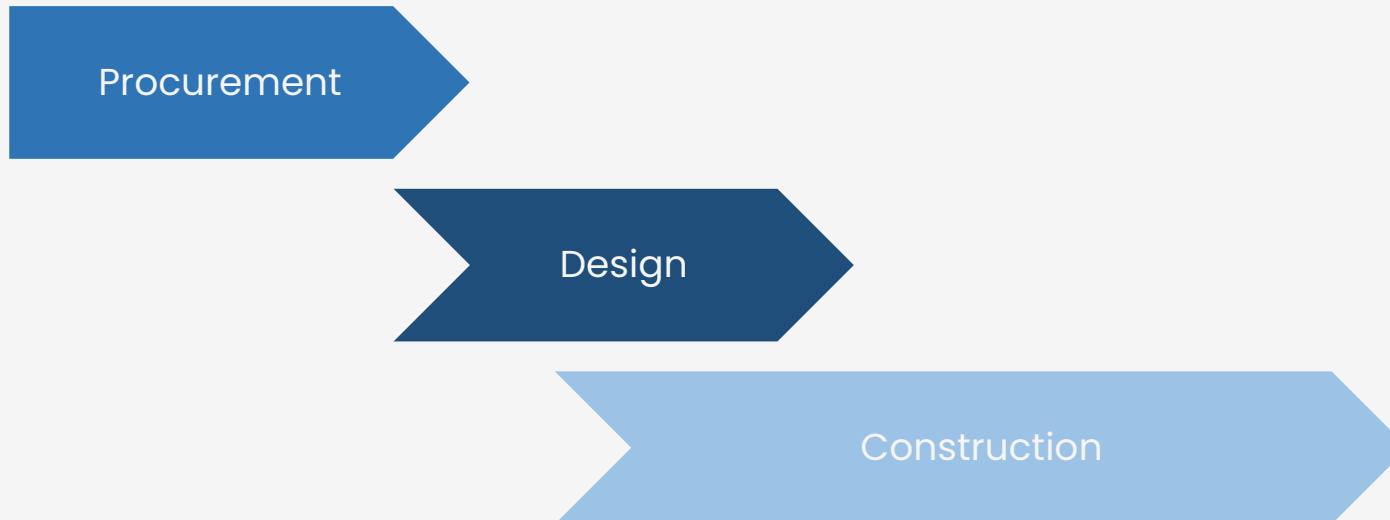


How is Design-Build Different from Design-Bid-Build Delivery?

Design-Bid-Build



Design-Build



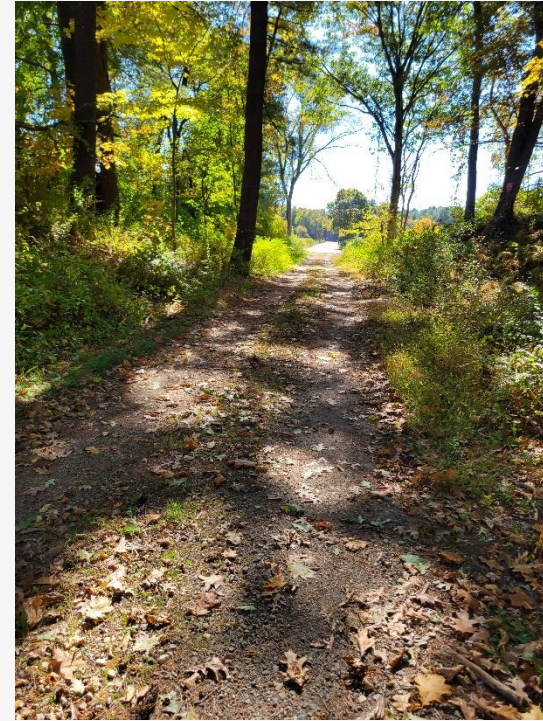
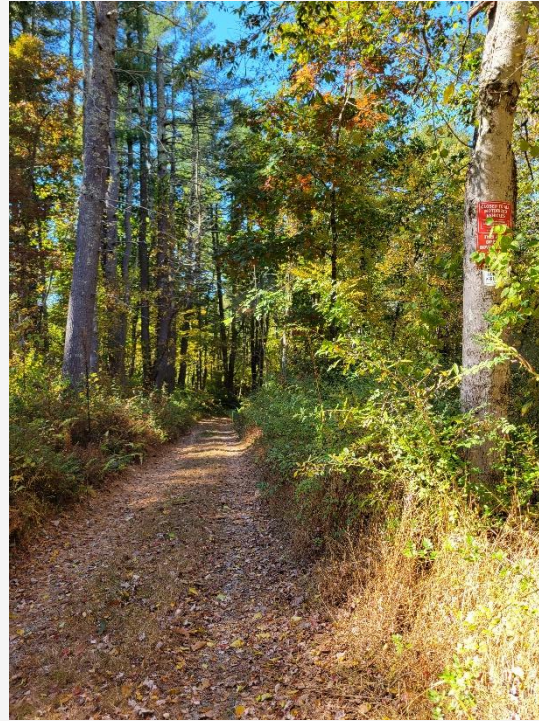
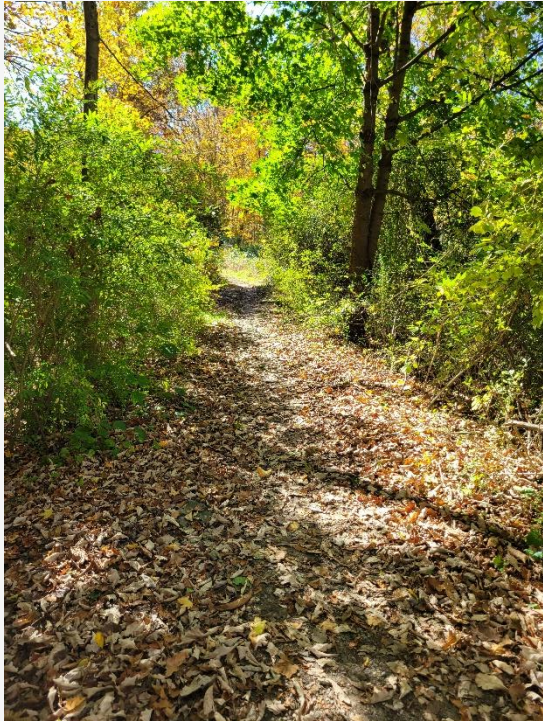
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Purpose and Need

Enhance Non-Motorized Mobility

- Provide new and improved connections for non-motorized mobility
- Improve recreational opportunity and quality of life for local and regional residents



Existing Conditions

Trolley Trail dating back to 19th century

- Trail out of service since 1920s
- Currently a dirt trail of varying width
 - Multiple dirt trails branching off the Trolley Trail

Parcel is part of the Quinebaug River Wildlife Management Area (WMA)

- Public access for fishing and hunting



Proposed Base Technical Concept (BTC)

- **10' wide paved multi-use trail**
- **1' wide grass shoulders**
- **Wooden split-rail fence**



Example Steel Bollard
(Moosup Trail in Sterling)





Natural & Cultural Resources

- Potential for regulated resources and protected species within project corridor.
 - Minor impacts may occur; however exact area(s) are currently unknown.
 - Studies to begin in Spring 2026.
- Central Village Historic District is nearby and trail crosses into the Wauregan Historic District.
 - Section 106 Consultation ongoing – No Adverse Effect determination is anticipated.
- Tribal Historic Preservation Office Consultation completed
 - No Adverse Effect determination received.
- Coordination with CTDEEP is ongoing regarding work near the Quinebaug Valley State Trout Hatchery.



Wetland System within project limits



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Utility Impacts

Utilities

- Utility Pole and overhead wires within project limits
 - No relocations anticipated
- Trout Hatchery Utilities
 - Coordination with Hatchery is ongoing



Rights-of-Way

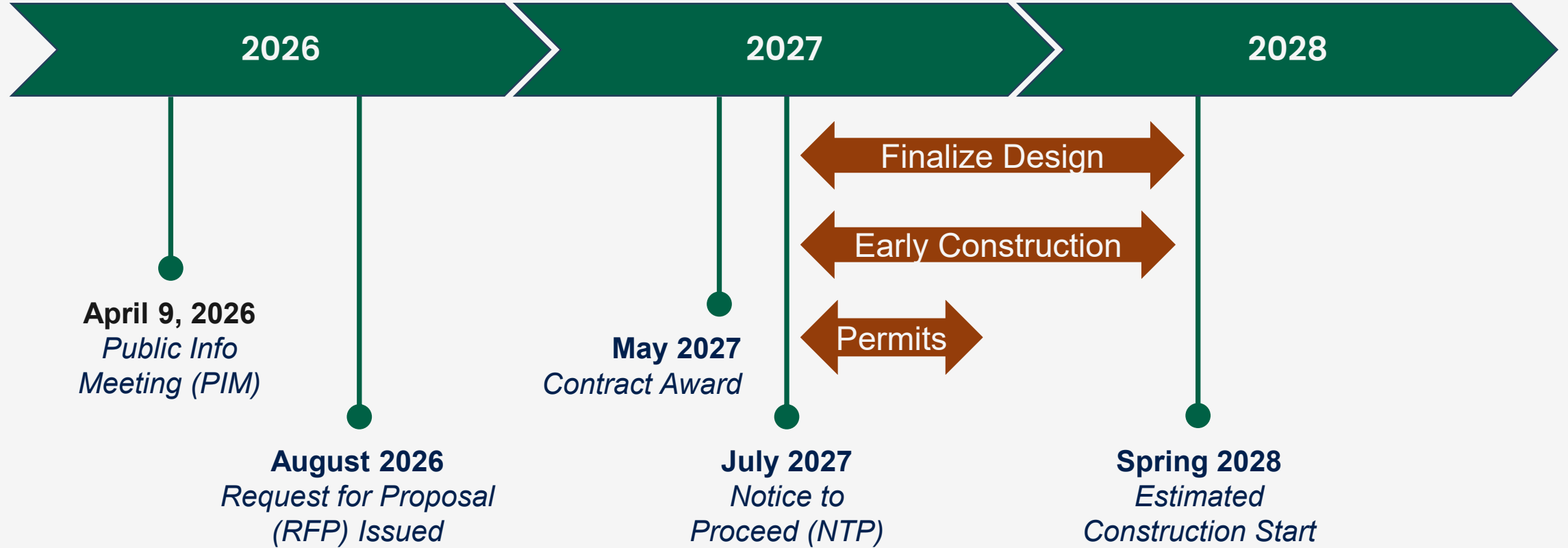
Private Property Impacts NOT Anticipated

Property Impacts limited to CT DEEP owned parcels

- Impacts finalized once final concept has been approved



Project Schedule



Project Budget

Estimated Construction Costs

- Between \$1 million and \$2.49 million
- Anticipated 80% federal funds and 20% state funds





Thank You

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