

Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT)

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Farmington Canal Heritage Trail – Phase 3

Town of Plainville

November 20, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Plainville High School, 47 Robert Holcomb Way, Plainville, Connecticut 06062

Synopsis of Public Information Meeting

Meeting Format:

The public information meeting was conducted via open house style from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm. with a formal design presentation from 7:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

Purpose of Meeting:

The purpose of this meeting was to present the proposed design for Project 0109-0173 Phase 3 of the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail (FCHT) from Norton Park to Route 72 and obtain feedback from the public and local officials.

Project Team:

CTDOT State Highway Design: Stephen Hall, William Hogan, Joshua D'Orazio,

CTDOT Rights-of-Way Coordinator: Zachary Guarino

CTDOT Landscape Design: Matthew Verry

VHB (Liaison): Mark Jewell

CRCOG: Rob Aloise, Jacob Knowlton, Anaka Maher, Mike Cipriano

Event Summary:

A two-hour open house was hosted before the formal presentation began to allow the public to view various exhibits and discuss their questions and comments with the project team and CTDOT representatives. The project team interacted with the 140 attendees answering their questions, and CTDOT representatives recorded their comments and the project team responses.

Mr. Stephen Hall, of CTDOT, began the formal presentation at 7:00 p.m. by welcoming and thanking Town of Plainville officials and residents for attending the public information meeting. Mr. Hall then introduced the project, provided an overview of the meeting, and introduced Mr. Michael Paulhus, Town Manager of Plainville.

Mr. Paulhus welcomed and thanked all attendees for being present at the public information meeting. Mr. Paulhus thanked CTDOT for providing a forum for citizens of Plainville to voice their comments and concerns regarding the project. Mr. Paulhus stated that purpose of tonight's meeting is to receive feedback from the public, in order to help determine a path forward for the project.

Mr. Hall then stated Title VI requirements, introduced the project team, and described how the project connects with a regional network of multi-use trails.

Mr. Hall continued the presentation by discussing the history of the FCHT, the East Coast Greenway, and the GAP Closure Study and filtered alignments. Mr. Hall discussed Phases 1 and 2 of the FCHT and then stated the purpose and need for the project. Mr. Hall then stated the anticipated project schedule and approximate construction costs. Mr. Hall then transitioned the presentation over to Mr. William Hogan to discuss the proposed multi-use trial alignment and design features.

Mr. Hogan introduced himself and explained the proposed project design from Norton Park to Route 72, showing proposed color plans of each roadway segment, typical sections, and renderings as visual aids.

Mr. Zachary Guarino, representing CTDOT Office of Rights-of-Way, provided an overview of the rights-of-way acquisition process.

Mr. Hall concluded the formal design presentation and transitioned the meeting back to open house style format where the project team and CTDOT representatives continued to answer questions from the public. Attendees were encouraged to submit formal comments via the provided QR code or the hard copy comment cards.

Throughout the remainder of the evening, CTDOT representatives continued to record comments and questions from the public, and responses from the project team. The Public Information Meeting was concluded at 9:00 p.m.