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Re: Memorandum of Findings and Determination
UConn Structures Demolition – Spring Manor Farm Project

Comments: This projects involves removing the debris and remaining portions of structures that support former farming operations. These structures are located within an area used by UConn’s farming operations. Building inspections were performed including hazardous material assessments. The building assessment determined that the structures were in too poor of a condition to enter and are a safety hazard. The hazardous materials assessment identified asbestos containing materials which will be managed and disposed according to regulatory requirements. The area will be restored to match the surrounding natural area (meadow grass).

On March 3, 2020 the University of Connecticut (UConn) published a Notice of Scoping in the Environmental Monitor to solicit comments for the subject project. The public comment period on April 2, 2020. In October 2020 the University posted a Notice of Time Extension after a pause in project planning due to impacts related to the pandemic. We received comments from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection during scoping public comment period. Based on all comments received and the analysis documented in the Environmental Assessment Checklist, the University has determined to publish a Post Scoping Notice and not to prepare an Environmental Impact Evaluation under the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act. Comments and recommendations received were reviewed in conjunction with the preparation of the Environmental Assessment Checklist. UConn worked with SHPO to develop a site restoration plan that memorializes the former activities served by the former structures. Although the structures encompass a total area of less than 1 acres, the restoration to a natural state will improve the natural function of the area.

