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Scoping Notices

"Scoping" is for projects in the earliest stages of planning. At the scoping stage, detailed information on a project's design, alternatives, and environmental impacts does not yet exist. Sponsoring agencies are asking for comments from other agencies and from the public as to the scope of alternatives and environmental impacts that should be considered for further study. Send your comments to the contact person listed for the project by the date indicated.

The following Scoping Notices have been submitted for review and comment.

1. Notice of Scoping for North Stonington Water Main Extension

Municipality where proposed project might be located: North Stonington

Address of Possible Project Location: Rocky Hollow Road and Wyassup Road

Project Description: The Town of North Stonington has received a Small Town Economic Assistance Grant (STEAP) to extend the public water main within North Stonington Village. The water main installation will extend 1) from Main Street to the New Emergency Service complex and 2) from the Public Works Garage to the North Stonington Grange. Upon completion of the project, the system extension will be transferred to the Southeastern Connecticut Water Authority for operation, service and maintenance.

Project Maps: Please click on the links to view the North Stonington STEAP project [overview map](#), and the North Stonington [Project Location Map](#).

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: **Friday, April 8, 2016.**

Any person can ask the sponsoring agency to hold a Public Scoping Meeting by sending such a request to the address below. If a meeting is requested by 25 or more individuals, or by an association that represents 25 or more members, the sponsoring agency shall schedule a Public Scoping Meeting. Such requests must be made by **Friday, March 18, 2016.**

Written comments and/or requests for a Public Scoping Meeting should be sent to:

Name: Mr. Eric McPhee
Agency: Department of Public Health
Drinking Water Section
Address: 410 Capitol Avenue, MS #51WAT
PO Box 340308
Hartford, CT 06134-0308
Fax: 860-509-7359
E-Mail: DPH.SourceProtection@ct.gov

If you have questions about the public meeting, or other questions about the scoping for this project, contact:

Name: Patricia Bisacky
Agency: Department of Public Health
Drinking Water Section
410 Capitol Avenue, MS #51WAT
Address: PO Box 340308
Hartford, CT 06134-0308
Phone: 860-509-7333
Fax: 860-509-7359
E-Mail: Patricia.Bisacky@ct.gov

2. Notice of Environmental Assessment for the Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) – Off-Airport Tree Obstruction Removal at the Windham Airport

Municipality where project is proposed: Town of Windham.

Address of Possible Project Location: Airport Road, Windham, CT (off of US Route 6).

Project Description: Preparation of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) environmental document as required to evaluate the potential impacts associated with tree obstruction removal in areas surrounding Windham Airport. The evaluation addresses tree obstruction removals associated with Federally-defined airspace surfaces surrounding the airport necessary for the continued safe operation of aircraft. Objects that penetrate these surfaces are classified as obstructions by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

The project sponsoring agencies, the Connecticut Aviation Authority (CAA), and FAA have identified that trees penetrate the airspace at Windham Airport, including locations beyond the airport property boundaries. Per FAA practice, review of off-airport obstruction removal should be evaluated and documented via a NEPA Environmental Assessment (EA) and state CEPA Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE). This project includes the identification of each affected property owner and associated parcels (both public and private) with anticipated obstruction removals.

Project Diagram: Project maps can be found at the following location:

<http://windhamairport.caa-analysis.com/project-documents/>

The EA/EIE can be viewed in person at:

Mansfield Public Library
55 Warrenville Road
Mansfield Center, CT 06250

The EA/EIE can also be found on the study website:

<http://windhamairport.caa-analysis.com/project-documents/>

Written comments on this EA/EIE will be accepted until the close of business on: **Monday, May 31, 2016.**

Written comments should be sent to:

Name: Mr. Robert J. Bruno, Director of Planning, Engineering, & Environmental
Agency: Connecticut Airport Authority
Address: 334 Ella Grasso Turnpike, Suite 160
Windsor Locks, CT 06096
Phone: (860) 254-5516
E-Mail: environmental@ctairports.org

The CAA is holding an informal **Public Information Meeting** on **Tuesday, March 29th 2016** from 7 to 9 PM, at the Mansfield Public Library in the Buchanan Auditorium (55 Warrenville Road, Mansfield Center, CT 06250). A formal public hearing has not been scheduled.

Post-Scoping Notices: Environmental Impact Evaluation Not Required

This category is required by the October 2010 revision of the [Generic Environmental Classification Document](#) for State Agencies. A notice is published here if the sponsoring agency, after publication of a scoping notice and consideration of comments received, has determined that an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) does not need to be prepared for the proposed project.

The Following Post-Scoping Notices have been submitted for publication in this edition.

1. Post-Scoping Notice for Parking Improvements for Pratt & Whitney Stadium at Rentschler Field

Municipality where project will be located: East Hartford

CEPA Determination: On December 8, 2015 the Office of Policy and Management, Adriaen's Landing/Rentschler Field Project Office published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this project in the *Environmental Monitor*. Comments were received from the Office of Environmental Review of the [Department of Energy and Environmental Protection](#) and the Intergovernmental Policy Division of the [Office of Policy and Management](#). The Office of Policy And Management has taken those comments into consideration and has concluded that the project does not require the preparation of Environmental Impact Evaluation under CEPA.

The agency's conclusion is documented in an [Environmental Assessment Review](#) and a [Memo of Findings and Determination](#).

If you have questions about the project, you can contact the agency at:

Name: Phil McLellan
Agency: Office of Policy & Management
Address: 100 Columbus Boulevard
Suite 501
Hartford, CT 06106
Phone: 860-493-2928
Fax:
E-Mail: phil.mclellan@ct.gov

What happens next: The [agency] expects the project to go forward. This is expected to be the final notice of the project to be published in the *Environmental Monitor*.

2. Post-Scoping Notice for Springborn Dam Removal

Municipality where project will be located: Enfield

CEPA Determination: On April 21, 2015, the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments concerning this project in the *Environmental Monitor*. Comments were received from the [State Historic Preservation Office](#) (SHPO) and the Department of Public Health (DPH) [Drinking Water Section](#). DEEP will enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the SHPO incorporating their recommended mitigation measures. Based on DEEP's environmental assessment of the project and the comments provided, the agency has concluded that the project does not require the preparation of Environmental Impact Evaluation under CEPA.

The agency's conclusion is documented in a [Memorandum](#) and an [Environmental Assessment Summary](#).

If you have questions about the project, you can contact the agency at:

Name: Jennifer L. Perry, P.E.
Agency: Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Protection & Land Reuse
Address: 79 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106-5127
Phone: 860-424-3802
Fax: 860-424-4075
E-Mail: jennifer.perry@ct.gov

What happens next: DEEP expects the project to go forward. This is expected to be the final notice of the project to be published in the *Environmental Monitor*.

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3. Post-Scoping Notice for The Hamlet on East South St.

Municipality where project will be located: Suffield

CEPA Determination: On October 20, 2015 the Department of Housing (DOH) published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments for this project in the *Environmental Monitor*. The DOH received comments from the [Department of Energy and Environmental Protection](#) and [Department of Public Health](#). The DOH has

taken those comments into consideration and has concluded that the project does not require the preparation of Environmental Impact Evaluation under CEPA.

The agency's conclusion is documented in a [Memo of Findings and Determination](#) and an [Environmental Assessment Checklist](#).

If you have questions about the project, you can contact the agency at:

Name: Helen Muniz

Agency: Department of Housing

Address: 505 Hudson Street, Hartford, CT 06106

Phone: 860-270-8023

Fax: 860 270-8032

E-Mail: helen.muniz@ct.gov

What happens next: The DOH expects the project to go forward. This is expected to be the final notice of the project to be published in the *Environmental Monitor*.

4. Post-Scoping Notice for Chester/Haddam Prescribed Burn

Municipality where project will be located: Chester & Haddam

CEPA Determination: On February 2, 2016, the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) published a [Notice of Scoping](#) to solicit public comments concerning this project in the *Environmental Monitor*. Comments were received from the Department of Public Health (DPH) [Drinking Water Section](#) and the [Connecticut Water Company](#). Responses to the comments are included in the Environmental Assessment Summary. Based on DEEP's environmental assessment of the project and the comments provided, the agency has concluded that the project does not require the preparation of Environmental Impact Evaluation under CEPA.

The agency's conclusion is documented in a [Memorandum](#) and an [Environmental Assessment Summary](#).

If you have questions about the project, you can contact the agency at:

Name: Emery Gluck, Forester

Agency: Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
Bureau of Natural Resources

Address: Cockaponset State Forest
18 Ranger Road, Haddam, CT 06438

Phone: 860-345-8522

E-Mail: emery.gluck@ct.gov

What happens next: DEEP expects the project to go forward. This is expected to be the final notice of the project to be published in the *Environmental Monitor*.

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EIE Notices

After Scoping, an agency that wishes to undertake an action that could significantly affect the environment must produce, for public review and comment, a detailed written evaluation of the expected

environmental impacts. This is called an [Environmental Impact Evaluation](#) (EIE).

The following EIE Notice has been submitted for review and comment.

1. Notice of EIE for Wildlife Hazard Deterrent Fence at Hartford-Brainard Airport

Project Title: Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) Installation of a Wildlife Deterrent Fence

Municipalities where project is proposed: City of Hartford, Town of Wethersfield

Address of Possible Project Location: Hartford – Brainard Airport, Maxim Road, Hartford, CT

Project Description: This DRAFT Environmental Assessment (EA)/Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) was prepared to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) to address potential impacts associated with the installation of a wildlife deterrent fence while providing the opportunity for public involvement and comments, since the project is partially funded by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The airport is a public-use General Aviation airport located entirely in the City of Hartford, Connecticut owned and operated by the CAA. **All action alternatives were found to *not* be reasonable, feasible or practicable upon preliminary review, and the project will not be implemented at this time.**

The purpose of the project was to enclose the entire Hartford-Brainard Airport with an 8 foot chain link fence with a 3 foot horizontal burrowing deterrent chain link "skirt" attached to the bottom and 3 strands of barbed wire on the top, in accordance with FAA specifications. The need for the proposed project is to protect aircraft and their passengers from hazardous conditions at the airport as a result of medium to large sized wildlife, including deer, coyote, raccoons and woodchuck, from entering the airport property. The airport is currently surrounded on the three landward sides by a wildlife fence. The project would have included inspection of and repairs to this fence, as well as the installation of additional fencing along a portion of the airport abutting Clark Dike and the Connecticut River.

Project Map of proposed action and alternatives: http://public.ctairports.org/dl/HFD-Wildlife_Fence/Plan/. Click here to view a map of the project area.

Written comments on this DRAFT EIE will be accepted until the close of business on: **May 6, 2016.**

The public can view a copy of the DRAFT EIE at: http://public.ctairports.org/dl/HFD-Wildlife_Fence/Report/.

Written comments about this DRAFT EIE should be sent to:

Name: Mr. Robert J. Bruno, Director of Planning, Engineering & Environmental

Agency: Connecticut Airport Authority

Address: 334 Ella Grasso Turnpike, Suite 160, Windsor Locks, CT 06096

E-Mail: environmental@ctairports.org

If you have questions on where you can review this DRAFT EIE, or similar matters, please contact:

Name: Mr. Robert J. Bruno, Director of Planning, Engineering & Environmental

Agency: Connecticut Airport Authority

Address: 334 Ella Grasso Turnpike, Suite 160, Windsor Locks, CT 06096

E-Mail: environmental@ctairports.org

Phone: (860) 254-5516

A formal public hearing as *not* been scheduled. The sponsoring agency (CAA) will hold a public hearing on the draft evaluation if twenty-five persons, or if an association having not less than twenty-five persons, requests such a hearing within ten days of the publication of this notice in the Environmental Monitor, **April 1, 2016.**

State Land Transfer Notices

Connecticut General Statutes [Section 4b-47](#) requires public notice of most proposed sales and transfers of state-owned lands. The public has an opportunity to comment on any such proposed transfer. Each notice includes an address where comments should be sent. [Read more about the process.](#)

The Following State Land Transfer Notice has been submitted for publication in this edition.

1. Notice of Proposed Transfer of Land in Putnam

Complete Address of Property: 380 Pomfret Street, Putnam, CT

Commonly used name of property or other identifying information: "Putnam Group Home"

Number of acres to be transferred: 1.00 +/-

[Click to view map of property location \(6 MB\)](#)

Description of Property

Below is some general information about the property. It should not be considered a complete description of the property and should not be relied upon for making decisions. If only a portion of a property is proposed for transfer, the description pertains only to the portion being transferred.

Brief Description of Historical and Current Uses: Has only been used as a Group Home. The main house is approximately 4,000 SF and has a detached garage of approximately 500 SF. The proposed 1-acre parcel will need to be split from the current parcel, which is the CT DDS Putnam Satellite Office.

The property to be transferred contains the following:

Structures: Buildings in use Buildings not in use No Structures

Other Features: Wooded land Nonagricultural fields Active agriculture

Paved areas Ponds, streams, other water, wetlands

Water Supply: Public water supply On-site well Unknown

Waste Disposal: Served by sewers On-site septic system Unknown

[Click to view aerial view of property \(3 MB\)](#)

The property is in the following municipal zone(s):

Residential Industrial Commercial Institutional
 Other: Medical/Office Development District

Not zoned Not known

Special features of the property, if known: None

Value of property, if known:

If checked, value is not known.

Links to other available information

Type of Sale or Transfer:

Sale or transfer of property in fee

Sale or transfer of partial interest in the property (such as an easement). Description of interest:

Proposed recipient, if known: unknown

Proposed use by property recipient, if known: Unknown

The agency is proposing to transfer the property with the following restrictions on future uses:

If checked, the state is not currently proposing restrictions on future uses.

Reason the State of Connecticut is proposing to transfer this property: The subject property is no longer needed by the State.

Comments from the public are welcome and will be accepted until the close of business on **April 7, 2016.**

Comments may include (but are not limited to) information you might have about significant natural resources or recreation resources on the property, as well as your recommendations for means to preserve such resources.

Written comments* should be sent to:

Name: Patrick O'Brien
Agency: Office of Policy and Management
Address: 450 Capitol Avenue MS#52 ASP
Hartford, CT 06106-1379
E-Mail: Patrick.Obrien@ct.gov

Please also send a copy of the comments to:

Shane Mallory, DAS
165 Capitol Ave, G-1
Hartford, CT 06106
shane.mallory@ct.gov

***E-Mail submissions are preferred.**

(Comments from state agencies **must be on agency letterhead and signed by agency head. Scanned copies are preferred.)**

What Happens Next?

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