



State of Connecticut

Environmental Review Checklist

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Instructions for Use:

The Environmental Review Checklist (ERC), as defined in Sec. 22a-1a-1(9) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA), is intended to assist state agencies in (1) determining whether a proposed action or category of actions requires public scoping, or (2) in recording an agency's initial assessment of the direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental effects of a proposed action at the completion of public scoping.

For the purposes of CEPA, an Action is defined in Sec 22a-1a-1(2) of the RCSA as an individual activity or a sequence of planned activities initiated or proposed to be undertaken by an agency or agencies, or funded in whole or in part by the state.

Completion of the ERC is only *required* as part of a sponsoring agency's post-scoping notice in which the agency has determined that it will not be preparing an EIE (Sec. 22a-1a-7(d) of the RCSA).

In all other instances, the sponsoring agency has the option to use this form or portions of it, in conjunction with the applicable Environmental Classification Document (ECD), as a tool to assist it in determining whether or not scoping is required and to document the agency's review. This can be especially useful for an agency administering a proposed action that is not specifically represented in the ECD or which may have additional factors and/or indirect or cumulative impacts requiring further consideration.

Even if an agency ultimately determines that public scoping is not necessary, as a matter of public record OPM highly recommends that the agency internally document its decision, and its justification.

In completing this form, include descriptions that are clear, concise, and understandable to the general public.

Note that prior to reviewing a proposed action under the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA), Connecticut General Statutes (CGS), Section 16a-31 requires agencies to review any proposed actions for the acquisition, development or improvement of real properties, or the acquisition of public transportation equipment or facilities, and in excess of \$200,000, for consistency with the policies of the State Plan of Conservation and Development (State C&D Plan).



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PART I – Initial Review and Determination

Date:

Name of Project/Action:

Project Address(es):

Affected Municipalities:

Sponsoring Agency(ies):

Agency Project Number, if applicable: Enter text.

Project Funding Source(s)/Program(s),
if known:

Identify the Environmental Classification Document (ECD) being used in this review:

Generic, or Agency-Specific

An environmental assessment or environmental impact statement is being prepared pursuant to NEPA, and shall be circulated in accordance with CEPA requirements.

The proposed action requires a written review by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and/or Nation Tribal Historic Preservation Office (NATHPO). Include SHPO/NATHPO reviews as an attachment, or indicate the status of those reviews: Indicate status of SHPO and/or NATHPO review.

Based on the analysis documented in this Environmental Review Checklist (ERC), and in consideration of public comments, this agency has determined that the preparation of an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) for the proposed action is not warranted. Publication of this document to the Environmental Monitor shall satisfy the agency's responsibilities under [Section 22a-1a-7 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies](#) (RCSA).

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Note that prior to commencing a CEPA review, Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) Section 16a-31 requires state agencies to review certain actions for their consistency with the policies of the State Plan of Conservation and Development (State C&D Plan). Completion of this ERC assumes the agency has determined this proposed action to be consistent with the State C&D Plan.

PART II – Detailed Project Information

Description of the Purpose & Need of the Proposed Action:

Description of the Proposed Action:

Alternatives Considered:

Briefly describe any reasonable alternatives considered.

Public concerns or controversy associated with the proposed action:

Briefly describe any public concerns or controversy related to the proposed action that the agency is aware of at the time of this review.

PART III – Site Characteristics (Check all that apply)

- The proposed action is non-site specific, or encompasses multiple sites;
- Current site ownership: N/A, State; Municipal, Private, Other: Please Explain.
- Anticipated ownership upon project completion: N/A, State; Municipal, Private, Other: Please Explain.

Locational Guide Map Criteria:

<https://ctmaps.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=bdb36b3a47db437a9e7e42a7d0834b01>

Priority Funding Area factors:

- Designated as a Priority Funding Area, including Balanced, or Village PFA;
- Priority Funding Areas** **Not a PFA** **PFA under map option 1** **PFA under map options 1 & 2**
- Urban Area or Urban Cluster, as designated by the most recent US Census Data;
- Public Transit, defined as being within a ½ mile buffer surrounding existing or planned mass transit;
- Existing or planned sewer service from an adopted Wastewater Facility Plan;
- Existing or planned water service from an adopted Public Drinking Water Supply Plan;
- Existing local bus service provided 7 days a week.

Conservation Area factors:

- Conservation Area Factors** **6-7 Factors** **4-5 Factors** **1-3 Factors**
- Core Forest Area(s), defined as greater than 250 acres based on the 2006 Land Cover Dataset;
- Existing or potential drinking water supply watershed(s);
- Aquifer Protection Area(s);
- Wetland Soils greater than 25 acres;
- Undeveloped Prime, Statewide Important and/or locally important agricultural soils greater than 25 acres;
- Category 1, 2, or 3 Hurricane Inundation Zone(s); (Storm Surge)
- 100 year Flood Zone(s); (no buildings or site development in 100 or 500 year flood elevations)
- 500 year Flood Zone(s);
- Critical Habitat;
- Locally Important Conservation Area(s),
- Protected Land (list type): Enter text.
- Local, State, or National Historic District(s).
- Agricultural Land

Department of Housing

- Existing Building over 50 years old, eligible for SHPO
- Urban Re-zoning
- Greenfield Development of Housing over 150 beds
- Parking over 200 spaces

PART IV - Assessment of Environmental Significance – Direct, Indirect, And Cumulative Effects

Required Factors for Consideration (Section 22a-1a-3 of the RCSA)	Agency’s Assessment and Explanation
Effect on water quality, including surface water and groundwater;	
Effect on a public water supply system;	
Effect on flooding, in-stream flows, erosion or sedimentation;	
Disruption or alteration of an historic, archeological, cultural, or recreational building, object, district, site or its surroundings; A. Alteration of an historic building, district, structure, object, or its setting; OR B. Disruption of an archeological or sacred site;	
Effect on natural communities and upon critical plant and animal species and their habitat; interference with the movement of any resident or migratory fish or wildlife species;	
Use of pesticides, toxic or hazardous materials or any other substance in such quantities as to cause unreasonable adverse effects on the environment;	
Substantial aesthetic or visual effects;	

Inconsistency with: (A) the policies of the State C&D Plan, developed in accordance with section 16a-30 of the CGS; (B) other relevant state agency plans; and (C) applicable regional or municipal land use plans;	
Disruption or division of an established community or inconsistency with adopted municipal and regional plans, including impacts on existing housing where sections 22a- 1b(c) and 8-37t of the CGS require additional analysis;	
Displacement or addition of substantial numbers of people;	
Substantial increase in congestion (traffic, recreational, other);	
A substantial increase in the type or rate of energy use as a direct or indirect result of the action;	
The creation of a hazard to human health or safety;	
Effect on air quality;	
Effect on ambient noise levels;	
Effect on existing land resources and landscapes, including coastal and inland wetlands;	
Effect on agricultural resources;	
Adequacy of existing or proposed utilities and infrastructure;	
Effect on greenhouse gas emissions as a direct or indirect result of the action;	
Effect of a changing climate on the action, including any resiliency	

measures incorporated into the action;	
Any other substantial effects on natural, cultural, recreational, or scenic resources.	Enter text.
Cumulative effects.	Enter text.

PART V - List of Required Permits, Approvals and/or Certifications Identified at the Time of this Review

- Flood Plain Management Certification - Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
- Inland Wetlands & Watercourses - Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
- Water Resource Construction Activities - Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
- Aquifer Protection - Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
- Dam Maintenance, Repair, Alteration - Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
- In Situ Soil Remediation - Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
- Stormwater Management - Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
- Environmental Land Use Restrictions - Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
- Remediation/Site Clean-up Program - Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
- State Historic Preservation Office Review & Approval or No-Adverse Effect
- Other

PART VI – Sponsoring Agency Comments and Recommendations

PART VII - Public Comments and Sponsoring Agency Responses:

Enter text.