

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED STREAM FLOW CLASSIFICATIONS CONNECTICUT RIVER BASIN

In accordance with the Connecticut Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 26-141b-5, the Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection hereby gives notice that the Department, through consideration of the factors required by the regulations, has prepared maps of proposed Stream Flow Classifications for the Connecticut River Basin.

The maps are available on-line at www.ct.gov/deep/streamflow. Such maps include river and stream segments in the following towns: Avon, Barkhamsted, Berlin, Bloomfield, Bolton, Bristol, Burlington, Canton, Chester, Colchester, Colebrook, Cromwell, Deep River, Durham, East Granby, East Haddam, East Hampton, East Hartford, East Lyme, East Windsor, Ellington, Enfield, Essex, Farmington, Glastonbury, Granby, Haddam, Hartford, Hartland, Harwinton, Hebron, Lyme, Manchester, Marlborough, Middlefield, Middletown, New Britain, New Hartford, Newington, Norfolk, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Plainville, Plymouth, Portland, Rocky Hill, Salem, Simsbury, Somers, South Windsor, Stafford, Suffield, Tolland, Vernon, West Hartford, Wethersfield, Winchester, Windsor, and Windsor Locks.

Public information sessions will be held, as follows:

Goodwin College
The River Room (Room 120)
195 Riverside Drive
East Hartford, CT

Tuesday, April 11, 2017

2 sessions: 2:00 – 4:00 pm and 6:00 – 8:00 pm

A short presentation on how the Stream Flow Classification maps were developed will be given and Department staff will be on hand to answer questions at these information sessions.

The proposed Stream Flow Classification of a stream or river segment is based on ecological conditions and human use characteristics, and determines flow management goals and applicable flow standards for that segment. Proposed Stream Flow Classifications were developed using known information on factors indicative of the degree of human alteration of natural stream flow, environmental flow needs and existing and future needs for public water supply.

The public may submit additional information or comments for the Commissioner's consideration on the proposed classification of a specific river or stream system pertaining to, but not limited to: (i) the factors for consideration in the regulations; (ii) the impact of the proposed classification on any prior investment made to develop a permitted or registered diversion and the alternatives, if any, to the diversion including cost factors and feasibility of such alternatives; (iii) the relationship of an existing or proposed diversion to economic development or jobs; and (iv) the practicality of, and potential for, achieving ecological benefit from restoring streamflow to the specific river or stream system. Written comments may be submitted by email to deep.streamflowclass@ct.gov, or may be mailed to Corinne Fitting, Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut, 06106-5127. The Department is accepting additional information or written comments on the proposed Stream Flow Classifications until Friday, June 2, 2017.

Additional information on the Stream Flow Standards and Classifications is available on the Department's website at: www.ct.gov/deep/streamflow. Anyone requiring more information may contact the Department by email at deep.streamflowclass@ct.gov or by phone at 860-424-3020.

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