

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) commits to the Town of West Hartford and its residents that, in connection with DEEP's project to address deferred maintenance of the South Branch of the Park River, it will:

1. In order to be as efficient, transparent and consistent as possible, establish a page on the DEEP website which is dedicated to this project and which is updated daily as necessary until the project is completed with all information addressed here.
2. Provide the Town and its residents with a contact list for DEEP employees involved in the oversight of this project, including a summary of each person's role. Where decision-making authority has been delegated to a contractor, contact information for the contractor will also be provided.
3. Promptly test the silt removed from the waterway for the presence of contaminants. The results of these tests will be shared with the Town of West Hartford and the residents of the neighborhood.
 - a. If contaminants are identified in the silt, DEEP will develop a plan to protect both the area(s) where the silt will be dewatered and the neighborhood from those contaminants. Those areas where the silt is placed will be tested for residual contaminants after the silt has been removed from the site and the area will be remediated if necessary.
4. Prohibit trucks leaving the project site from traveling the neighborhood streets before 9:00 am or after 3:00 pm. In addition, all trucks shall be directed to move through the residential neighborhood at a slow deliberate speed to ensure the safety of residents in the neighborhood. DEEP and its contractors/subcontractors will follow any truck route recommended by the Town.
5. Sweep the public streets of any dirt or debris resulting from the project at the end of each day when material is being trucked from the site.
6. Establish a sedimentation and erosion control plan which ensures that silt does not enter the storm water system through catch basins.
7. Notify the Town if any tree outside the floodway in excess of 2 inches in diameter at breast height is to be removed. Any additional tree removal outside of the floodway shall only be done if it is an absolute necessity for the project. Such trees shall be marked for removal and shall not be removed until the Town's tree warden has had the opportunity to inspect the tree and make recommendations.
8. All trees or plants within a twenty-foot buffer area along the perimeter of the State's property where it abuts residential zones shall be preserved and protected including root zones.
9. Develop a replanting plan for those areas outside of the floodway to return those areas to their natural state. Native trees, shrubs and plants shall be used. The plan shall be provided to the Town of West Hartford and the adjacent neighborhood for their review and recommendations.

10. Walk the length of the project with town staff to identify all areas where any substantive natural material is expected to be removed. Before work commences in any areas where there has not yet been neighborhood involvement, meetings will be held with individual property owners or, if necessary, the adjacent neighborhood.
11. Hold weekly meetings with the Town of West Hartford to review to project's progress, which meetings will be open to the public. To ensure that those meetings are productive and efficient, at least 24 hours prior to said meeting DEEP will provide a weekly electronic communication to the Town and the neighborhood regarding the progress of the project and the replanting of the affected areas.
12. Hire a licensed arborist to review the site and ensure that adequate protection is in place for the trees that remain.
13. Provide the Town of West Hartford a recreational easement or lease across the State's property upon completion of the project.
14. Remove all temporary structures, work areas, material or debris following completion including, but not limited to gravel tracking pads, silt fencing and cut vegetation. Project areas shall be planted with appropriate vegetation to ensure that future erosion is avoided.
15. Not make any substantial change(s) to the project or its component plans without notifying the Town of West Hartford.
16. Provide copies of any change orders to the Town of West Hartford and hold additional neighborhood meetings to explain those change orders.
17. Provide the Town and the neighborhood with a timeline for the removal of the silt and the restoration of the plantings.