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Public Meeting on Norwalk River Dam No. 2 (Great Swamp Dam) Rehabilitation Project Set for April 19, 2018 in Ridgefield

Hartford, Connecticut. March 21, 2018 – The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) and the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) are hosting a public informational meeting at **7 p.m. on April 19, 2018**, to discuss the proposed rehabilitation project for the Norwalk River Great Swamp Dam located **in Ridgefield, Connecticut**. DEEP has requested NRCS assistance to develop a plan for rehabilitating the dam so it meets current safety, performance, and design criteria. The dam provides flood protection to residents of the Towns of Redding and Ridgefield and enhances habitat for wetland wildlife.

The public meeting will be held in the Charter Oak Room of the Ridgefield Recreation Center located at 195 Danbury Road in Ridgefield. Staff from DEEP, NRCS and their consultants, along with the Connecticut Dam Safety Program, will provide an update on planning activities to date, the reasons dam rehabilitation is needed, and the alternatives being considered. Ample time will be provided on the agenda to seek public input and to answer questions and concerns about these planned activities.

Planning for the dam rehabilitation began in November 2017 and is scheduled to be completed by December 2019. The planning effort will evaluate the following options for the dam: No Action; Decommissioning (dam removal), Structural Rehabilitation; and Nonstructural Measures. Federal funding has been received to assist DEEP in developing this plan but has not yet been secured for the design or construction of this project.

DEEP and NRCS provide reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities to participate in agency programs and activities. If you require special accommodations to attend the meeting, please contact Kristin Walker with NRCS at (860) 871-4033 by April 12. If you need further information on the meeting, please contact Ray Frigon with DEEP at (860) 424-3797 or Raymond.Frigon@ct.gov.