

February 13, 2020

Re: Invitation to a Second Public Meeting for Norwalk River Dam No. 2, Ridgefield, Connecticut

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is working with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to develop a dam rehabilitation plan for the Norwalk River Watershed Dam No. 2 (known locally as the Great Swamp Dam) located in Ridgefield on the headwaters of the Norwalk River.

DEEP requested federal assistance from the NRCS in developing a plan for rehabilitation for Great Swamp Dam to determine the best alternatives for rehabilitation in order to meet current NRCS design criteria. This plan evaluated and analyzed the following options: No Federal Action; Decommissioning (Dam removal); Structural Rehabilitation; and Non-structural Measures. **Currently, Plan analyses suggest that Decommissioning with Selective Local Floodproofing is the “Preferred Alternative”.**

A public meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Charter Oak Room in the Ridgefield Recreation Center at 195 Danbury Road, Ridgefield, CT.** Snow date will be March 12, 2020 p.m. at 5:30 p.m. in the same location. The purpose of the meeting is to inform the public in detail of the various alternatives evaluated for rehabilitation of the Norwalk River Dam No. 2, for the NRCS to present the “Preferred Alternative” of dam removal and selective local floodproofing, answer any questions, and receive input to finalize this plan.

DEEP and NRCS provides reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities to participate in agency programs and activities. If you require special accommodations, please contact Kristin Walker with the NRCS at (860) 871-4033 by February 17. For further information on the meeting, contact Ramona Goode with DEEP at (860)-424-3128 or Ramona.Goode@ct.gov.

We look forward to seeing you at the public meeting on February 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in Ridgefield.

Sincerely,



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