



TOWN OF MANSFIELD
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, June 26, 2006
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AUDREY P. BECK MUNICIPAL BUILDING
7:30 p.m.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

REGULAR MEETING-MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

June 12, 2006

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Blair, Clouette, Hawkins, Koehn, Paterson, Paulhus, Redding, Schaefer

Absent: Haddad

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Schaefer moved and Ms. Blair seconded to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2006 meeting.

Motion so passed.

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Paterson requested a moment of silence in honor of and respect for our troops around the world.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Anita Bacon, Storrs Road, presented a petition to the Council requesting the extension of the sidewalk in Mansfield Center to Dodd Road along the east side of Rte 195.

Uri Lavitt spoke in favor of the proposed Captains positions for the Mansfield Career Firefighters Association. (Statement attached)

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Issues Regarding the UConn Landfill

Martin Berliner, Town Manager, reported that a preconstruction meeting has occurred and construction will start soon and will continue into 2007.

In response to a question regarding the eventual use of the site, Mr.

Berliner said that he believes it will be used for parking but plans to attend the meetings. He will report back.

2. Fenton River

Mr. Hawkins questioned whether or not the stream gaging station is a permanent structure. The Town Manager will investigate.

3. Campus/Community Relations

Mayor Paterson described the new Mansfield Community Campus Partnership brochure, which was designed by a graduate student. Council members requested copies.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

4. Youth Service Bureau Grant Application

Mr. Schaefer moved and Ms. Blair seconded the following resolution: Resolved, effective June 12, 2006, to authorize the Town Manager, Martin Berliner, to submit an application to the State of Connecticut for a Youth Service Bureau Grant. In furtherance of this resolution alone, the Town Manager is duly authorized to enter into and sign said contracts on behalf of the Town of Mansfield. The Town Manager is further authorized to provide such additional information and execute such other documents as may be required by the state or federal government in connection with said contracts and to execute any amendments, rescissions and revisions thereto.

Motion so passed

5. Town Newsletter and Communicating with the Public

Assistant Town Manager, Matt Hart, reviewed some of the programs currently in place including the cable access station, the Town Website, META mail, and the online service request line. The Information Technology Management Team will make a presentation at the next Council meeting further explaining some of these offerings. The Mayor suggested an in house calendar that will alert citizens of approaching referenda and elections and the possibility of having an UConn intern to assist with a newsletter for the Town. She commented that we must not forget those citizens who are not electronically linked. Ms. Redding suggested using signs at strategic locations in town as a way to inform citizens. Ms. Koehn suggested the development of an overall plan that will outline exactly how the Town plans to communicate with its citizens. She also requested a search engine that will just search the Town's website. Mr. Hawkins asked staff to ascertain the number of Cable subscribers currently in Mansfield and to incorporate the library calendar with the Town calendar.

6. Classification of Housing Inspector Position

Mr. Clouette moved and Ms. Blair seconded, effective June 12, 2006, to set the pay grade for the position of Housing Inspector at grade 17 of the Town Administrator's Pay Plan.

Ms. Koehn moved to table the motion. Seconded by Mr. Hawkins the motion failed with Ms. Koehn in favor and the others opposed.

The Town Manager discussed the point factor system of job classification used by the Town for the last 15 years.

Motion so passed with Ms. Koehn in opposition.

7. Classification of Director of Building and Housing Inspection Position

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded, effective July 1, 2006, to establish the position of Director of Building and Housing Inspection, and to set the pay grade for the position at grade 24 of the Town Administrator's Pay Plan.

Ms. Koehn moved to amend the motion to end after the word "inspection" commenting that she feels the position should be established prior to setting the pay grade. Mr. Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion to divide failed.

Mr. Hart explained the evaluation and point factor system used. He enumerated the 9 job factors against which each position is analyzed and described the process.

The motion passed with all but Ms. Koehn in favor.

8. Establishment of Fire Captain Positions

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded, effective June 12, 2006, to establish four Fire Captain positions to be compensated at grade 3 of the Firefighters Pay Plan and to be filled not earlier than July 1, 2006.

Fire Chief Dave Dagon explained the structure of the organization commenting that the proposed Captain positions would provide consistency, continuity and control over the structure of the Department. He enumerated the responsibilities of the positions noting that the Fire Captains will also be Certified Deputy Marshal able to perform inspections. He stated that the Department which is made up of 30 full time and part time career firefighters and an equal number of volunteer fire fighters is reorganizing and in the process of developing a long term strategy that works for everyone and emphasizes fire prevention.

A discussion ensued regarding the certification process, additional rank structures, the role of the Council in union negotiations, the importance of the volunteers, the supervisory role of the proposed Captain positions,

current supervisory problems in the Department and the proposed pay structure.

The motion passed with Ms. Blair and Mr. Hawkins abstaining.

9. Master Plan for University of CT Water Supply and Wastewater Treatment Systems

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded, effective June 12, 2006, to authorize staff to participate in the process to prepare a Master Plan for University Water Supply and Wastewater Treatment Systems.

The Town Manager explained that to have a say in the future water and sewer needs the Town must become involved as partners in the process. The first step is to hire a consultant to prepare a master plan that will assess the current situation as well as address issues of eventual governance. Mr. Berliner stated that it is essential to the future of the Town that we become part of the process. Ms. Koehn requested that the language in section 5 of the Scope Outline regarding the public participation be stronger.

10. Mansfield Middle School Fossil Fuel Conversion

Mr. Clouette moved and Ms. Blair seconded to approve the following: Resolved, That the amount of \$3,800,000, to be funded \$1,025,000 from the Reserve Fund for Capital and Nonrecurring Expenditures and \$2,775,000 from anticipated grants from the State Department of Education, is hereby appropriated for cost of replacement of the electrical heating system at the Mansfield Middle School with a fossil-fuel heating system, including related renovations, improvements and other work. The Town hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that this appropriation will be funded initially from available funds and that (except to the extent reimbursed from grant moneys) the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such initial funding source from the proceed of borrowing to be authorized for the project in an aggregate principal amount anticipated not to exceed the amount of this appropriation.

That there is hereby established the Mansfield Middle School Heating System Conversion Committee to serve as a school building committee for the project. The membership of the Committee shall consist of the Mayor of the Town and the Chairman of the Board of Education. The Committee is vested with the following powers and duties: (i) to approve design, installation, acquisition and construction expenditures for the project, including without limitation the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the project; (ii) to contract with architects,

engineers, contractors and others in the name and on behalf of the Town to complete the project; and (iii) to exercise such other powers as are necessary or appropriate to complete the project. Committee members shall not receive any compensation for their services. Necessary expenses of the Committee shall be included in the cost of the project. The records of the Committee shall be filed with the Town Clerk and open to public inspection during normal business hours. Upon completion of the project, the Committee shall make complete report and accounting to the Council and the Town.

That the Board of Education is authorized to apply for and accept state grants for the project. The Board of Education is authorized to file applications and notices with the State Board of Education, to execute grant agreements for the project, and to file such documents as may be required by the State Board of Education to obtain grants for the costs of financing the project. Any grant proceeds may be used to pay project cost of principal and interest on bonds, notes or temporary notes, is any, issued to finance the project cost.

Jeff Smith, Director of Finance, described the special legislation that was passed to allow Mansfield to switch from an electrical to a fossil fuel heating system in the Mansfield Middle School at a State reimbursement rate of 73%. Michael Callahan, an Energy Consultant for the Town, explained the various energy options and their cost.

Motion so passed.

11. Revision to Mansfield Community Center Program Registration and Fee Policy

Information on possible changes to the fee structure of the Mansfield Community Center will be in the next packet. The Town Manager reported that 44% of those participating in programs are not members. Ms. Koehn asked staff to report what the Community Center, including bonding, cost the residents of Mansfield.

VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Mr. Hawkins complimented the Charter Revision Commission on their proactive motivated approach to the process.

VIII. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mr. Paulhus reported that the Personnel Committee met to begin the Manager's evaluation.

IX. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr. Paulhus recounted that Ed Passmore was honored at the Memorial Day Parade for his many contributions over the years.

Mayor Paterson reported on the PZC hearing regarding Building 1 A of the Downtown Partnership. The public hearing has been continued to June 19th. The Mayor commended the consulting group for listening to the community.

X. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Martin Berliner reported that OPM has rejected the proposal for assistance with the 1A Building for the Downtown Partnership. The application will again be considered in the fall round of awards.

Town/University Relations will be meeting June 13th at 4:00p.m.

Charter Revision Commission will be meeting June 13th at 7:00 p.m.

Mansfield Downtown Partnership Annual Meeting will be meeting June 13th at 7:00p.m.

School Building Committee will be meeting June 14th at 5:00p.m.

The first annual Mansfield Bike Tour will be held on June 24th. There will be bands and food. Bikes are optional.

On June 1st the Manager attended a meeting at which the Town was recognized as one of the first 5 towns in the State to adopt Aquifer Protection Regulations.

The Manager reported on a number of opportunities to explore alternatives in energy that are being offered. One of these is a solar farm, which may work on the Community Center roof. Siemens Corporation is starting the process of looking at the energy systems in all buildings and developing a program of repair and replacements. The Town is also looking at a program that rewards municipalities who are willing get off the grid during times of high-energy demands. The Town would receive payment for being on the list and for removing themselves from the grid. Staff will follow up on the proposal. Additionally, a conservation educational program that is directed to educating employees about conservation measures is being explored.

A Parking Ordinance report is being prepared for Council consideration during the late summer.

The Strategic Planning Committee will be visiting four to five communities to review the planning process used in those towns and will begin meeting regularly.

The new Storrs Mansfield Postmaster will be in place soon at which time staff will discuss the postal code issue.

Matt Hart and Sara-Ann Chaine will be meeting with representatives of Charter Communications and will discuss videotaping of Council meetings.

The Mayor reported that on Friday participants in a conference on nutrition would be visiting Mansfield to look at our lunch policy, a model program.

XI. FUTURE AGENDAS

Mr. Clouette requested an assessment from the staff on the effectiveness of the Litter Ordinance and the Possession of Alcohol by Minors Ordinance.

XII. PETITIONS, REQUEST AND COMMUNICATIONS

12. Citizen Feedback re Cat Population Control Ordinance – Mr. Hawkins commented on the nice letter of appreciation regarding Noranne Nielsen, the Animal Control Officer on her work on the Cat Ordinance. The Mayor also complimented all the town staff who participated in the handling of the Russell affair especially Dennis O'Brien, the Town Attorney, and Noranne Nielsen, the Animal Control Officer.
13. CCM Analysis of state and Local Education Funding Efforts
14. Mansfield Community Center News: Spring 2006
15. Council of Small Towns re Review
16. S. Cox re: Uniform Crime Reporting Statistics for Calendar Year 2003
17. Festival on the Green: Save the Date
18. NIE Activity re: What's Making News in Science
19. G. Nickels, Mayor of Seattle, WA re: Green Ribbon Commission
20. E. Paterson to R. Hawthorne re: Spring Weekend
21. Solar Workshop
22. State of CT re: Aquifer Protection Day
23. State of CT Department of Environmental Protection re: State Greenways
24. State of CT Department of Public Health re: Water Supply Plan – University of Connecticut
25. State of CT Division of Criminal Justice re: State v Donna Russell
26. State of CT Office of Policy and Management re: 2004 Equalized Net Grand List
27. Tour de Mansfield Village to Village
28. Transfer Station Use Study, June 2004 – July 2005
29. UConn Office of the Vice President and Chief Operating Officer re: Extension of North Hillside Road
30. C. vanZelm re: Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism Awards \$2000 Grant for Storrs Center Video

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Blair seconded to move into Executive Session
Motion so passed.

Present: Blair, Clouette, Hawkins, Koehn, Paterson, Paulhus, Redding,
Schaefer.

Personnel Issues

Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Blair seconded to move out of Executive Session
Motion so passed.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Blair seconded to adjourn the meeting.
Motion so passed

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

6/12/2006

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Uri Lavitt and I'm the president of the Mansfield Career Firefighters Association. I'm here on behalf of the membership to show our support for the Captains positions that will be discussed tonight. The town management and career firefighters association have worked cooperatively and in good faith to bring back to their principals something that's fair, makes sense and most importantly is beneficial to the delivery of emergency services to the residents the Town. We believe that the implementation of this position will be a positive step forward and I would offer you the following points to consider.

Currently with the exception of the chief all of the leadership positions in the fire department are volunteer positions. We are lucky that in this town we have the dedication of these volunteers both as leaders and as line personnel. However the fact of the matter is we can be doing more. There are many leadership functions that are not being performed at the optimum level. This is not because a volunteer leader is any less professional or dedicated it's because the work load exceeds the capacity of people volunteering during their free time. Preplanning, site walk throughs, and drills are examples of this. There is no other department within the town hall which has evolved into asking so much from a person who is volunteering. The department of fire and emergency services should be no different.

In no way should our support for the position of fire captain translate into any negative connotations regarding volunteers. All the employees came from within the volunteer ranks. **We will not forget where we came from.** In fact 11 of the 12 line officers under the chief are currently employees. Nine of the 11 are members of the Mansfield career Firefighters Association. The majority of the members continue to volunteer for the positions because they care deeply for the town, as well as the organization and they want there to be a smooth transition. **Many wish to retire from volunteering.**

A combination work force fire department is a department with career and volunteer personnel, both performing line and leadership functions. A combination fire department shouldn't be by definition career fire fighters lead by volunteer fire fighters.

Employees need to have an outlet for professional growth and motivation. Employees need to have an opportunity to make and accomplish goals. It shouldn't be that the only way an employee can attain an officer's position is to volunteer.

In Amy Donahue's study of the fire departments she stated "create a paid officer position (recommended captain) position to help alleviate supervisory problems and create a ladder for paid staff". She also stated in her recommendations, "it's most logical to consider designing a mix of paid and volunteer leaders, each with defined authority and in clear relationships to each other, to capture the important contributions each can make".

Bottom line, Mansfield residents, as well as, Mansfield fire fighters deserve the assurance that at least one officer at the captains level is on the way.

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**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Assistant Town Manager *M.H.*
CC: Martin Berliner, Town Manager
Date: June 26, 2006
Re: Issues Regarding the UConn Landfill

Subject Matter/Background

I have attached for your information recent correspondence regarding the UConn Landfill. At this time, the Town Council does not need to take any action on this item.

Attachments

1) R. Miller re: Remedial Action Plan Implementation



University of Connecticut
*Office of the Vice President and
Chief Operating Officer*

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Office of Environmental Policy

Richard A. Miller
Director

June 13, 2006

Denise Ruzicka, Director
Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection
Inland Water Resources Division
79 Elm Street, Third Floor
Hartford, CT 06106

Subject: Remedial Action Plan Implementation

University of Connecticut Landfill and Former Chemical Pits - Storrs, CT
Department of Environmental Protection Consent Order SRD-101
Permits IW-2003-112 and WQC-200302988
University of Connecticut Project No. 900748

Dear Ms. Ruzicka:

Pursuant to General Condition No. 1 of Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Permits IW-2003-112 and WQC-200302988, dated May 5, 2005, this letter notifies DEP that work is scheduled to start on the Remedial Action Plan, University of Connecticut (UConn) landfill and former chemical pits, on July 3, 2006. Work is to be completed in accordance with the authorized activities and conditions outlined in the above-referenced permit, DEP Consent Order SRD-101, and the permits and approvals summarized in the attached table.

The work includes the following:

- Mobilizing to the site to set up staging areas and sediment and erosion controls
- Excavating leachate-contaminated sediments and solid waste from wetland areas
- Closing the UConn landfill and former chemical pits by consolidating wastes and contaminated sediments within the landfill, regrading in accordance with DEP Solid Waste regulations, and capping
- Constructing leachate interceptor trenches to prevent discharge of leachate-contaminated groundwater to surface waters of the State
- Constructing an access roadway and a parking lot on the closed landfill
- Restoring disturbed wetlands, creating new wetlands to compensate for wetlands lost to filling or hydrologic modification, and other associated wetland mitigation activities

If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to call me or Stephanie Marks, UConn Environmental Compliance Analyst, at (860) 486-1031.

Sincerely yours,

Attachment: Table I - Summary of Permits

In Equal Opportunity Employer cc: Raymond L. Frigon, Jr., DEP
Sara Yates, DEP
Cori Rose, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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Table I
 Summary of Permits
 Uconn Landfill and Former Chemical Pits
 Remedial Action Plan Implementation
 Project #900748

Permit Application	Submittal Dates	Approval Date	Purpose	Regulatory Entity
General Permit for Discharge of Groundwater Remediation Wastewater to a Sanitary Sewer*	31-Oct-03	8-Oct-02 (amended) (see 15-Oct-04 e-mail)	Discharge of Wastewater from LITs to Sanitary Sewer	CTDEP
General Permit for Discharge of Groundwater Remediation Wastewater to a Sanitary Sewer*	Jul-04	8-Oct-02 (amended)	Discharge of Construction Dewatering fluids to Sanitary Sewer	CTDEP
Permission from CL&P for Work in a CL&P Easement	Jun-03	1-Mar-04	For work in power line easement	CL&P
General Permit for Discharge of Stormwater and Dewatering Wastewaters from Construction Activities	Jul-04	31-Aug-04	Discharge of Stormwater from the project (equivalent to NPDES)	CTDEP
Disruption of a Solid Waste Disposal Area; Landfill Closure; Post-Closure Use	N/A	22-Nov-04	Waste excavation and consolidation; landfill capping; parking lot construction	---
Flood Management Certificate	5-Sep-03	9-Dec-04	Stormwater, flood control	CTDEP
State Traffic Commission Major Traffic Generator Certificate	14-Apr-04	23-Dec-04	Ensure that project will not adversely impact State roads	CTDOT
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Permit & 401 Water Quality Certificate	8-Sep-03	10-May-05	Wetlands loss and disruption	CTDEP
Section 404 Individual Permit	22-May-03	18-May-05	Wetlands loss and disruption	ACOE

NOTES AND ABBREVIATIONS:

1. ACOE: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
2. CTDEP: Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection
3. LITs: Leachate Interceptor Trenches
4. CL&P: Connecticut Light and Power

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**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

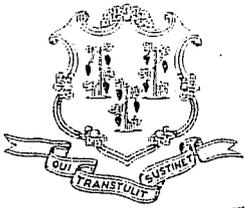
To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Assistant Town Manager *MH*
CC: Martin Berliner, Town Manager
Date: June 26, 2006
Re: Fenton River

Subject Matter/Background

I have attached for your information recent correspondence regarding the Fenton River. At this time, the Town Council does not need to take any action on this item.

Attachments

- 1) Connecticut Department of Public Health re: Consent Order between Connecticut Department of Public Health and University of Connecticut



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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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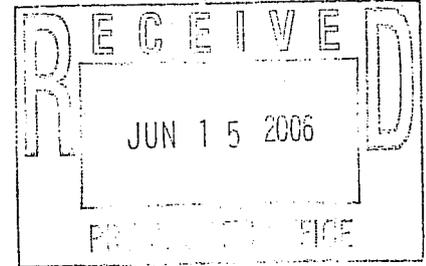
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INFO: M. BERLINDER

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June 8, 2006

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Interim Associate Vice President
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Storrs, CT 06269-2072



PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM: University of Connecticut – Main Campus
PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM: University of Connecticut – Depot Campus
PWS TYPE: Community
TOWN: Mansfield
PWSID: CT0780021 & CT0780011

Re: Consent Order DWS-05-078-397a

Dear Mr. Callahan:

Enclosed is a copy of the signed Consent Order (DWS-05-078-397a). This Consent Order supersedes and replaces Consent Order DWS-05-078-397. Please note that all submissions required in this Consent Order shall be sent to me at the letterhead address. Also, if you have any questions regarding the Consent Order please give me a call at (860) 509-7333. Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.

Sincerely,

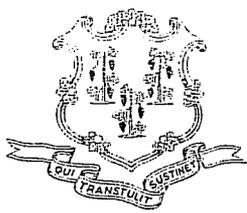
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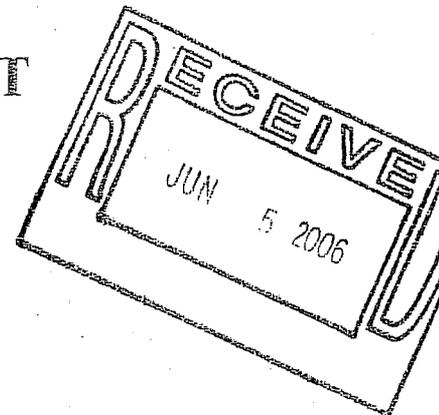


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STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH



UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
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CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") has jurisdiction over all matters concerning the purity and adequacy of public drinking water supplies pursuant to Section 19a-2a and 19a-36 of Chapter 368a and Sections 25-32 et seq. of Chapter 474 of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS); and

WHEREAS, the Department has jurisdiction and authority to issue this Consent Order pursuant to Sections 4-177(c), 19a-2a, 19a-36, 25-32, 25-33, 25-34, and 25-36 of the CGS; and

WHEREAS, the University of Connecticut (hereinafter "the Respondent") owns and operates two community public water systems (University of Connecticut - Main Campus and University of Connecticut - Depot Campus) in the town of Mansfield and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Department; and

WHEREAS, the University of Connecticut was notified of multiple deficiencies in its systems from November 7, 2001 until the present and these deficiencies relate to operation and management of the systems and they relate to maintaining the quality standards set forth in the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Secs. 19-13-B102, 19-13-B38a, and operating certification regulations Sec. 25-32-9.

WHEREAS, the Department approves of the incorporation of wastewater into the master plan for both the Main and Depot Campuses. However, by incorporating wastewater into the master plan it should not diminish the consultants focus on the drinking water master plan and must not delay submittal; and

WHEREAS, the Respondent and the Department are desirous of addressing the public water systems' regulatory noncompliance and violations without further administrative or judicial action;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Department through its Drinking Water Section acting herein and through Norma Gyle, Deputy Commissioner, and the Respondent, acting herein by Barry Feldman its Interim Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, hereby stipulate and agree as follows:

1. This Consent Order supersedes and replaces Department Consent Order DWS-05-078-397. Items 4a, 4b, 5 and 6 of Consent Order DWS-05-078-397 have been completed and are no longer part of this Consent Order. Item 7 of Consent Order DWS-05-078-397 has been replaced with the fifth WHEREAS statement listed above.

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410 Capitol Avenue P. 175 # _____

P.O. Box 340308 Hartford, CT 06134

2. This Consent Order shall have the same force and effect of law as an order entered as a final decision of the Department.

3. The Respondent, by entering into this Consent Order, waives any further rights it may have to an administrative hearing or to otherwise contest or challenge the validity of the provisions of this Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any legal theory or in any forum. Further, this Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 or 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

4. The Department shall not pursue penalties or administrative or judicial action against the Respondent for violations of Section of the RCSA set forth above provided that the Respondent is in compliance with this Consent Order.

5. The Department shall provide assistance by advising the Respondent in development of a procurement process to identify a qualified firm to provide operation and total management of the water system and the preparation of a water system master plan for both the Main and Depot Campuses.

6. New England Water Utility Services Inc. "hereinafter Contractor" shall be required by the Respondent to comply with all the regulations of the Department and to satisfy all reporting requirements of the regulations by reporting directly to the Department and the University for the term of the contract or until a signed contract is made available to the Department pursuant to Paragraph 10 of this Consent Order.

7. The Contractor shall manage the two systems of the Respondent.

8. Although the ultimate responsibility for the operation and management of the Respondent's systems rests with the Respondent, during the course of this Consent Order the operation and management of the systems shall rest with the Contractor with the full cooperation of the University.

9. On or before July 1, 2006, and bi-monthly thereafter, the Respondent shall submit to the Department a report outlining progress made in complying with this Consent Order, more specifically Paragraphs 10, 12 and 14.

10. On or before July 1, 2006, the Respondent shall verify in writing to the Department that a consultant has been selected and retained through the procurement process and that this consultant is now responsible for providing operation and total management of the water system for both the Main and Depot Campus's. The Department shall be advised by the University the name of the consultant and be provided a copy of the contract under which the company is retained.

11. An independent consultant shall be retained by the Respondent through a procurement process to develop a Water System Master Plan. The Master Plan shall identify and evaluate viable options for meeting the Respondent's future drinking water needs. The scope of the master plan shall follow the draft scope approved by the Department on May 8, 2006.

12. On or before February 1, 2007, the Respondent shall submit to the Department its Water System Master Plan for comments from the Department. The Department shall approve use of the land falling within the definition of water company lands.

13. After acceptance, the Respondent shall incorporate the plan into its water supply planning process.

14. The Respondent shall use best efforts to submit to the Department all the documents required by this Consent Order in a complete and approvable form within the specified timeframes. If the Department notifies the Respondent that any document or other action is deficient, and does not approve it with conditions or modifications, it is deemed disapproved, and the Respondent shall correct the deficiencies and resubmit it within the time specified by the Department in its notice of deficiencies. However, the Department may in its sole discretion elect not to provide Respondent any opportunity to cure such deficiencies and instead seek remedies for breach of this Consent Order. In approving any document or other action under this Consent Order, the Department may impose such conditions or modifications as it deems necessary to assure the purity and adequacy of the public water supply. Nothing in this paragraph shall excuse noncompliance or delay in meeting any compliance date specified in the Consent Order.

15. In the event that the Respondent becomes aware that it may not comply in a timely fashion with any requirement of the Consent Order or any other compliance date imposed by the Department hereunder, the Respondent shall immediately notify the Department and shall take all steps necessary to ensure that any noncompliance is avoided. In so notifying the Department, the Respondent shall state in writing the reasons for noncompliance or delay and propose dates by which compliance will be achieved. The Department shall notify the Respondent in writing of any modification of compliance dates in response thereto, and the Respondent shall comply with any dates, which may be specified in writing by the Department. Notification by the Respondent shall not excuse noncompliance or delay, and the Department's approval of any extended compliance date shall not excuse noncompliance or delay with respect to any subsequent compliance date specified in the Consent Order or otherwise imposed by the Department.

16. Except as provided in Paragraph 14 and 15, this Consent Order may be modified only with the consent of both parties in writing.

17. The Respondent shall not be considered in full compliance with this Consent Order until all actions required by the Consent Order have been completed to the satisfaction of the Department, and the Respondent has achieved compliance with Sections 19-13-B102, 19-13-B38a and 25-32-9 of the RCSA.

18. All submittals required of the Respondent shall be sent to: Mr. Gary Johnson, Supervising Environmental Analyst, Connecticut Department of Public Health, Drinking Water Section, 410 Capitol Avenue, MS#51WAT, P.O. Box 340308, Hartford, CT 06134-0308.

19. In carrying out its obligation under this Consent Order, the Respondent shall abide by all requirements of law. Nothing in this Consent Order shall relieve the Respondent of its duty to comply with applicable federal, state and, to the extent local law does not conflict with the requirements of this Consent Order, local law.

20. The Respondent's obligations under this Consent Order shall not be affected by the passage of title to any property to any other person, corporation, municipality or other legal entity. The terms of this Consent Order shall be binding upon and enforceable against the Respondent's successors and assigns.

21. The Respondent understands this Consent Order is a revocable offer of settlement that may be modified by mutual agreement or withdrawn at any time prior to its being signed by the Drinking Water Section Chief or his designee.

22. THIS CONSENT ORDER IS A FINAL ORDER OF THE DEPARTMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE MATTERS ADDRESSED HEREIN AND IS ENFORCEABLE PURSUANT TO CGS 25-36(b). The Department may at any time take any and all legal, administrative or equitable action necessary to assure the purity and adequacy of this public water system, except as agreed to in Paragraph 4. The Department may take any other such action as provided by federal or state law on all matters not covered specifically in the Consent Order. Failure to comply with any provision of this Consent Order may subject the Respondent to a court order pursuant to Section 25-36(b) and/or fines pursuant to Section 25-37 of the CGS to aid in the enforcement of the provisions of this Consent Order.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Consent Order to be executed by their officers and officials authorized and empowered to act on their behalf. The undersigned representative of the Respondent certifies that he or she is fully authorized to enter into this Consent Order and to legally bind the Respondent to the terms and conditions of the Consent Order.

5-6-06
Date

[Signature]
Date

By: [Signature]
Norman Gyle, Deputy Commissioner
Department of Public Health

By: [Signature]
Barry Feldman
Interim Vice President and
Chief Operating Officer
University of Connecticut



**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: *Martin Berliner*
 Martin Berliner, Town Manager
CC: Matt Hart, Assistant Town Manager;
 Curt Vincente, Director of Parks & Recreation
Date: June 26, 2006
Re: Revision to Mansfield Community Center Program Registration and Fee Policy

Subject Matter/Background

During the recent budget process, staff presented the Town Council with a detailed issue paper regarding member benefits at the Mansfield Community Center. After a few years experience in operating the community center, we are finding that the benefits of membership are being diminished by our practice of providing non-member residents of Mansfield with many of the same benefits that we extend to members. This is especially true in registering for community center programs.

The original community center marketing plan specifically identified the importance of providing certain key membership benefits to enhance both the recruitment of new members and the retention of existing members. However, at that time we determined that Mansfield residents who are not community center members should be granted the same rates and program registration access that members have. Our experience now indicates that this program registration and fee policy is hurting membership retention.

The problem is twofold. For one, resident members who belong to the facility primarily to participate in program offerings (and there are many such members) have less of an incentive to remain members of the center if they are competing on an equal basis with non-member residents to register for programs. In this instance, the member resident who joins the community center specifically to participate in programs is better off financially in dropping his/her membership and registering for programs at the same time as member residents. This concern is frequently expressed by our resident members, and our numbers attest to this point, as over the past year 44 percent or 1,371 of program participants at the center were non-member residents.

The current registration policy is also problematic for non-resident members, as those members must compete with both resident members and non-member residents for program slots. This situation is difficult for the non-resident members because we frequently have a waiting list for the center's most popular programs and the non-resident member often loses the opportunity to participate in a popular program. For example, of all the programs offered over the past year, the center had a waiting list for 37 percent or 164 of those programs. This situation can negatively impact the center's ability to retain non-resident members.

We are acutely aware that non-member residents have a legitimate claim through their payment of taxes, a portion of which goes to the Community Center, to expect preferred treatment over non-residents in the selection of community Center programs. Yet, we are also acutely aware that membership dollars from both residents and non-residents are a substitute for more tax dollars.

Our commitment to the Council and to the residents of Mansfield was to make the Community Center self-funding. To do that we must strengthen the rights of the members even if it is at the expense of our non-member residents. Therefore, staff proposes that the Town Council revise the registration and fee policy to provide all members, regardless of residency, with advanced registration and discounts for community center programs.

Financial Impact

Staff believes the recommended change in the program registration and fee policy would enhance membership recruitment and retention, and positively affect our revenue stream.

When we broached this subject at the last meeting, the Town Council asked for information concerning the subsidies that the town is contributing towards the community center. A breakdown is as follows:

<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>2004/05 Actual</u>	<u>2005/06 Actual</u>	<u>2006/07 Adopted</u>
Gen Fund – Teen Center	10,000	10,000	10,000
CNR Fund Subsidy	80,000	40,000	40,000
Debt Service	<u>316,881</u>	<u>307,651</u>	<u>302,020</u>
Total	\$456,881	\$432,651	\$427,020

Recommendation

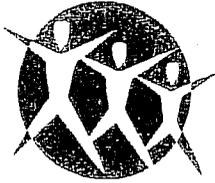
As stated, staff recommends that the Town Council revise the program registration and fee policy to provide all members, regardless of residency, with advanced registration and discounts for Mansfield Community Center programs. If this change were implemented, all non-member residents would pay regular program rates but receive secondary priority for program registration. Non-member, non-residents would then become the third tier and would receive non-resident program rates and third-level registration times. For programs that are held at facilities other than the community center, the town would continue to offer residents, regardless of whether or not they are community center members, resident rates and advanced registration times. Non-residents would be charged non-resident rates and granted secondary registration times. We wish to emphasize that with this proposed change, residents who are not community center members would still maintain various facility benefits, such as free access to the center at scheduled times, free access to the sitting room, the opportunity to use the facility with the resident daily admission fee, and, as outlined above, the ability to participate in programs at regular resident rates.

If the Town Council concurs with this recommendation, the following motion is in order:

MOVE, effective June 26, 2006, to revise the Mansfield Community Center program registration and fee policy to provide all members, regardless of residency, with advanced registration and discounts for Community Center programs. Pursuant to this change in policy, all non-member Mansfield residents shall pay regular program rates, but receive secondary priority for program registration, and non-member, non-residents shall pay non-resident program rates and receive third-level registration times.

Attachments

- 1) C. Vincente re: Community Center Member Benefits – Program Statistics



Mansfield
Community
Center

Town of Mansfield
Parks and Recreation
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Website: www.MansfieldCT.org

TO: Martin H. Berliner, Town Manager
FROM: Curt A. Vincente, Director of Parks & Recreation
DATE: June 8, 2006
SUBJECT: Community Center Member Benefits – Program Statistics

As you know, staff continues to have a concern over the restriction of benefits for Community Center members as it relates to the program participation and registration. This issue was presented to the Town Council during the budget process. We are in the process of preparing for our Fall program brochure production and we feel it is the appropriate time to recommend a change in policy as it relates to Community Center members receiving certain program registration and program fee benefits. The Town Council Agenda Item Summary describes the issue, below are some supporting statistics:

We analyzed a full year of program participation at the Community Center and have found the following:

- Of the period reviewed (one complete year of programs – Summer 2005, Fall 2005, Winter 2006, and Spring 2006) 44% or 1,371 of program participants at the Community Center were residents who are not members of the facility.
- Of all the programs offered, 34% or 164 had a waiting list. Of the 164 programs that had waiting lists, 67% were for swimming lessons, 26% for fitness programs, and 7% for all other programs



**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Assistant Town Manager *MH*
CC: Martin Berliner, Town Manager; John Jackman, Emergency Management Director
Date: June 26, 2006
Re: Windham Region Pre-Disaster Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan

Subject Matter/Background

As you may recall, staff has been working with WINCOG (Windham Regional Council of Governments) to address federal natural disaster planning requirements. The adoption of a regional plan is required for the town to be eligible for federal disaster funding.

Financial Impact

The adoption of this plan makes the Town of Mansfield eligible for federal disaster assistance. In addition, if federal hazard mitigation funding becomes available, Mansfield's participation in this plan may enable the town to receive grants to implement mitigation measures.

Recommendation

For the reasons referenced above, staff recommends that the Town Council adopt the Pre-Disaster Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. Staff will be available during the Town Council meeting to address any questions that the Council may have.

If the Town Council concurs with this recommendation, the following resolution is in order:

WHEREAS, floods, hurricanes, severe winter storms and other natural disasters can cause repetitive loss of human life and property in the Town of Mansfield; and

WHEREAS, mitigation reduces or eliminates long-term risk to human life and property resulting from hazards; and

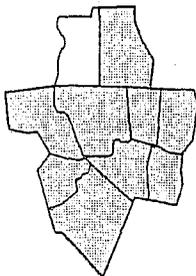
WHEREAS, the Pre-Disaster Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan outlines strategies and action items that reduce the impact of natural disasters in the Town of Mansfield; and

WHEREAS, the Pre-Disaster Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan satisfies the mitigation planning requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Mansfield hereby adopts the Pre-Disaster Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan.

Attachments

- 1) J. Butts re: Final Draft Plan to be Adopted by Municipalities
- 2) Federal Emergency Management Agency re: WINCOG Pre Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan
- 3) Copy of Draft Pre Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan (Please note that the sections re other town sections have not been included. The entire plan may be accessed at www.wingog.org)



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DATE: May 26, 2006

TO: Participants in WINCOG's Pre Disaster Hazard Mitigation Planning Process

FROM: Jana Butts, Senior Planner 

SUBJECT: Final Draft Plan to be adopted by municipalities

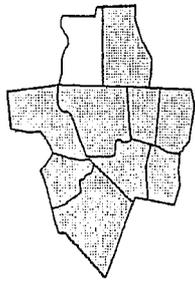
Good news! Last month WINCOG received word from FEMA that the draft Pre-Disaster Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Windham Region has been conditionally approved (see attached FEMA correspondence).

You may recall that WINCOG began developing this plan back in December 2003 to address new federal requirements for disaster planning. Since then, town officials and staff assisted WINCOG in developing this important document that assesses risks and vulnerabilities for natural disasters and identifies appropriate mitigation strategies.

The last step in this project is for each municipality to officially adopt this document. This action is required to obtain final approval for the plan and, in turn, become eligible for federal emergency funding in the event of an actual disaster. The official adoption may be an action of the Board of Selectmen, Town Council or other governing body. FEMA does not require any particular municipal body to adopt the plan; each municipality may choose how to adopt the document. A draft resolution is attached to this correspondence for your convenience.

Also included in this correspondence is a copy of the draft plan including your town section (held by clip). For convenience, other town sections have not been included in this draft but will be included in the final printed document that will also be in color. Draft and final versions of the plan may be accessed through the WINCOG website at www.wincog.org. Due to cost constraints, we will only print a limited number of the final plan.

Thank you to all who contributed to the development of this plan. Please feel free to call me with any questions regarding the plan or this correspondence.



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WINDHAM REGION C.O.G.

Barbara Buddington
Executive Director
Windham Region Council of Governments
968 Main Street
Willimantic, CT 06226

Dear Ms. Buddington:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Windham Region Council of Governments (WINCOG) multi-hazard mitigation plan. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region I has evaluated the plan for compliance with the Interim Final Rule published in the Federal Register on February 26, 2002 (44 CFR Parts 201 and 206). We have determined that the plan, including the jurisdictions listed below, satisfactorily meets all of the mandatory requirements set forth by the aforementioned regulations except §201.6(c)(5), adoption by the local governing bodies.

- Ashford
- Coventry
- Lebanon
- Scotland
- Chaplin
- Hampton
- Mansfield
- Windham
- Columbia

As you may be aware, Federal regulations require that a plan must include documentation of its formal adoption by the local governing bodies of each jurisdiction (e.g., Board of Selectmen, City Council). Accordingly, this letter reflects a conditional approval of the plan until we receive a copies of signed and stamped adoption resolutions. Once the adoption resolutions have been received and deemed appropriate, FEMA Region I will send a formal letter of approval to you confirming eligibility of each jurisdiction within the WINCOG region to apply for mitigation project funding through FEMA's Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) program.

Thank you for your continued dedication to public service demonstrated by preparing and adopting a strategy for reducing future disaster losses. Congratulations once again for achieving this milestone and ensuring a safer future for the residents of the WINCOG jurisdictions. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Steve Colman, Community Mitigation Branch Chief at (617) 832-4731.

Sincerely,

Kevin M. Merli, Director
Federal Insurance and Mitigation Division

Cc: Diane Ifcovic, DEM, CT
Jana Butts, Windham Region Council of Governments

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT
THE PRE-DISASTER NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, Floods, hurricanes, severe winter storms and other natural disasters can cause repetitive loss of human life and property in the Town of ^^^^^^; and

WHEREAS, Mitigation reduces or eliminates long-term risk to human life and property resulting from hazards; and

WHEREAS, The *Pre-Disaster Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan* outlines strategies and action items that reduce the impact of natural disasters in the Town of ^^^^^^; and

WHEREAS, The *Pre-Disaster Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan* satisfies the mitigation planning requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of ^^^^^^ hereby adopts the *Pre-Disaster Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan*.

This resolution was passed at a regular monthly meeting of the Town of ^^^^^^ Board of Selectman/Town Council.

Dated at ^^^^^^, Connecticut, on [month] [day], 2006.

, Chairman

Mansfield Mitigation:

Scope/Overview

The Risk and Vulnerability Assessment portion of this plan looked at the historical and potential impacts of the following hazards throughout the region: dam failures, droughts, earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, ice jams, severe winter weather, thunderstorms, tornadoes and wind damage, and wildfires. A review of the historical occurrences of each hazard provided valuable information used in assessing potential future risk. A review of each community's resources provided the basis for an analysis of the community's vulnerability to each hazard – the extent to which the community might suffer loss of human life, injuries, and/or property damage.

With an understanding of its risk and vulnerability to natural disasters, the community can take steps prior to such an event to reduce its impacts (loss of property and life). The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has provided guidance in the form of a comprehensive list of possible mitigation measures for each hazard (see Appendix III). In the context of the community's risk and vulnerability assessment, only some of these measures will be cost-effective. The purpose of the Pre-Disaster Natural Hazard Mitigation (PDHM) Plan is to identify reasonable and appropriate mitigation measures for each hazard.

Certain mitigation practices are beneficial for any disaster, and the following measures are recommended for all communities:

- Encourage all buildings to be improved to meet current building codes. Changes in building codes apply only to new constructions and renovations.
- Educate the public about disaster preparedness and the benefits of mitigation measures. Increasing the public's awareness of possible consequences of natural disasters and how they might better prepare to safeguard their lives and property is an important part of every community's mitigation plan.

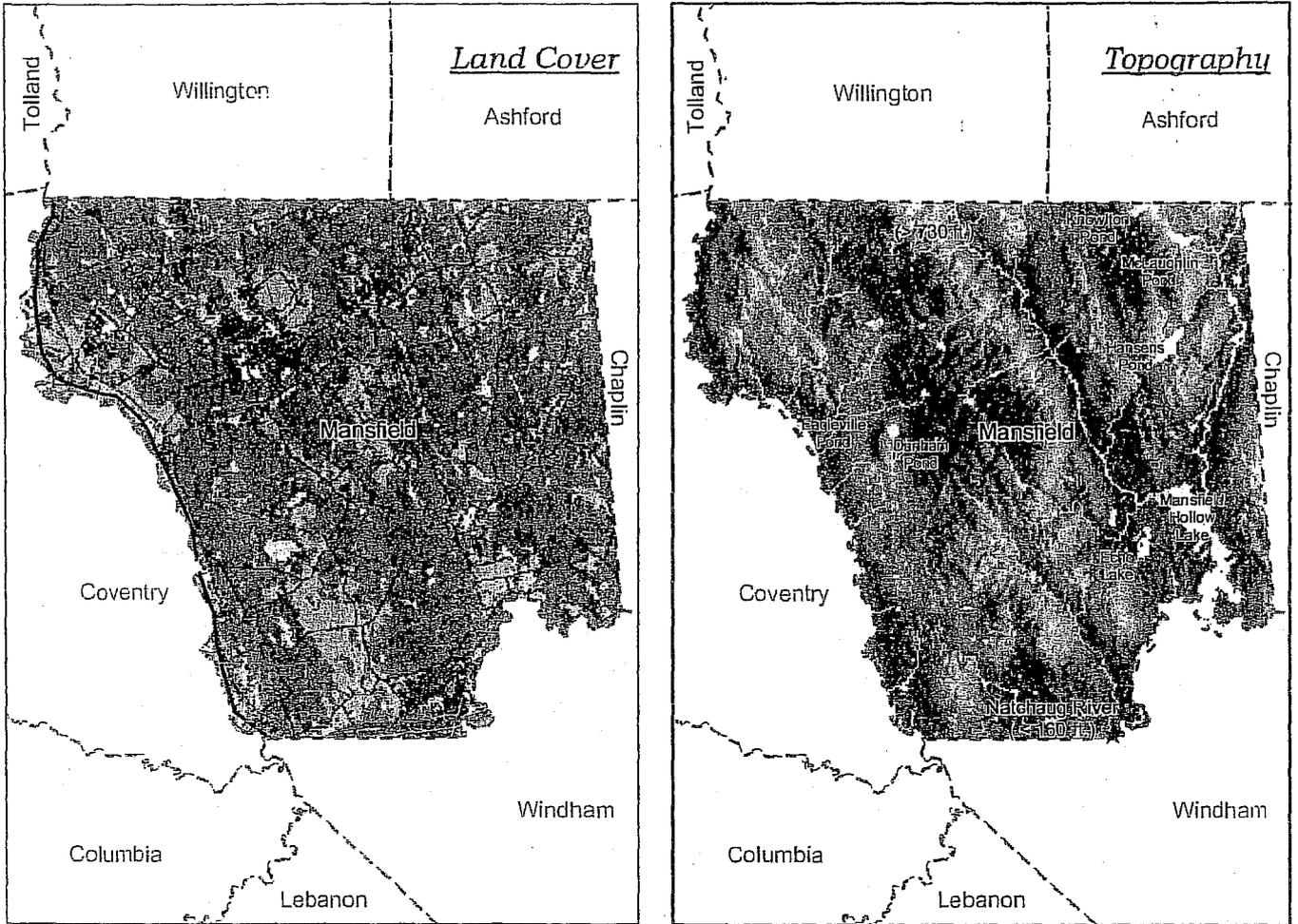
General Town Description (Figure 34)

Mansfield is located in Tolland County in eastern Connecticut and lies in the center of the WINCOG Region. Mansfield has a total area of 45.7 square miles (29,227 acres) and is bounded on the east by Chaplin, on the south by Windham, on the north by Ashford and Willington, and on the west by Coventry. The 2000 Census population count was 20,720 persons, a 1.8% decrease from 1990 (21,103). Mainly rural with some agriculture and an urban concentration in the vicinity of the University of Connecticut, the 13.9% of Mansfield which is developed (see Figure 35) includes:

- three fire departments: two volunteer fire departments - one department with one station on Route 32 at the junction of S. Eagleville Road and a second station on Route 195 north of Route 44 and - one department on Route 195; and one full-time department, separate from the town, on the University of Connecticut's campus;

Town of Mansfield Overview

Figure 34



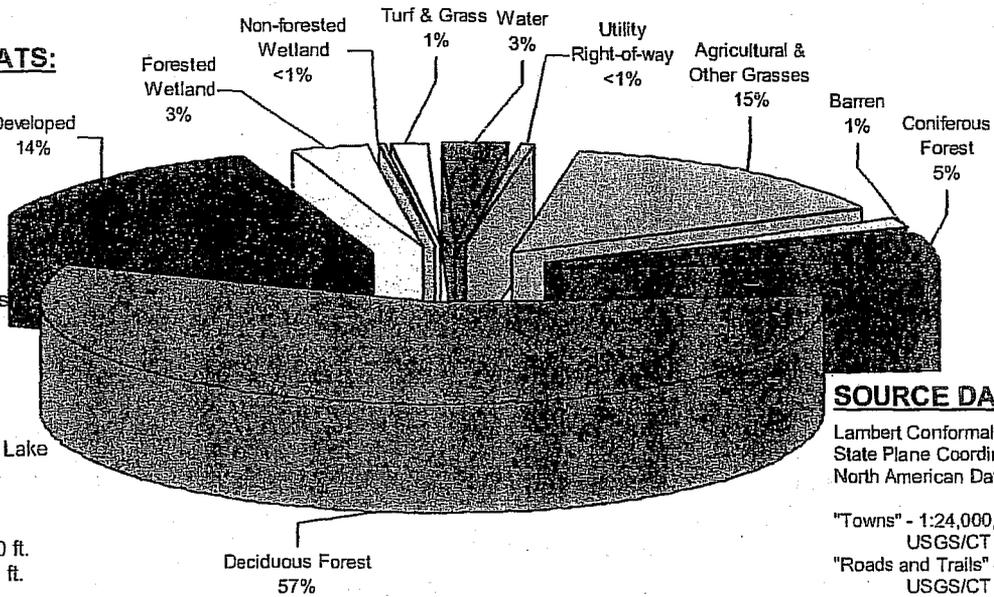
Mansfield Land Cover Breakdown

QUICK TOWN STATS:

Town Area - 45.7 sq. miles (29,227 acres)
 Water body area - 788 acres
 Water bodies > 10 acres:
 Dunham Pond
 Eagleville Pond
 Echo Lake
 Hansens Pond
 Knowlton Pond
 Mansfield Hollow Lake
 McLaughlin Pond

Elevation -
 Maximum = > 730 ft.
 Minimum = < 160 ft.

Population -	1990	2000	Change
	21,103	20,720	-1.8%



SOURCE DATA:

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 State Plane Coordinate System
 North American Datum of 1983 (NAD83)

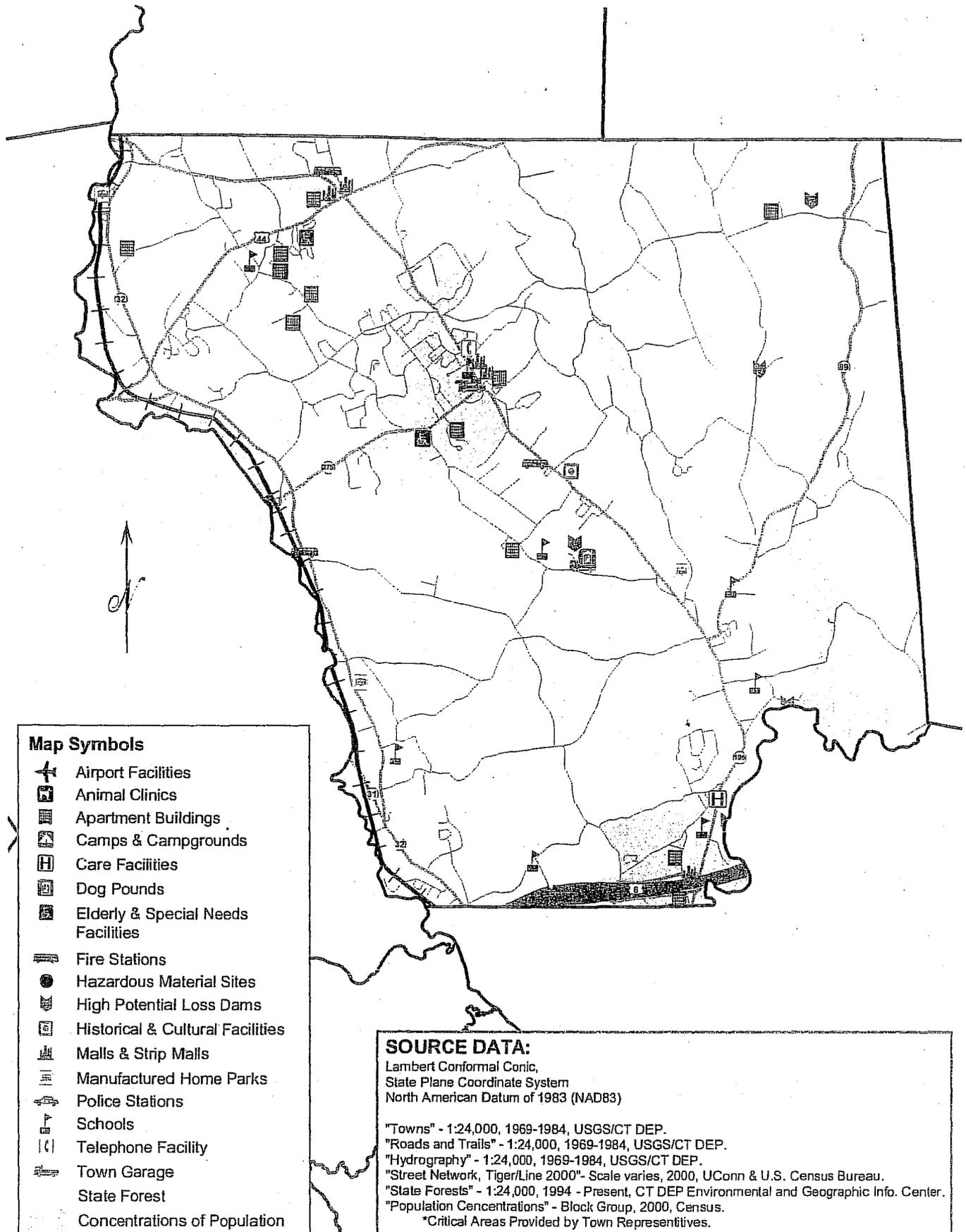
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 "2002 Land Cover Greater Connecticut" -
 100 ft sq., 2002, UConn, CLEAR.



Scale: 1:162,000

Mansfield Critical Areas of Concern

Figure 35



Map Symbols

- Airport Facilities
- Animal Clinics
- Apartment Buildings
- Camps & Campgrounds
- Care Facilities
- Dog Pounds
- Elderly & Special Needs Facilities
- Fire Stations
- Hazardous Material Sites
- High Potential Loss Dams
- Historical & Cultural Facilities
- Malls & Strip Malls
- Manufactured Home Parks
- Police Stations
- Schools
- Telephone Facility
- Town Garage
- State Forest
- Concentrations of Population

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"Street Network, Tiger/Line 2000" - Scale varies, 2000, UConn & U.S. Census Bureau.

"State Forests" - 1:24,000, 1994 - Present, CT DEP Environmental and Geographic Info. Center.

"Population Concentrations" - Block Group, 2000, Census.

*Critical Areas Provided by Town Representatives.



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- one private psychiatric and substance abuse hospital off Route 195 near the town of Windham border;
- one resident trooper's office near the intersection of Route 195 and South Eagleville Road;
- one police department on the University of Connecticut's Campus;
- eight primary and secondary level schools: two Montessori schools, three elementary schools, one middle school, one high school, and one school associated with the Natchaug Hospital;
- a few historic districts: the Spring Hill Historic District in the Spring Hill area off Route 195 and the Mansfield Center Historic Districts in Mansfield Center;
- a number of historic buildings throughout town, including the old town hall off Route 195 in the center of town and several buildings on the UConn Campus;
- the University of Connecticut, a cultural beacon that attracts people to (among other things) the Connecticut State Museum of Natural History, the William Benton Museum of Art, the Ballard Institute and Museum of Puppetry, and a number of cultural centers;
- two elderly concentrations: one off South Eagleville Road, which includes the Mansfield Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation, the Juniper Hill elderly housing, and the Wright's Way elderly housing, and a second one off Route 44 at Jenson's Residential Community;
- three shopping areas including: the Eastbrook Mall near the town of Windham border, the Four Corners shopping area at the intersection with Route 195 and Route 44, and three strip malls located off Route 195 near the intersection with South Eagleville Road;
- one telephone facility;
- two well fields and associated water treatment facilities: the UConn Willimantic River well field off Route 32 in the northern section of town and the UConn Fenton River well field located north of the Gurleyville Village, and the UConn water storage facility located on Horse Barn Hill (the latter two facilities primarily serve the University of Connecticut Campus and commercial and governmental facilities that are adjacent to the campus);
- one wastewater treatment plant owned by UConn and located on the campus;
- a reservoir and water treatment facility located in the southeastern section of town, which primarily serves the Town of Windham and the southern section of Mansfield;
- four major manufactured home parks: Jenson's Residential Community off Route 44, Valleyview off Route 32, Chaffeeville Road Park off Route 195, and Burcamp off Route 32, as well as a number of manufactured homes dispersed throughout town;
- several apartment buildings, twelve of which house large populations; and
- six high potential loss dams.

The majority of the town's population concentration is in the urban area of Storrs in the vicinity of the University of Connecticut's main campus and in the southern area just outside the town of Windham.

The largest individual population concentration in town, the University of Connecticut's Storrs campus, had over 15,000 undergraduates and just over 6,000 graduates enrolled in the 2003 school year. UConn's housing facilities allow the campus to accommodate over 11,000 students while the university is in session. The seasonal increase in population in this area creates an elevated concern. It should be noted that the University's Police and Fire protection capabilities are comparable to that of a municipality, but given a disaster of a large enough scale, the University would require further assistance beyond that which they can provide for themselves.

Other areas of concern in Mansfield include one home on Laurel Lane, which during times of high water levels becomes stranded; seven homes on Thornbush Road, which during times of high water become inundated, (this happens approximately once every five years to one out of seven of these structures); and an area of Bassett Bridge Road which is closed during times of high water. This latter area is a flood control area and is designed for this purpose, however, traffic is disrupted during these times. The last area of concern in the town is the railroad which runs along the western town line. This railroad is not only an economic concern, but, given the cargo, at times this rail can be a hazardous material concern.

Largely forested, Mansfield is made up of approximately 56.9% deciduous forest, 4.8% coniferous forest and 3.2% forested wetlands. Other land cover in the town includes: agricultural and other grasses (14.9%), water (2.7%), turf and grass (1.5%), barren land (1.4%), utility rights-of-way (0.5%) and non-forested wetlands (0.4%). The approximate 786 acres of the town occupied by water bodies includes: Dunham Pond, Eagleville Pond, Echo Lake, Hansens Pond, Knowlton Pond, Mansfield Hollow Lake and McLaughlin Pond. Mansfield's elevation ranges from about 160 feet in the southeast corner of town at the Natchaug River to about 730 feet in the north/northwest section. In addition to all the natural hazards described previously in this plan on a regional level, Mansfield is also at risk of damage caused by flooding and dam failures.

Evaluation of Risks & Vulnerability

Dam Failure

Risks & Vulnerability:

Dam failure risk and vulnerability is discussed on a regional level on page 14, section II.B.

Risk

There are thirty-four dams in Mansfield ranging from Hazard Class A (low hazard) to Hazard Class C (high hazard). Eleven dams in the town are classified as low hazard (Class A); failure of any of these dams would hardly be of concern. Three dams are classified as moderate hazard (Class BB) and their failure would cause some damage, but no major disruptions. The failure of any of the four

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dams classified as significant hazard (Class B), or the three high hazard (Class C) dams could cause serious damage. The failure of the significant hazard (Class B) dams could cause severe damage and is of great concern in the town; however the greatest concern would be the failure of the high hazard dams in the town, Eagleville Lake Dam, Mansfield Hollow Dam or Willimantic Reservoir Dam. There are also thirteen unassigned dams in the town, but the fact that close watch is kept over significant and high hazard dams suggests that these structures are either a moderate, low, or negligible hazards.

Vulnerability

The failure of any Class B or Class C dam brings with it damages, economic loss and the potential for loss of life. One of three Class C dams is located on the south end of the Eagleville Pond, another is located on a section of the Mansfield Hollow Lake and the last is located on the south end of the Willimantic Reservoir. Their high hazard classification means that in the event of their failure, besides the definite loss of property and economic losses, the loss of life is probable. Figure 36 shows the placement of all thirty-four dams in the town.

Mitigation Efforts

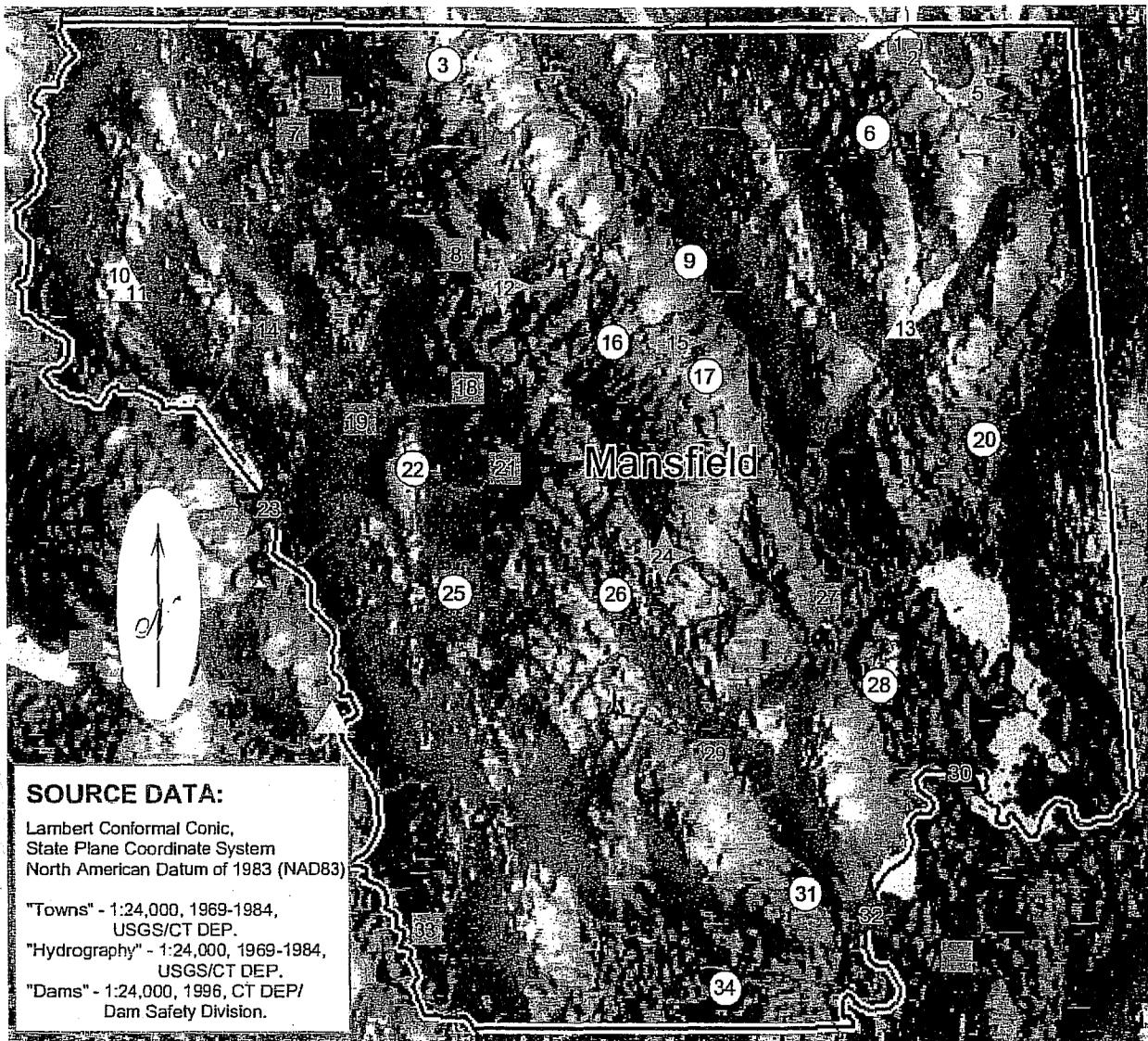
Current state mitigation measures are described on a regional level on page 16, section II.B of the Pre-Disaster Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. Among these mitigation measures are periodic dam inspections. Periodic inspections help to determine if dams are structurally sound. If a dam's structural integrity is questioned, recommendations made to ensure the safety of the structure may include:

- any emergency measures or actions, if required to assure the immediate safety of the structure;
- remedial measures and actions related to design, construction, operation, maintenance and inspection of the structure; additional detailed studies, investigations and analyses; or
- recommendations for routine maintenance and inspection by the owner.

Out of the 164 dams in the WINCOG Region 112 are privately owned, of which 19 are in Mansfield. Private owners of dams are generally reluctant to make repairs, which tend to be costly. In these instances, needed repairs may not be done in a timely manner.

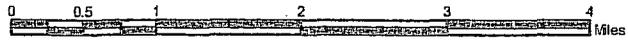
Whether it is a structurally sound dam or a weak dam, Emergency Operation Plans (EOPs)/Emergency Action Plans (EAPs) are very important mitigation measures. There are currently no statutory mandates for EOPs. However, the DEP works with owners of dams at greatest risk to make certain EOPs are in place and up-to-date. Hurricanes, flooding, ice jams and tornadoes may breach even a well-built dam, given a destructive enough event. Having a plan that lays out how to respond to a disaster, prior to the disaster occurring, is a very important tool in reducing loss of property and life. Mitigation measures for

Town of Mansfield Dams



SOURCE DATA:
 Lambert Conformal Conic,
 State Plane Coordinate System
 North American Datum of 1983 (NAD83)
 "Towns" - 1:24,000, 1969-1984,
 USGS/CT DEP.
 "Hydrography" - 1:24,000, 1969-1984,
 USGS/CT DEP.
 "Dams" - 1:24,000, 1996, CT DEP/
 Dam Safety Division.

Legend			
	Town Boundary		
	Hydrography		
Elevation			
	High : 770 Feet		
	Low : 150 Feet		
Dam Hazard Class			
	Class Unassigned		
	Class AA (Negligible Hazard)		
	Class A (Low Hazard)		
	Class BB (Moderate Hazard)		
	Class B (Significant Hazard)		
	Class C (High Hazard)		
Dam Names			
1:	LEANDER POND DAM	17:	ROCQUE POND DAM
2:	ODD POND DAM	18:	STAR POND DAM
3:	{unnamed dam}	19:	HIDDEN POND DAM
4:	HOOKED POND DAM	20:	NOVA POND DAM
5:	MCLAUGHLIN POND DAM	21:	GARDINER ROAD POND DAM
6:	VARGA POND DAM	22:	DUNHAM POND DAM
7:	SWAMP BROOK POND DAM	23:	EAGLEVILLE LAKE DAM
8:	SWAN LAKE DAM	24:	MANSFIELD RECREATION POND DAM
9:	STONE MILL ROAD POND DAM	25:	JOHNSON POND DAM
10:	TRAINING DAM #2	26:	SPRING POND DAM
11:	TRAINING DAM #1	27:	CHAPINS POND DAM
12:	MIRROR LAKE DAM	28:	ECHO LAKE DAM
13:	HANSENS POND DAM	29:	CRANE HILL POND DAM
14:	BONE MILL DAM	30:	MANSFIELD HOLLOW DAM
15:	HANK HILL POND DAM	31:	SAWMILL BROOK POND DAM
16:	{unnamed dam}	32:	WILLIMANTIC RESERVOIR DAM
		33:	PERKINS CORNER POND DAM
		34:	EATONS POND DAM



Scale: 1:84,000

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flooding (see below), which is a risk commonly associated with a dam failure, should also be encouraged.

While the state assumes responsibility for inspecting dams and recommending measures to lessen the risk of dam failure, the municipality can take the following mitigation actions:

- for municipally-owned dams, make sure that EOPs are in place and current, and implement recommendations resulting from state inspections; and
- for privately-owned dams, encourage each dam owner to have an EOP in place and current, and implement recommendations resulting from state inspections; monitor compliance.

Drought

Risk & Vulnerability:

Drought risk and vulnerability is discussed on page 14, section II.B.

Mitigation Efforts

As with any rural community that depends on aquifers and local well systems, Mansfield's vulnerability to drought increases with population growth and the accompanying increased demands for water. Good land use planning and helping the community to understand the importance of water conservation can reduce the threat of drought.

The State's Automated Flood Warning System and the "Connecticut Drought Preparedness and Response Plan" (see page 14) are statewide mitigation efforts already in place. Other specific measures that should be considered include:

- completing a town-wide groundwater study, including recharge into existing aquifers to develop recommendations for future land use patterns;
- implementing site design techniques and criteria such as strict regulation of vegetative buffers for stream and river corridors, rain gardens for site drainage, and prohibition of wetlands alteration;
- studying effectiveness of conservation measures; and
- implementing water conservation awareness programs.

Earthquake

Risk & Vulnerability:

Earthquake risk and vulnerability is discussed on page 15, section II.B.

Mitigation Efforts

Occurrences of large earthquakes in the region are infrequent. While many

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mitigation measures may not be cost-effective, the community should consider the following:

- enforcing effective building codes and local ordinances;
- encouraging emergency facilities such as hospitals to be constructed to withstand seismic events; and
- encouraging a low-cost earthquake rider for homeowners and businesses.

Flooding

Risks

The Town of Mansfield is at risk of flooding because of a number of streams, brooks and ponds in the town. According to the 1980 Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) updated Flood Insurance Study (FIS) for the town:

"Floods in Mansfield have occurred in every season of the year. Spring floods are common and are caused by rainfall in combination with snowmelt. Floods in late summer and fall are usually the result of hurricanes or other storms moving northeastward along the Atlantic coast. Winter floods result from occasional thaws, particularly in years of heavy snowfall.

Major floods of the past 50 years occurred in Mansfield in March 1936, September 1938, and August 1955. The 1936 and 1938 floods are equivalent to a 20-year frequency flood and a 100-year frequency flood, respectively. Of these, the hurricane-caused flood of August 1955 was by far the most severe in terms of amount of runoff and property damage. The Willimantic River at the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) gaging station (no. 101119500, with 40 years of operation) located just upstream of Route 31, recorded a peak discharge of 24,200 cubic feet per second (cfs) on August 19, 1955. This is equivalent to a flood having a recurrence interval of more than 200 years. The Natchaug River valley was spared serious flooding in 1955 because of the tremendous storage capacity in Mansfield Hollow Lake, which rose to within 8 feet of its spillway elevation (4)."

Vulnerability

Areas studied for vulnerability, as noted in FEMA's 1980 FIS for the town, are as follows:

"The areas studied by detailed methods were selected with priority given to all known flood hazard areas, and areas of projected development or proposed construction until 1980.

Approximate methods of analysis were used to study those areas having low development potential and/or minimal flood hazards as identified at the initiation of the study. The scope and methods of study were proposed to and agreed upon by the Federal Insurance Administration and the community.

The streams studied in detail were the Natchaug River from the downstream corporate limit to Hollow Dam; the Willimantic River from the downstream

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corporate limits, the limit of flooding affecting the community (a point about 6,350 feet downstream from Cider Mill Road) to the upstream corporate limits; Mount Hope River from its mouth to the upstream corporate limit; and Conantville Brook from its downstream corporate limit to Pleasant Valley Road. Streams studied by approximate methods were the Fenton River, Fishers Brook, Eagleville Brook, Cedar Swamp Brook, Nelson Brook and Sawmill Brook (2).”

A map of the flood risk areas is provided on Figure 37. In addition to these areas noted by the FIS, Mansfield also has four “scour bridges”. This is a term used by ConnDOT to describe a bridge whose structure may be undermined by soil erosion during certain rainfall or stream flow events, thus affecting its stability and safety. The structures located on Old Turnpike Road, Stonemill Road #1 and Gurleyville Road all cross the Fenton River, while the structure located on Laurel Lane crosses the Mount Hope River.

Mitigation Efforts

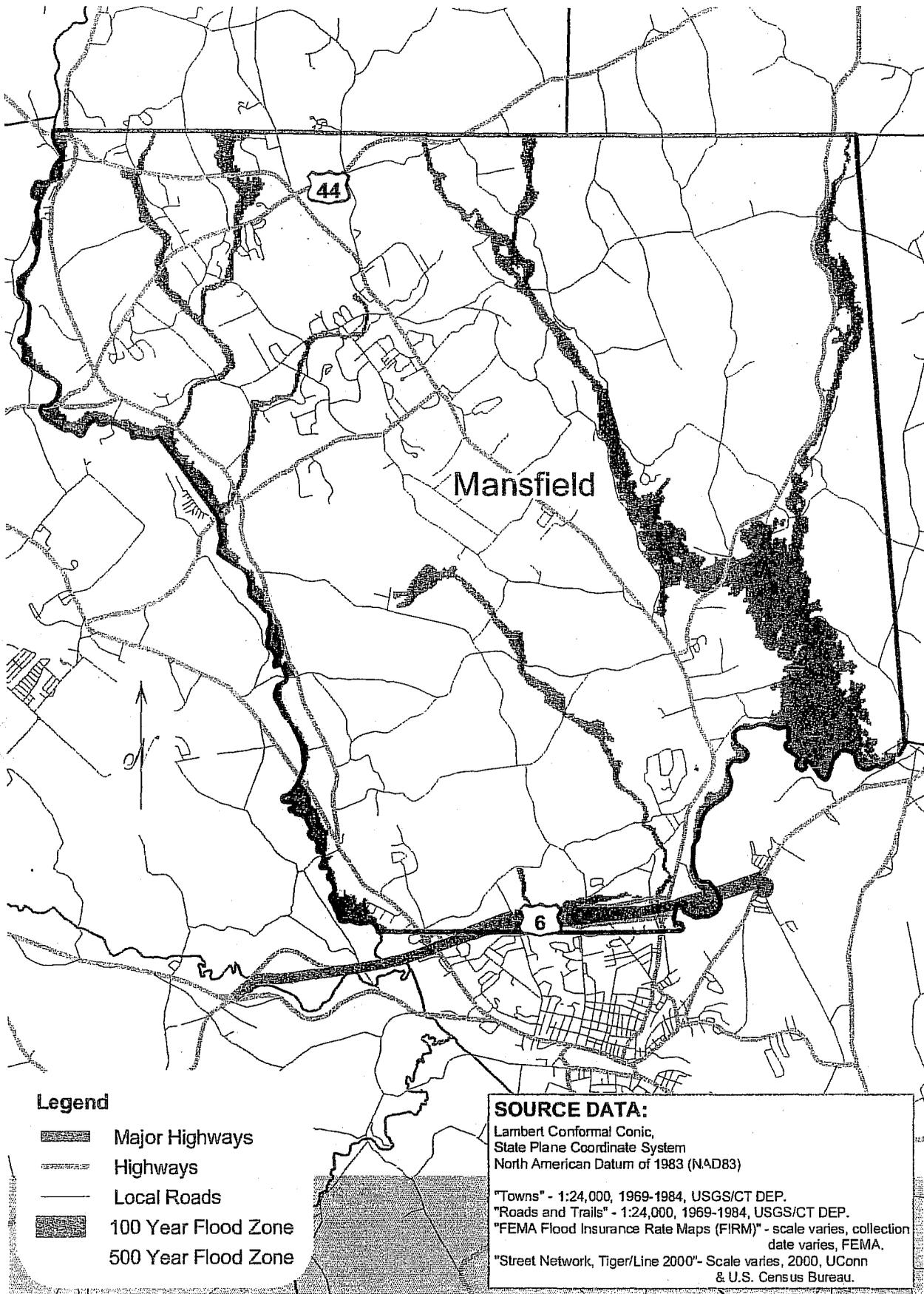
The Town of Mansfield’s current zoning regulations include, but are not limited to, the following limitations in the flood zone^y:

- No structures to be used for residential occupancy are allowed within designated Flood Hazard Areas. The lowest floor elevation, including basement, of all non-residential structures located within designated flood hazard areas shall be elevated to at least one (1) foot above the base flood level (100-year flood level) or be flood proofed with structural certification by a registered professional engineer or architect certifying that the building will withstand a flood equivalent to the 100-year storm without damage (Article 10.E.4.a).
- In all Flood Hazard Areas and areas subject to a base flood, any new construction or any substantial improvements shall be: anchored to prevent flotation, collapse or lateral movement of the structure; constructed with materials resistant to flood damage; and constructed by methods and practices that minimize flood damage (Article 10.E.4.b.1-3).
- All existing manufactured homes to be replaced or to be substantially improved shall be elevated so that the lowest floor is at least one (1) foot above the base flood elevation. It shall be placed on a permanent foundation which itself is securely anchored and to which the structure is securely anchored so that it will resist flotation, lateral movement, and hydrostatic and hydrodynamic pressures. Anchoring may include, but not be limited to, the use of over-the-top or frame ties to ground anchors (Article 10.E.4.c).
- Within designated floodways, including zone A as designated in the flood Insurance Rate Map, all development is prohibited, unless it has been demonstrated through hydrologic and hydraulic analyses performed in accordance with standard engineering practice that the proposed

^y The flood zone being the Flood Hazard Areas, designated as land within flood encroachment lines administered by the State Department of Environmental Protection, and other land subject to 100-year flooding.

Flood Risk Zones of Mansfield

Figure 37



Legend

-  Major Highways
-  Highways
-  Local Roads
-  100 Year Flood Zone
-  500 Year Flood Zone

SOURCE DATA:

Lambert Conformal Conic,
State Plane Coordinate System
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"FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM)" - scale varies, collection date varies, FEMA.
"Street Network, Tiger/Line 2000" - Scale varies, 2000, UConn & U.S. Census Bureau.



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development would not result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge (Article 10.E.4.f).

Mansfield prohibits residential structures from being constructed within designated flood hazard areas. All non-residential proposed structures must meet elevation requirements and strict construction demands. Proposed structures may be required to be constructed with certain materials, elevated, flood proofed or anchored. Manufactured (mobile) homes are required to meet further elevation, anchoring and tie down requirements. It must be shown that any proposed development in the 100-year flood plain will not alter the flood levels in the community. These types of regulations help to keep structures out of areas at risk of flooding. Structures that are allowed in the flood plain must meet requirements put in place to greatly reduce the risk of damage to property and the loss of life, should a flood occur.

Additional mitigation measures recommended for all towns in the region include:

- educating the public on
 - risks of flooding,
 - risks of building in hazard-prone areas,
 - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) floodplain maps (and making these maps easily available to the public);
- implementing a maintenance program to clear debris from storm water drainage areas;
- developing sediment control to prevent clogged drainage systems, such as street sweeping, curb and gutter cleaning, paving dirt roads, and planting vegetation on bare ground;
- investigating the use of flood-prone areas as open spaces;
- encouraging individuals in flood-prone areas to purchase flood insurance;
- elevating structures above the 100-year flood level; and
- considering the conservation of open space by acquisition of repetitive loss structures.

Stormwater

Stormwater runoff can significantly exacerbate flooding; therefore, managing stormwater runoff is a priority mitigation measure. Residential and commercial development increases impervious land area, reduces the infiltration of stormwater runoff into the ground, and increases the volume and velocity of stormwater runoff causing flooding. Enforcing appropriate maintenance programs for stormwater facilities will therefore help reduce the impact of these events and subsequently reduce the damage caused by flooding. A good stormwater management system promotes groundwater recharge and controls peak flows, while reducing local flooding and maintaining stream bank integrity. An example of a good stormwater management system would be one that calls for removing sediment accumulation from catch basins yearly. This may make the difference in whether or not flooding occurs. Mansfield is encouraged to develop

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a municipal stormwater management plan. All towns within the region are also encouraged to consider the effects of proposed future development on stormwater runoff.

Hurricanes

Risk & Vulnerability:

Hurricane risk and vulnerability is discussed on page 19, section II.B.

Mitigation Efforts

Some of the greatest damage from hurricanes is caused by flooding, high winds and tornadoes. Mitigation measures for these events are looked at separately in the flooding and tornado/wind damage sections. Other mitigation efforts that should be considered include:

- providing emergency shelters;
- implementing a tree hazard management program, which would encourage responsible planting practices and minimize future storm damage to buildings, utilities, and streets;
- practicing a tree trimming maintenance program; and
- landscaping with native species.

Ice Jams

Risk & Vulnerability:

Ice jam risk and vulnerability is discussed on page 23, section II.B.

Mitigation Efforts

During ice jams the biggest concern is the risk of flooding. See mitigation measures under flooding (above).

Severe Winter Storms

Risk & Vulnerability:

Severe winter storm risk and vulnerability is discussed on page 24, section II.B. Key risks are the relative isolation of the rural communities from emergency services; loss of electrical power to large areas from ice accumulation or high winds, and fire from improper use of alternative heating sources, candles and gas stoves. The leading cause of death is from automobile and other transportation accidents. Property damage can also occur from frozen water pipes and falling trees or branches from ice accumulation and/or wind.

Mitigation Efforts (see also flooding and tornado/wind damage)

Some of the greatest damage from winter storms is caused by flooding and high

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winds, and mitigation measures for such hazards are discussed under those headings.

It is particularly important to encourage people to stay indoors and out of harm's way when severe winter weather threatens. Such conditions increase the frequency of traffic accidents and emergency responders take longer to reach accident scenes because of vehicles unnecessarily on the roads.

Power outages can cause a number of problems, from loss of heat and the risk of frozen pipes to fire hazards. Tree-trimming programs can lessen the risk of power outages to some extent. Putting utility wires underground can lessen the risk even further. In any event, the municipality should develop a plan to restore power as quickly as possible.

The National Weather Service's Early Warning System is an important mitigation measure for winter storms. Other hazard-specific mitigation efforts that should be considered include:

- educating the public on
 - the risks of hypothermia,
 - the risks of carbon monoxide poisoning in motor vehicles and from portable heaters and power generators in homes,
 - the risk of fires from portable heaters and candles,
 - the importance of staying off the roads,
 - landscaping practices that encourage the planting of species that are less susceptible to damage from ice storms to reduce the risk of damage to structures;
- implementing a tree trimming maintenance program;
- encouraging underground utility wires; and
- providing emergency shelters before, during, and after the event.

Thunderstorms

Risk & Vulnerability:

Thunderstorm risk and vulnerability is discussed on page 25, section II.B.

Mitigation Efforts (see also wildfires, flooding and tornado/wind damage)

Some of the greatest damage from thunderstorms is caused by fires, flooding, high winds, and (on occasion) tornadoes. Mitigation measures for such hazards are discussed under those headings.

The National Weather Service's Early Warning System is an important mitigation measure for thunderstorms. Other hazard-specific mitigation efforts that should be considered include:

- educating the public on how to minimize risk of injury both indoors and outdoors (more specific);

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- when to turn off gas, electricity, and water; and
- when and how to avoid contact with water and metal.
- clearing dead or rotting tree branches;
- securing outdoor objects that could become projectiles; and
- installing lightning rods.

Tornado/Wind Damage

Risk & Vulnerability:

Tornado/Wind Damage risk and vulnerability is discussed on page 26, section II.B.

Mitigation Efforts

While the region has a very low risk of experiencing a tornado with great destructive potential, basic measures to minimize damage from high winds can be implemented and public education efforts can help to prepare residents. Owners of older mobile homes should be particularly aware of mitigation measures that could protect their homes from damage.

The National Weather Service's Early Warning System is an important mitigation measure for tornado/wind damage events. Other hazard-specific mitigation efforts that should be considered include:

- being aware of, and educating the public through pamphlets and web-based information on
 - the warning signs for a tornado,
 - the importance of securing outdoor objects that could become projectiles,
 - what kinds of buildings are most vulnerable to damage from tornadoes or high winds (such as manufacture housing),
 - structural alterations to protect against wind damage,
 - when and where to seek shelter;
- encouraging upgrading of existing buildings to meet current building codes;
- enforcing and updating building code standards for light frame construction, especially wind resistant roofs. FEMA articles on bracing for gable trussed roofs and bracing for doors and windows are available for review. Information is also available on placement of HVAC systems and electrical utilities to resist both wind and flood damage; and
- encouraging underground utility wires.

Wildfire Hazards

Risk & Vulnerability:

Wildfire Hazard risk and vulnerability is discussed on page 29, section II.B.

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Mitigation Efforts

Long periods of drought are one of the primary natural causes of wildfires. Mitigation measures for drought are discussed under that heading.

The State's Automated Flood Warning System (which monitors precipitation levels to determine both flood and drought potential) is a mitigation measure already in place. Other mitigation efforts that should be considered include:

- educating the public on safe fire practices;
- using fire-resistant material when renovating, building, and retrofitting structures;
- moving shrubs and other landscaping away from structures;
- periodically clearing brush and dead grass from property; and
- acquiring land susceptible to wildfires to maintain it as open space.

Mitigation Strategies

The Mansfield Mitigation Planning Team reviewed the "Risk and Vulnerability Assessment," the strengths and weaknesses of its existing mitigation strategies, and developed proposed mitigation strategies. Based upon internal resources, discussions and meetings with local officials and the general public, this section presents goals, objectives and proposed mitigation strategies. These mitigation strategies guide future efforts to reduce the loss of life and property as a result of natural disasters and attempt to break the expensive cycle of repeated damage and reconstruction. The proposed mitigation strategies are further prioritized to help guide the implementation schedule.

The Mansfield Mitigation Planning Team prioritized mitigation tasks using the Check List for Potential Mitigation Projects (see Appendix IV). The checklist helped team members identify and compare the various merits of a potential project. Team members determined which projects met the following criteria: 1) the project mitigates multiple natural hazards, 2) the project is feasible, 3) the project would be effective in avoiding or reducing future losses, 4) the cost of the project seems reasonable for the size of the problem and likely benefit, 5) the project has political and public support, and 6) the project improves upon existing programs or supports other municipal priorities. "High" priority projects met most of the criteria. "Medium" and "Low" priority projects met fewer criteria.

The Mansfield Mitigation Planning Team gave a "High" priority rating to thirteen mitigation projects as listed on the following page. All other supporting tasks were assigned a "Medium" or "Low" priority rating based on the same criteria. Additionally, the town prepared cost estimates for the following projects:

- Purchase or rehabilitate Vac-All equipment for silt removal - \$60,000.
- Study catch basin silt capacity to determine quickest filling catch basins to upgrade - \$5,000 to \$15,000 (bid contract).

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- Construct new Stone Mill Road #1 Bridge crossing the Fenton River; this is a scour bridge and was rated as “fair” on ConnDOT’s 2004 inspection report - \$675,000.
- Upgrade all eight of the town’s front-line plows with liquid spreaders (including brine maker) - \$35,000.
- Budget appropriate money necessary to maintain and remove dead, dying, dangerous or diseased trees from the town rights-of-ways - \$35,000.
- Increase the amount of preventative tree maintenance - \$50,000.
- Develop a GIS application to assist town personnel in the event of an emergency of natural disaster (including planimetrics & work stations):
 - Planimetrics –
 - Roads - \$5,000.
 - Buildings - \$115,000.
 - Additional fire ponds and minor water ways - \$10,000.
 - GIS work stations –
 - Fire Marshall, Fire Admin, Garage, Town Manager and CD Ops Center (5 machines) - \$15,000.
 - GIS training for personnel getting new workstations -
 - 5 persons – \$7,500.



Mitigation Strategies For The Town Of MANSFIELD:

Goal: To reduce the loss of life and property and economic consequences as a result of natural disasters.

Objective 1: To reduce the likelihood of flooding by improving existing natural and artificial drainage systems.

Task	Who	When	Priority
Purchase or rehabilitate Vac-all equipment for silt removal.	Public Works	2005-2010	Medium
Study catch basin silt capacity to determine quickest filling catch basins to upgrade.	Public Works	2008-2012	Low

Objective 2: To reduce the likelihood of flooding by improving bridge conditions.

Task	Who	When	Priority
Improve Bassett Bridge crossing the Naubesatuck Lake; this structure is in the flood plain and gets closed frequently in high water events.	Public Works, contracted	2005-2010	Low
Examine Laurel Lane Bridge crossing the Mount Hope River; this is a scour bridge and was rated as "fair" on ConnDOT's 2004 inspection report. This structure is eligible for funding under the Local Bridge Program FY'06 for structures over 20 feet.	Public Works, contracted	2005-2010	High
Examine Hillyndale Road Bridge crossing the Eagleville Brook; this structure is eligible for funding under the Local Bridge Program FY '06 for structures under 20 feet.	Public Works, contracted	2005-2010	High
Examine Shady Lane Bridge crossing the Eagleville Brook; this structure is eligible for funding under the Local Bridge Program FY '06 for structures under 20 feet.	Public Works, contracted	2005-2010	High
Examine Old Turnpike Road Bridge crossing the Fenton River; this is a scour bridge and was rated as "fair" on ConnDOT's 2004 inspection report.	Public Works, contracted	2005-2010	High

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Examine Gurleyville Road Bridge crossing the Fenton River; this is a scour bridge and was rated as “fair” on ConnDOT’s 2004 inspection report.	Public Works, contracted	2005-2010	High
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Examine Depot Road Bridge crossing the Willimantic River, this structure is a scour bridge for 10-year river flow events and is eligible for funding under the Local Bridge Program FY’06 for structures over 20 feet.	Public Works, contracted	2005-2010	High
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Examine Plains/Brigham Road Bridge crossing the Willimantic River, this structure is a scour bridge for 10-year river flow events and is eligible for funding under the Local Bridge Program FY’06 for structures over 20 feet.	Public Works, contracted	2005-2010	High
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Objective 3: To reduce the likelihood of flooding, evaluate property prone to flooding.

Task	Who	When	Priority
Home on Laurel Lane is isolated during flooding events.	Emergency Managers	2010-2015	Low
Seven homes on Thornbush Road are in the flood zone and at times become inundated during high water events.	Emergency Managers	2010-2015	Low

Objective 4: Reduce costs associated with providing emergency services and other public services in the event of a natural disaster.

Task	Who	When	Priority
Upgrade all 8 of the town’s front-line plows with liquid spreaders (including brine maker).	Public Works	2005-2010	Medium

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Objective 5: Reduce the amount of debris from severe storms through preventive tree maintenance.

Task	Who	When	Priority
Budget appropriate money necessary to maintain and remove dead, dying, dangerous or diseased trees from the town rights-of-ways.	Public Works	2005-2010	High
Increase the amount of preventative tree maintenance.	Public Works	2005-2010	High

Objective 6: Expand activities related to, emergency preparedness and improve natural hazard response capabilities.

Task	Who	When	Priority
Implement a reverse 911 or similar system to alert residents of natural phenomenon and if necessary, evacuation procedures.	CTDEP and CTDPS	2005-2010	High
Obtain additional cots and bedding to adequately serve the emergency shelters in the event of an emergency or natural disaster.	Emergency Management Director	2005-2010	High
Ensure that the emergency shelters have adequate supplies to respond to natural emergencies.	Emergency Management Director	2005-2010	High
Develop a GIS application to assist town personnel in the event of an emergency of natural disaster (including planimetrics & work stations).	Public Works, Engineers	2005-2010	High

Objective 7: Whenever practical, incorporate natural hazard mitigation strategies into existing town projects.

Task	Who	When	Priority
Use the Government Access Channel to inform the Mansfield public about how to prepare and respond to hazards and emergencies and to encourage residents to be prepared to help others in need.	Manager, Emergency Management Director	2005-2010	High

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Objective 8: To reduce the likelihood of wildfire hazards by improving water availability.

Task	Who	When	Priority
Identify places in need, throughout town, and add dry hydrants as necessary.	Fire	2005-2010	Low

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**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Assistant Town Manager *MWH*
CC: Martin Berliner, Town Manager; Jeffrey Smith, Director of Finance
Date: June 26, 2006
Re: Application to EPA Clean School Bus USA Program

Subject Matter/Background

The Town of Mansfield is eligible to apply for the US Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Clean School Bus Program. If the town were to apply, its proposal must satisfy Goal 1 of EPA's Strategic Plan for Clean Air and Global Climate Change, which provides that: "by 2010, the EPA will protect human health and the environment by attaining and maintaining health-based air quality standards and reducing the risk for toxic air pollutants." The focus of the grant program is as follows:

- 1) To reduce school bus idling;
- 2) To retrofit 1991-2006 model year buses with devices that reduce air pollution;
and
- 3) To replace pre-1990 buses with new, clean technology buses.

EPA Regions 1 and 2 expect to award approximately \$1,140,000 million under the Clean School Bus USA Program, and the program anticipates making four-eight awards ranging from \$50,000 up to \$300,000. Applications to the program are due by June 29, 2006, and funded projects must commence by December 1, 2006. The grants and cooperative agreements funded under this program will have a two-year project period, and funded projects should be completed by December 2008.

The deadline for this grant application is June 29, 2006.

Financial Impact

Applicants may seek \$50,000 to \$300,000 under the Clean School Bus Program. The program does require a local match of five-percent, which can consist of cash or an in-kind contribution.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Town Council support this grant application. We have only recently become aware of this opportunity and have not yet prepared an application. However, with the goal of reducing air pollution, we believe that it would be in the town's best interest to submit an application in order to receive funding to retrofit our school buses. This goal is compatible with our designation as a "Clean Energy Community" and our objective to lessen the negative impact that town operations have upon the

environment. With only four to eight awards, we do expect that this program will prove very competitive.

If the Town Council concurs with this recommendation, the following resolution is in order:

RESOLVED, effective June 26, 2006, to authorize Martin H. Berliner, Town Manager, to submit an application to the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus USA Program, in amount not exceed \$300,000.

Attachments

- 1) Excerpts from EPA Regions 1 and 2, Northeast Diesel Collaborative Emissions Reductions, 2006 Request for Proposals

Contents of Full Text Announcement

- I. Funding Opportunity Description
- II. Award Information
- III. Eligibility Information
- IV. Application and Submission Information
- V. Application Review Information
- VI. Award Administration Information
- VII. Agency Contacts
- VIII. Other Information

EPA Regions 1 and 2 Northeast Diesel Collaborative Emissions Reductions 2006 Request for Proposals (RFP)

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

A. Summary

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Regions 1 and 2, as part of the Northeast Diesel Collaborative, are soliciting proposals for projects to reduce diesel emissions in EPA Regions 1 and 2. Funding will be in the form of cooperative agreements or grants. The Northeast Diesel Collaborative (NEDC) combines the expertise of public and private partners in a coordinated regional initiative to significantly reduce diesel emissions and improve public health in the eight northeastern states.

Projects may include, but are not limited to, a variety of diesel emissions reductions solutions such as: add-on pollution control technology, engine replacement, idle reduction technologies or strategies, or cleaner fuel use. Cleaner fuel use may include, but is not limited to, renewable fuel types such as biodiesel, and early introduction of low or ultra-low sulfur diesel. EPA will pay for the cost differential between the cleaner fuel and standard diesel fuel prior to regulatory deadlines requiring its use.

The NEDC Emissions Reduction RFP includes funding from two national clean diesel programs of the US Environmental Protection Agency; the Voluntary Diesel Retrofit Program and Clean School Bus USA.

The Voluntary Diesel Retrofit Program addresses pollution from heavy duty diesel vehicles that are currently used for either on-road or off-road applications. Funding under this program supports projects that demonstrate the applicability and feasibility of pollution reduction retrofit technologies in non-road vehicles and equipment, such as those in Marine Vessels and Ports, Construction, or Locomotives/Rail operations. Demonstrations generally must involve new or experimental

technologies, methods or approaches, where the results of the project will be disseminated so that others can benefit from the knowledge gained in the demonstration project. A project that is accomplished through the performance of routine, traditional, or established practices, or a project that is simply intended to carry out a task rather than transfer information or advance the state of knowledge, however worthwhile the project might be, is not a demonstration. Demonstrations may include, but are not limited to, a variety of control measures such as: add-on technology, engine replacement, idle reduction technologies or strategies, and/or cleaner fuel use.

EPA's Clean School Bus USA Program is an outgrowth of EPA's Voluntary Diesel Retrofit Program and focuses exclusively on reducing emissions from school buses. This national initiative works to minimize children's exposure to diesel exhaust by reducing pollution from school buses. The program has three key elements: 1) reduce school bus idling; 2) retrofit 1991-2006 model year buses with devices that reduce pollution and 3) replace pre-1990 buses with new, clean-technology buses. Funding under this program supports projects that assist school districts in their efforts to reduce pollution from diesel-powered school buses through the use of EPA or California Air Resources Board (CARB) verified pollution reduction technology.

Under this RFP, projects will be funded in the following four categories: Marine Vessels and Ports, Construction, Locomotives/Rail, and School Buses. See Section B below for a more detailed description of each category, but please note that Voluntary Diesel Retrofit project proposals and Clean School Bus USA project proposals require separate applications. While EPA will accept applications that combine the categories of the Voluntary Diesel Retrofit Program (Marine Vessels and Ports, Construction, Locomotives/Rail), all applications for projects involving school buses must be submitted separately from applications for funding under the Voluntary Diesel Retrofit Program.

B. Alignment with EPA's Strategic Plan

All proposals must support Goal 1 of EPA's 2003-2008 Strategic Plan, Clean Air and Global Climate Change; Objective 1.1: Healthier Outdoor Air, which states, "Through 2010...[EPA will]...protect human health and the environment by attaining and maintaining health-based air-quality standards and reducing the risk from toxic air pollutants." (www.epa.gov/ocfo/plan/2003sp.pdf).

Projects funded under this RFP must reduce emissions from diesel vehicles, thereby reducing local and regional air pollution. Proposals to fund projects under this announcement must fall under at least one of the following four categories to be considered for funding:

Marine Vessels and Ports – Under this category – which includes marine vessels with Category 1, Category 2 or Category 3 marine diesel engines, intermodal transportation including diesel trucks and locomotives, and diesel cargo handling equipment – EPA encourages proposals that demonstrate:

- the effectiveness of on-road verified control technologies and cleaner fuels in innovative off-road applications that have the potential to reduce emissions at multiple ports; and/or
- the feasibility of innovative approaches to reducing hoteling emissions.

Construction – Under this category – which includes construction related equipment or vehicles – EPA encourages proposals that demonstrate:

- the environmental and practical effectiveness of control equipment such as diesel oxidation catalyst (DOCs) and diesel particulate filters (DPFs) to achieve emissions reductions from off-road equipment. Controls shall only be used for applications where: 1) such controls are not commonly used in practice by the construction sector; and 2) there is an evaluative component that addresses potential operational barriers as well as the emissions benefits. allowing this knowledge to be shared with others. Preference will be given for the use of controls for off-road equipment in projects subject to the NEPA review process, equivalent state environmental review processes, or major construction projects.

Locomotives and Rail – Under this category – which includes long haul or short haul locomotives, passenger trains, switchers, switcher yard equipment or other vehicles at switcher yards – EPA encourages proposals that demonstrate:

- the effectiveness of reducing emissions at switcher yards;
- the ability to, by innovative means, reduce emissions beyond regulations; and/or
- how to reduce emissions from short-haul locomotives or passenger trains using new technologies or practices.

School Buses – Under this category, EPA is accepting proposals for projects relating to voluntary upgrades to diesel school bus fleets. EPA will fund projects for school bus retrofits that use EPA or CARB-verified pollution control technology, and/or bus replacement programs. Technologies for existing buses may include, but are not limited to, installation of pollution control technology and engine upgrades. Projects may include additional components such as idle reduction measures and the use of cleaner fuels. Organizations may also seek funds for new school buses or engines that are EPA-certified to run on compressed natural gas.

Applicants may also propose to establish a sub-grant program to multiple school districts and fleets. In the proposal, applicants must indicate a process by which they will award sub-grants to other school districts. Letters of support are strongly suggested from possible sub-grantees. Applications will be accepted from school districts that propose to establish sub-contracts with the commercial school bus company(ies) providing their student transportation service to retrofit or replace buses owned by the commercial company(ies). Neither participation in such a sub-contract program nor award by EPA and acceptance by the school district of program funds is intended to establish any property rights or affect any liability with respect to any equipment purchased or modified under the program.

C. Statutory Authority

The Voluntary Diesel Retrofit Program is authorized under the Clean Air Act, Section 103, as amended; Public Law 95-95; 42 U.S.C. 7403.

Clean School Bus USA is authorized under the FY 2006 Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, HR 2631, Public Law 109-54, enacted August 2, 2005, which authorizes EPA to establish a cost-shared grant program for the voluntary upgrades of diesel school buses.

D. Measuring Environmental Results

Measuring Environmental Results: Outputs and Outcomes

Pursuant to EPA Order 5700.7, "*Environmental Results under EPA Assistance Agreements*," EPA requires that all grant recipients adequately address environmental outputs and outcomes. Outputs and outcomes differ both in their nature, and in how they are measured.

1) OUTPUTS: The term "output" means an environmental activity, effort and/or associated products related to an environmental goal and objective that will be produced or provided over a period of time or by a specified date. Outputs may be quantitative or qualitative but must be measurable during an assistance agreement funding period. Proposals must include a description of how grant recipients will track progress towards the environmental goal throughout the grant period.

Expected **outputs** from the projects to be funded under this solicitation may include but are not limited to the following: number of retrofitted engines/vehicles/equipment, annual pounds or tons of fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), nitrogen oxides (NO_x), greenhouse gases (GHG) and/or volatile organic compound (VOCs) reduced, cost effectiveness of project (in \$/ton or \$/lb), and health benefits achieved (health benefits may be measured by numbers of illnesses, health care costs, or missed work/school days avoided, for instance).

- To estimate some of the anticipated outputs of your proposal, (e.g. pollution reduced), EPA encourages you to use the National Mobile Inventory Model (<http://www.epa.gov/otaq/nmim.htm>). For technical assistance regarding this tool, please email mobile@epa.gov
- To quantify emissions reductions for projects that use biodiesel, please use EPA's biodiesel calculator (<http://www.epa.gov/otaq/retrofit/techlist-biodiesel.htm>).
- If you are unable to use these models, please describe your methodology for estimating or measuring outputs in detail.

2) OUTCOMES: The term "outcome" means the result, effect or consequence that will occur from carrying out an environmental program or activity that is related to an environmental or programmatic goal or objective. Outcomes may be environmental, behavioral, health-related or programmatic in nature, but must be quantitative. They may not necessarily be achievable within an assistance agreement funding period. Proposals must include a description of project outcomes resulting from the project outputs.

Expected **outcomes** from projects funded under this solicitation may include but are not limited to the following:

- **Short term outcomes** such as increased understanding of the environmental or economic effectiveness of the demonstrated technology; dissemination of the increased knowledge via listserves, websites, journals, and outreach events; and fine-tuned and improved use of the demonstrated technology.
- **Medium term outcomes** such as widespread adoption of the demonstrated technology in the Northeast; documented emissions reductions from these and other sources of diesel emissions in multiple states; or acceptance of new technology by users and manufacturers.

- **Long term outcomes** such as reductions in the number of children with asthma or documented improved ambient air quality.

II. Award Information

A. Amount of Funding Available

EPA Regions 1 and 2 anticipate awarding a total of approximately \$1,480,000 under this announcement:

- approximately \$340,000 under the Voluntary Diesel Retrofit Program (CFDA 66.034);
- approximately \$1,140,000 million under the Clean School Bus USA Program (CFDA 66.036).

EPA Regions 1 and 2 anticipate awarding a total of approximately 6 – 12 grants or cooperative agreements under this announcement:

- Under the Voluntary Diesel Retrofit Program, EPA anticipates making 2 - 4 awards ranging from \$50,000 up to \$125,000;
- Under Clean School Bus USA, EPA anticipates making 4 – 8 awards ranging from \$50,000 up to \$300,000.

B. Funding Type

The funding for selected projects will be in the form of a grant or cooperative agreement. A grant is an assistance agreement that is used when the recipient is responsible for project performance with little Agency involvement. A cooperative agreement is an assistance agreement that is used when there is substantial federal involvement with the recipient during the performance of an activity or project. EPA will award cooperative agreements for those projects in which it expects to have substantial technical interaction with the recipient throughout the performance of the project. For such projects, EPA may review and approve project phases, review and approve proposed subgrants and contracts, collaborate with the recipient on the scope of work and mode of operation of the project, closely monitor the recipient's performance, approve any proposed changes to work plan and/or budget, approve qualifications of key personnel, and review and comment on reports prepared under the assistance agreement.

C. Start Date/Project Duration

All projects should have an anticipated start date of December 1, 2006. The grants and cooperative agreements funded under this program will have a 2-year project period. It is expected that projects will be completed by December 2008.

D. Miscellaneous

Funding for these projects is not guaranteed and is subject to the availability of funds and the evaluation of proposals based on the criteria in this announcement. EPA reserves the right to partially fund proposals/applications by funding discrete activities, portions or phases of proposed projects. If EPA decides to partially fund a proposal/application, it will do so in a manner that does not prejudice any applicants or affect the basis upon which the proposal/application, or portion thereof, was evaluated and selected for award, and that maintains the integrity of the competition and selection process. Award of funding through this year's competition is not a guarantee of future funding.

EPA reserves the right to make additional awards under this announcement (after the original award selections are made) if additional funding becomes available. Any additional selections for awards will be made no later than 6 months after the original selection decisions. The additional selections must be made in accordance with the terms of this announcement and EPA policy.

EPA reserves the right to reject all applications and make no awards under this announcement, or make fewer awards than expected.

III. Eligibility Information

A. Who May Apply?

For Voluntary Diesel Retrofit projects (Marine Vessels and Ports, Construction, Locomotives/Rail), EPA is soliciting proposals from state and local governments, the District of Columbia, territories and possessions of the United States, federally recognized Indian Tribes and Tribal Consortia, international organizations, public and private universities and colleges, hospitals, laboratories, and other public or private nonprofit institutions.

For Clean School Bus USA projects, EPA is soliciting proposals from local and federally recognized Indian Tribal governments, state and local governments (e.g. school districts), and non-profit organizations.

B. Funding Restrictions and Requirements

All applicants for funding under Clean School Bus USA must contribute a minimum of 5 percent of the total project cost. This cost share may be provided in the form of cash or an "in-kind" contribution, and should be described in the proposal submission. An in-kind contribution is the reasonable value of property and services that benefit the project. Matching funds must meet the requirements of EPA's Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements, 40 CFR 30.23 (for non-profit organizations) or 40 CFR 31.24 (for governmental agencies). EPA may waive the 5 percent cost share requirement, in all or in part, for an Insular Area applicant as authorized by the Omnibus Territories Act of 1977, as amended, 48 U.S.C. § 1469a.

EPA grant or cooperative agreement funds may only be used for the purposes set forth in the assistance agreement, and must be consistent with the statutory authority for the award. Grant or

cooperative agreement funds may not be used for matching funds for other federal grants, lobbying, or intervention in Federal regulatory or adjudicatory proceedings, and may not be used to sue the Federal government or any other government entity.

Successful applicants must use a competitive process for obtaining contracts for services and products and conduct cost and price analyses to the extent required by federal, state or local procurement requirements. All contracts and the purchase of supplies and equipment must be conducted in a manner providing free and open competition, to the maximum extent practicable. As such, applicants should refrain from mentioning specific technology producers in their proposals unless they are sole source providers.

C. Eligibility Screening Requirements: Threshold Criteria

To be eligible for funding consideration under this announcement, proposals must meet the following threshold criteria. Failure to meet any of the following criteria in the proposal will result in the automatic disqualification of the proposal for funding consideration. Ineligible applicants will be notified within 15 days of the finding that the applicant was not eligible for award consideration based on the threshold criteria.

1. All projects must benefit one or more of the following geographic areas of EPA regions 1 and 2: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, or Vermont - including Tribal lands belonging to the federally recognized tribes in these regions, or the territory of the US Virgin Islands, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.
2. Proposals must support Goal 1 of EPA's Strategic Plan by reducing diesel emissions.
3. Proposals must not be used for the purposes of routine program implementation; implementation of routine environmental protection or restoration measures; meeting any legal mandate (such as federal, state or local regulations or settlement agreements); land acquisition, or completion of work which was to have been completed under a prior grant or cooperative agreement.
4. Proposals must substantially comply with the submission instructions and requirements set forth in Section IV of this announcement or else they will be rejected. In addition, as indicated in Section IV, proposals must be no longer than seven pages. Pages in excess of this page limitation will not be reviewed. Further, proposals must be received by the EPA or through Grants.Gov on or before the closing date published in Section IV of this announcement. Proposals received after the published closing date will be returned to the sender without further consideration.
5. Voluntary Diesel Retrofit Program proposals in which the applicant is requesting assistance funds in excess of \$125,000 or less than \$50,000 will not be reviewed. Clean School Bus USA proposals in which the applicant is requesting assistance funds in excess of \$300,000 or less than \$50,000 will not be reviewed.

6. Proposals to fund projects under this announcement must fall under at least one of the following categories identified in Section I to be considered for funding: Marine Vessels and Ports; Construction; Locomotives/Rail, and School Buses.
7. Retrofit technologies, engine replacements and cleaner fuels must be verified technologies. Additionally, a Voluntary Diesel Retrofit Program proposal may demonstrate the application of a verified technology in an unverified application.

The EPA and CARB have established verification processes for emissions control technologies that review, test, and approve the emission reduction potential of various pollution control technologies that can be installed on existing diesel vehicles and engines. A list of EPA and CARB-verified technologies can be found on each agency's website. Information on EPA's program and a list of verified technologies can be found at: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/retrofit/retroverifiedlist.htm> and information on CARB's verification program can be accessed at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/diesel/verdev/verdev.htm>.

In cases where an applicant would like to use EPA-verified technologies in applications that have not yet been verified, applicants should discuss or explain the reasoning used to determine that the technology will function properly in this application and their rationale for any estimated emissions reductions.

Idle reduction technologies, which are not verified under EPA's programs, are exempt from having to meet the verification requirement.

8. Applicants requesting funding under both the Voluntary Diesel Retrofit Program and the Clean School Bus USA program must submit a separate application for each program. While EPA will accept applications that combine the categories of the Voluntary Diesel Retrofit Program (marine vessels and ports, locomotives/rail and construction), all applications for projects involving school buses must be submitted separately from applications for funding under the other categories. Applications that combine Voluntary Diesel Retrofit and Clean School Bus USA proposals will not be considered for funding.

IV. Application and Submission Information

A. General: Proposals must be limited to **seven pages** including the cover page. Attachments for the fleet information and budget sections will not count toward the seven-page limit. All proposals must be formatted for 8 1/2" x 11" paper using no smaller than 11 point Times New Roman font with 1" margins as one Microsoft Word, WordPerfect or Adobe Acrobat file.

Please do not zip the file, because we will not be able to open it.

It is recommended that confidential business information not be included in your proposal (see Section E. below).

Minutes

Mansfield Advisory Committee on Persons with Disabilities

Regular Meeting - Tuesday, May 23, 2006

2:30 PM - Conference Room C - Audrey P. Beck Building

- I. Recording Attendance: Present: K. Grunwald (staff), T. Miller, S. Hasson (Chair), W. Gibbs, J. Sidney, Cynthia Van Zelm (guest). Regrets: Sheila Thompson
- II. Approval of the Minutes for the Meeting, April 25, 2006: the minutes were accepted as written.
- III. New Business
 - a. Building Plan review/recommendation(s) – Building D1 – Storrs Center – Dewolf: Members discussed the review of the plans for this building that was done by John Dewolf. Concerns were raised about the plan for accessible parking, and also about the use of the term “handicapped.”
 - b. Presentation on progress of Downtown Partnership Project – Cynthia Van Zelm gave an overview of the status of the proposed Storrs downtown project. Members were very interested and raised concerns about accessible parking, parking enforcement, and the possibility of some accessible apartments.

- c. "Other": J. Sidney raised a concern about a need for additional accessible parking spaces at the Community Center. K. Grunwald had already contacted Greg Padick, Town Planner, about this and shared his email response. The committee requested that K. Grunwald draft a letter to Curt Vincente that will be copied to the Traffic Authority on this issue. Committee members will review the letter before it is sent on behalf of MACPD. K. Grunwald distributed information on a presentation by the Disability Network of Eastern CT on May 31 at the Mansfield Senior Center, and the Annual ASPE National Conference on Supported Employment.

IV. Old Business

- a. Membership status – An interest was expressed in recruiting people with different disabilities, including hearing impairment and developmental disabilities. J. Sidney suggested Elizabeth Kennard as a potential member, and K. Grunwald will contact her. T. Miller is moving to Kentucky, but plans on attending the June meeting.
- b. Update- transportation grant for seniors and disabled – Grunwald: no update given; the program is scheduled to begin July 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 27, 2:30 PM

Respectfully submitted, Kevin Grunwald

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TOWN OF MANSFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes of the May 17, 2006 Meeting
Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Building

Present: Robert Dahn (chair), Peter Drzewiecki, and Quentin Kessel.
Absent: Jennifer Kaufman, Scott Lehmann, John Silander, and Frank Trainor.
Town Staff: Grant Meitzler

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM.
2. The minutes of the April 19, 2006 meeting, with an editorial change, were approved unanimously on a motion by Drzewiecki, seconded by Dahn.
3. Fenton River: Kessel reported that the levels were normal for this time of year.
4. IWA Referrals.

IWA 1344 - Bryce - 80 Candide Lane. Map date: 4/27/06. This application is for an above ground pool to be located within 150 feet of a wetland. Kessel moved, and Dahn seconded, that there should be no significant negative impact on the wetland from this project. The motion passed unanimously.

IWA 1345 - Depot Associates - Max Felix Drive. Map date: 3/29/06. This application is for creating a new lot out of portions of two larger existing lots such that the two present lots become three. Kessel moved, and Dahn seconded, that there should be no significant negative effect on the wetlands from this project as long as the erosion and sedimentation controls shown on the map are in place during the construction and removed after the site is stabilized. The motion passed unanimously; however, the CC expressed disappointment that Mansfield's shared driveway regulations encourage resubdivisions such as this one. In this instance the shared driveway regulation serves to increase the housing density of the subdivision without any increase in the land set aside for opens space. This seems to the opposite of the stated intent of the shared driveway regulation.

IWA 1346 - Spring Hill Properties/Halle (Miner) - Coventry Road. This application is for a barn within 150 feet of a wetland.. Drzewiecki moved, and Kessel seconded, that there should be no significant negative effect on the wetlands from this project as long as the erosion and sedimentation controls shown on the map are in place during the construction and removed after the site is stabilized. The motion passed unanimously. It was noted during the discussion that the applicant, with this resubmission, had taken the CC's earlier comments into account.

IWA W1347 - Spakoski (Harakaly) - Mount Hope Road. Map date: 4/26/06. This application is for a single family house on approximately 16 acres of the Harakaly land. Kessel moved, and Drzewiecki seconded, that there should be no significant negative effect on the wetlands from this project as long as the erosion and sedimentation controls shown on the map are in place during the construction and removed after the site is stabilized. The motion passed unanimously

5. Conservation Commission comments on PZC matters: Kessel reviewed the May 16, 2006 OSPC discussion of "Section 5.0 - Preliminary Plan" of the proposed PZC regulation revisions. He noted that the OSPC recommends that stone walls be added to Section 5.2e and that following Section 5.2 h that Section 5.2i read: Delineations of areas underlain by stratified drift deposits that are of potential value for future water supplies. This would require that the letter designations of the remaining items be relettered. The CC notes that the new Plan of Conservation and Development calls for the protection of these stratified drift aquifer deposits. It is the CC's recommendation that the regulations, as a minimum, incorporate a 500 foot regulated distance from stratified drift aquifers analogous to the 150 regulated areas currently utilized in the IWA regulations.

8. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Quentin Kessel
Secretary

EASTERN HIGHLANDS HEALTH DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY – April 20, 2006

COVENTRY TOWN HALL – ANNEX BUILDING

Meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m.

Present were: S Werbner, W. Kennedy, E. Paterson, J. Stille, D. Cameron, R. Fletcher (alternate, seated), R. Skinner, J. Elsesser

Absent were: C. Barnett, M. Berliner, L. Eldredge (alternate), P. Shur, T. Tully, S. Chase (alternate), M. Kurland, C. Johnson, C. Anderson (alternate), A. Teveris

Staff present: R. Miller, J. Smith

Welcome R. Fletcher from the Town of Ashford to the Board!

MINUTES (2/16/06)

A MOTION WAS MADE by J. Stille, seconded by J. Elsesser, to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2006 meeting as presented. THE MOTION PASSED WITH E. Paterson, R. Skinner, D. Cameron, R. Fletcher, S. Werbner, J. Stille and J. Elsesser voting "yea" and W. Kennedy abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

M. Kurland arrives at 4:40 p.m.

C. Johnson arrives at 4:45 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution for Signature Authorization

A MOTION WAS MADE by J. Elsesser, seconded by J. Stille, to adopt the "Resolution for Signature Authorization" as presented. THE MOTION PASSED unanimously. A copy of the "Resolution for Signature Authorization" is attached.

K. Dardick arrives at 4:50 p.m.

Auditor Appointment

A MOTION WAS MADE by J. Elsesser, seconded by J. Stille, to appoint Kostin, Ruffkess & Company as the official Eastern Highlands Health District auditor for the 2006/2007 Fiscal year. THE MOTION PASSED unanimously.

By-Law Amendments

A MOTION WAS MADE by J. Elsesser, seconded by J. Stille to adopt the proposed amendments to the Eastern Highlands Health District By-Laws, revised April 20, 2006, as presented and warned. THE MOTION PASSED unanimously.

Appointment of Finance Committee

With consensus support of the Board and pursuant to the By-Laws, B Paterson appoints the following members to the Eastern Highlands Health District Finance Committee: P. Schur, D. Cameron, J. Elsesser, J. Stille and E. Paterson. It was noted that absent members can petition the Board Chair for appointment to the Finance Committee at any time in the future if they so choose.

TOWN REPORTS

COVENTRY – Discussion about Coventry walkway prompted by W. Kennedy ensued. He inquired as to the appropriateness of the health district to take a public position of such issues. Dr Dardick recommended the Board vote to approve an amicus letter of support on any issue brought before the Board by the general public. By consensus, the Board agreed to this approach for use when applicable.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Flu Pandemic Preparedness

R. Miller presented flu pandemic preparedness update, by summarizing the briefing memo provided.

Dr Dardick stated that a limited number of people (approximately 200 worldwide) have been affected by avian flu, but approximately half of these have died. Of the people sick, 100% have been working closely with chickens, either raising or slaughtering them. Avian flu has not affected people simply by eating the meat. Right now, the avian flu is passed from birds to human.

R. Miller presented financial quarterly reports. J. Elsesser requested that a third column detailing the line item budget appropriation for the current fiscal year be included in future reports.

R. Miller announced a new health education program coordinator, Ande Bloom, has been hired.

R. Miller briefed the Board on Strategic National Stockpile field drill and noted that over 100 volunteers from the community participated.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert L Miller
Secretary

Town of Mansfield
Open Space Preservation Committee
Minutes of the May 16, 2006 meeting

Members present: Evangeline Abbott, Quentin Kessel Jim Morrow, David Silsbee, Vicky Wetherell. Also, Jennifer Kaufman.

1. Meeting called to order at 7:40.
2. Minutes of the April 18, 2006 meeting were approved on a motion by Kessel/Wetherell.
3. Regulations Modifications: Discussed clarification of issues and information related to submission of Preliminary Plans. Kessel/Silsbee moved that a cover letter descriptive of the common sense benefits of such plans (signed by Vicky Wetherell and Jim Morrow) should be sent to PZC.
4. Open Space Initiative: Discussion of Action Plan and activities (informative mailings, photo contest, etc.) to encourage voter turnout.
5. Report from Town Staff: Jennifer Kaufman reported on Land Management Program/trails management.
6. Meeting adjourned at 9:04.

Respectfully submitted
Evangeline Abbott

Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee Minutes of March 1, 2006

Present: Sue Harrington, Tom Harrington, Jean Haskell, Jacquelyn Perfetto, Kedron Silsbee, David Silsbee, Jennifer Kaufmann, Juliana Barrett

Minutes from the December meeting were approved.

Recruitment – Juliana Barrett was present and would like to become a member.

PAC Reports –

Management plan reviews: No management plans were reviewed

Park updates: DPW will be replacing the Merrow Meadow bridge when the weather warms up.

PAC projects: Sue and Tom will begin IPANE monitoring as soon as vegetation is out. Jacquelyn may not have bird houses until late April. They will go at Merrow Meadow, Mount Hope, and Old Spring Hill Fields. Kedron presented a draft management plan for the Torrey Property and will continue to work on it.

Staff Reports

Sue reported on past FOMP programs and programs that are planned for the spring.

Jennifer presented a draft of the trail guide; it will be finished soon. The River Park phase 2 grant application has been submitted. Mansfield was awarded grants for Commonfields improvements and for invasive plant control at Eagleville Preserve, Mt. Hope Park, and Old Spring Hill Field.

Jean reported on the Land Management Committee meeting and the OSPC forum.

The parks display and brochure are waiting on a revised map from UConn.

Jennifer reported on the proposed budget.

The 2005 management review and plans for 2006 were reviewed.

Non-PAC Reports

Other committee minutes were covered under earlier discussions

Jennifer reported that the former owners of the Mt. Hope Park property would like to donate something for the park. Jennifer suggested an interpretive sign at the parking lot. PAC voted to support using the remaining money in the Mt. Hope fund to work with the Simpsons, the original owners of the property, to purchase an interpretive sign for the park entrance.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05

MINUTES

MANSFIELD PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION Regular Meeting, Monday, June 5, 2006 Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

Members present: R. Favretti (Chairman), B. Gardner, J. Goodwin, R. Hall, K. Holt, B. Ryan, G. Zimmer
Members absent: P. Kochchenburger, P. Plante,
Alternates present: C. Kusmer, B. Pociask,
Alternates absent: V. Stearns
Staff present: C. Hirsch (Zoning Agent), G. Padick (Director of Planning)

Chairman Favretti called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.

Minutes: 5/15/06 Gardner MOVED, Holt seconded, to approve the Minutes, as written;
MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Old Business

1. Public Hearing: Special Permit Application for proposed efficiency unit and fill activity, property of M & V Oliver, 521 Storrs Road., file #1244

The Public Hearing opened at 7:52p.m. J. Goodwin disqualified herself at this time. Members and alternates present were: Favretti, Hall, Holt, Gardner, Ryan, Zimmer, Kusmer, and Pociask. A 6/2/06 memo from the Director of Planning was noted. Mike Dilaj from Datum Engineering representing the applicant was present. He related that he had reviewed the Director of Planning's report and that a few map revisions were needed. He submitted a map with some of the revisions and noted no objection to incorporating additional revisions to address Padick's report.

Holt expressed concern for the Mansfield Center pathway being left open during construction and it being a potential hazard to citizens walking. Dilaj stated that the pathway would be disturbed for approximately 1-2 weeks. It will have temporary gravel placed there until the driveway is completed.

No one in the audience wished to comment.

Holt MOVED, Hall seconded, to close the Public Hearing. The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with the exception of Goodwin had disqualified herself.

Members agreed to consider a motion, which has been drafted based on staff reports.

Hall MOVED, Holt seconded, that the Planning and Zoning Commission approve with conditions the special permit application (file #1244) of M. Oliver for an efficiency apartment and related fill activity on property located west of Storrs Road immediately north of 521 Storrs Road, in an RAR-90 zone, as submitted to the Commission and shown on site plans revised through 5/1/06, and other applicant submissions, and as presented at Public Hearings on 5/15/06 and 6/5/06. This approval is granted because the application as hereby approved is considered to be in compliance with Article X, Section M, Article V, Section B and other provisions of the Mansfield Zoning Regulations, and is granted with the following conditions:

1. This approval is granted for a one or two-bedroom efficiency unit in association with an existing single-family home having up to five additional bedrooms. Any increase in the number of bedrooms beyond six bedrooms shall necessitate subsequent review and approval from Eastern Highlands Health District and the Planning and Zoning Commission;
2. This approval is conditioned upon continued compliance with Mansfield's zoning regulations for efficiency units, which include owner-occupancy requirements and limitations on the number of residents in an efficiency unit;
3. No zoning permit shall be issued until:
 - A. State Department of Transportation approval has been granted for the new driveway;
 - B. Finalized drainage plans have been approved by the Inland Wetland Agency as per the IWA's 5/1/06 approval;
 - C. A cash site development bond in the amount of \$5,000 with bond agreement approved by the PZC Chairman with staff assistance is posted and accepted. The bond shall remain in place until all driveway and drainage work has been completed and all disturbed areas are revegetated and fully stabilized.
4. Final plans shall incorporate the following revisions:
 - A. Revisions cited in the 5/1/06 IWA approval motion;
 - B. The addition of another driveway pull-off area as agreed to at the 5/15/06 Public Hearing;
 - C. The addition of a paved driveway detail and appropriate notes to address the crossing of the Mansfield Center stone dust walkway;
5. This fill authorization is for a one-year period, and if the fill activity has not been completed by July 1, 2007, a permit renewal shall be required;
6. Filling and truck-hauling activities and all driveway construction work shall occur only between 7:00 am. and 7:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday;
7. This special permit shall not become valid until it is filed upon the Land Records by the applicant.

The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with all in favor except Goodwin had disqualified herself.

2. Public Hearing: Application to amend the Zoning Regulations, Article X, Section D.5.o, parking requirements for retail and personal service uses, U.S. Properties, File #1245

Public Hearing opened at 8:08p.m. Members and alternates present were: Favretti, Hall, Holt, Gardner, Goodwin, Ryan, Zimmer, Kusmer, and Pociask

Present on behalf of the application is David Mills from U.S. Properties, and Jerry Iazzetta from Towne Engineering. 6/1/06 reports from the Director of Planning and Assistant Town Engineer were noted. A listing of shopping plazas in Mansfield, prepared by the Zoning Agent also was referenced for the record. Mr. Mills related that he had no objections to limiting the applicability of the regulation revision to shopping centers of 50,000 square feet or greater.

No one in the audience wished to comment.

Hall MOVED, Gardner seconded, to close the Public Hearing. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Public Hearings:

- a. Application to rezone property on the northerly side of Dog Lane from RAR-90 to Planned Business-2, Mansfield Downtown Partnership/Storrs Center Alliance, LLC. File #1246
- b. Application to amend Article VII and VIII of the Zoning Regulations, Mansfield Downtown Partnership/Storrs Center Alliance, LLC, File #1246

The Public Hearings on these two applications opened at 8:12p.m. Barry Pociask disqualified himself at this time.

Members and alternates present were: Favretti, Hall, Holt, Gardner, Goodwin, Ryan, Zimmer, and Kusmer. Padick read the legal notice as it appeared in the Willimantic Chronicle on May 24 and May 31, 2006. He noted 6/2/06 and 6/5/06 memorandums from the Director of Planning and a 6/2/06 letter from T. Saria, owner of Tailoring by Tima, which had been copied and distributed to commission members.

Michael Gergler of 19 Deerfield Lane, representing the Mansfield Downtown Partnership Board of Directors, read a letter providing background on the subject applications and efforts that have been made to address relocation opportunities for existing tenants of the Storrs Downtown area. Mr. Gergler submitted a copy of this letter.

Attorney Thomas Cody of Robinson and Cole LLP, representing Storrs Center Alliance submitted a 6/5/06 memorandum with attachments that reportedly addressed neighborhood notification requirements. He explained that the four related applications that have been presented for Planning and Zoning Commission consideration are a collaborative effort involving the Mansfield Downtown Partnership and its staff, the University of Connecticut, and representatives of Leyland Alliance and their consultants. Attorney Cody related that the proposed re-zoning, regulation revisions, and special permit and subdivision plan are necessary to implement the relocation plan component of the Municipal Development Plan for the Storrs Center Downtown Project. It was agreed that during this Public Hearing, comments would be focused on the proposed re-zoning and regulation revision applications which involve legislative actions. It also was agreed that due to the inter-relationship of all four applications, all testimony at this public hearing would be entered into the record of the Public Hearing on the special permit and subdivision applications.

Attorney Cody, with the use of submitted map AP-1 described the subject 1.16-acre Dog Lane site that would be re-zoned from RAR-90 to PB-2. He described site and neighborhood characteristics, including nearby land uses. He noted that the site would be served by University of Connecticut sewer and water systems and that other necessary utilities were readily available. He noted that the re-zoning to PB-2 has been proposed due to relocation timing issues and the fact that existing regulations with some revisions could be used for this initial building. He emphasized that other buildings and improvements for the Storrs Center Downtown would be the subject of a future Special Design District, re-zoning, and new regulations that are actively being drafted. He summarized that the proposed re-zoning would expand on existing PB-2 Zone; that the proposed users for the subject site would be compatible with neighboring uses, that the proposed re-zoning is consistent with Mansfield's Plan of Conservation and Development and the approved Storrs Center Municipal Development Plan, and that the infrastructure serving this lot is adequate to support the proposed uses.

Attorney Cody proceeded to explain the 3 proposed revisions to Mansfield's Zoning Regulations. The precise wording of the proposed revisions is contained in application submissions. The revisions would authorize, with sure size/use restrictions, a repair $\frac{1}{p.73}$ ness for internal combustion engines; mixed

commercial/residential uses within a commercial building and a 60 foot height for buildings which is needed to construct a 3-story building. Attorney Cody noted that the height provisions included a location control that would limit the applicability to the subject Dog Lane site.

In response to questions from commission members, the applicant noted that they could add restrictions regarding residential uses above an engine repair business, and that the need for a 60-foot height provision would be reviewed to see if a somewhat lower height is possible. It was noted that the subject site, if re-zoned would be subject to buffer requirements from residential uses and residential zones.

Betsy Paterson, 79 Independence Drive, Mayor and member of the Downtown Partnership Executive Board, provided background information on the Downtown Project and relocation plan components. She expressed support for the subject applications.

Tom Callahan, Special Assistant to President Austin at the University of Connecticut emphasized the work done to date on this project, funds secured and the University support.

Kristin Schwab, 85 Willowbrook Road, expressed her support of the applications and the public process that has taken place to date. She related that there has been a trust built between the neighbors and the development team. She expressed her pleasure with proposed plans to buffer the abutting neighborhood, and she related that the façade and height of the proposed building will provide a good transition with nearby residential areas.

Irene Schein, owner of Storrs Automotive, Dog Lane, expressed her support for the subject applications and work done to accommodate existing businesses. She noted that parking would be manageable with a mixed-use site as peak parking requirements vary throughout the day.

Mike Taylor, 12 Stonemill Road, expressed his support of the project and the communication of all agencies with the residents, but is concerned that there may not be enough parking spaces for the subject uses. He related parking in this area is affected by proximity of E. O. Smith High School and Uconn.

Helen Koehn, 83 Separatist Road, Storrs, expressed concerns about the potential number of tenants serving alcoholic beverages across the street from E.O. Smith High School, and about the potential for inappropriate business names.

Attorney Cody reported that the applicant had reviewed some of the issues raised and that they could add language that would not allow residential space above areas used for the repair of internal combustion engines and that due to the manner in which building heights are measured in Mansfield, they could reduce the proposed maximum height from 60 feet to 58 feet. This would allow some flexibility for how heights are measured for sites that are not totally level.

Hall MOVED, Holt seconded to continue the Public Hearing to the next regularly scheduled meeting on 6-19-06. The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with all in favor except Pociask who disqualified himself.

4. Public Hearings:

- a. Special Permit application, proposed commercial building and related site work on property on Dog Lane, Storrs Center Alliance, LLC, File #1246-3
- b. Subdivision application, proposed new lot on Dog Lane, Storrs Center Alliance LLC, File #1246-4

Public Hearing opened at 9:18p.m. Barry Pociask disqualified himself at this time. Members and alternates present were: Favretti, Hall, Holt, Gardner, Goodwin, Ryan, Zimmer, and Kusmer.

Padick read the legal notice as it appeared in the Willimantic Chronicle on May 24 and May 31, 2006. He referenced the following communications, which had been copied all distributed to commission members: 5/19/06 letter from Windham Water Works; 5/15/06 memo from R. Miller EHHD; 5/17/06 letter from J. DeWolf, Mansfield Advisory Committee on Persons with Disabilities; 5/13/06 memo from J. Jackman, Mansfield Fire Marshal; 5/11/06 letter from Design Review Panel; 6-2-06 memo from G. Padick, Director of Planning; 6/5/06 memo from G. Meitzler, Assistant Town Engineer; 6/2/06 letter from T. Saria; 6/5/06 response to comments from the applicant.

As previously agreed to, all testimony from the public hearing on related re-zoning and regulation revision applications were entered into the record of this public hearing. Attorney Cody related that as part of the special permit authorization, the applicant is seeking approval for an automotive repairer location pursuant to section 14-54 of the State Statutes. Attorney Cody related that the special permit and subdivision applications seek approval for a 16,000 square foot mixed commercial/residential building on a 1.16-acre lot that would be divided from adjacent land of the University of Connecticut. The footprint of the new building would be 6,150 square feet, and the net square footage would be 12,106. Attorney Cody noted there are no Inland Wetlands or Watercourses on this site. He handed in a 6/5/06 memorandum with attachments that addresses special permit and subdivision neighborhood/abutter notifications.

Geoff Fitzgerald of BL Companies, Project Engineer, explained specific elements of the building plans including access drive, new parking area, sidewalks, drainage, and landscaping. He noted that the existing Bishop Center drive would be shifted about 6-feet to the east and that a total of 47 parking spaces would be provided. He added that easements would be necessary with UConn for the access drive and the drive along the northern property line for access to the waste storage area and proposed automotive repair business. Accessible parking spaces are provided in the new lot and an additional accessible space could be added in the courtyard area. Mr. Fitzgerald noted that an existing water line in Dog Lane would need to be upgraded to serve the site. He emphasized that the project includes wide sidewalks, a buffer for residential neighbors to the east, and a storm water management system with grass pavers, catch basins with hooded outlets, a crushed stone filter strip, and a bio-filter basin. The plans include an erosion and sedimentation plan. Mr. Fitzgerald related that storm water and traffic impact reports have been submitted, and that no traffic or drainage impacts are expected. He related that the landscaping plans would be revised to modify the landscape buffer to the east to accommodate snow removal and to add shrubs between the new parking lot and Dog Lane.

Macon Toledano, project manager, displayed a rendering of the proposed building and elevation plans. A reduced set of maps was distributed to members. He emphasized that the proposed design was pedestrian orientated and attempted to provide an appropriate transition to the nearby residential area. Mr. Toledano described the proposed building materials and related that the siding would be yellow on upper stories with a tan/brown coloration on the lower level of the Dog Lane portion of the building. In response to commission inquiries, the applicant agreed to submit final colors of the building materials and noted that the planned driveway access to the garage area would be 16 feet wide for two-way traffic.

In response to questions from commission members, parking and driveway sightline issues were discussed. Mr. Toledano noted that the number of proposed spaces addressed Mansfield's parking regulations including use of a 20% reduction due to the sites location adjacent to the University Campus. The number of spaces proposed takes into account 75 planned automotive uses. It was noted that

parking requirements would be lower if portions of the building are used residentially. It also was noted that it was expected that the peak demands of the various tenants would vary throughout the day.

Mr. Zimmer noted that the current garage use utilizes numerous spaces. He also noted a concern about additional cars needing to cross the "hump" on Dog Lane, immediately east of the Bishop Center drive. Mr. Fitzgerald and Mr. Greenburg, from BL Companies reported that the proposed project is estimated to result in 300 in and out trips per day and that no significant traffic impacts were expected. They reported that there is no significant history of traffic accidents at this location. Mr. Greenburg related that a stop sign could be considered at the hump, but some road reconstruction would be necessary. Mr. Fitzgerald noted that the current hump configuration and the town installed speed bumps east of the hump slow vehicular speeds.

Commissioner Favretti raised concern over the use of grass pavers at the current site and the overall northerly slope of the parking area which could present icing problems. He emphasized that grass pavers have not worked well in areas with frequent freeze/thaw cycles and that grass growth with these pavers has been poor in climate areas such as Storrs. It was indicated that these components of the plan would be reviewed further. The applicant also agreed to review the location of buffer plantings east of the parking area and the need for landscaping north of the proposed building.

Commission Hall asked if there had been any tenant commitments for the proposed building. It was noted that many existing tenants of the area had expressed interest, but prior to obtaining Planning and Zoning Commission approval, final commitments could not be made.

Chairman Favretti asked if there were any comments from the audience.

Roger Adams, Wormwood Hill Road, submitted and summarized a letter of support for the project.

Peter Millman, Dog Lane, expressed support for the project and the process that had been followed. He related that the building would improve the aesthetics of the area.

After a brief discussion, members agreed that the public hearing should be continued.

Holt MOVED, Hall seconded to continue the public hearing until June 19, 2006. The MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY with all in favor except Pociask who disqualified himself.

Other Old Business

1. Subdivision application, proposed new lot on Mount Hope Road, F. Spakoski, applicant, C. Harakaly, owner. File #1247

Padick related that Project Engineer M. Dilaj had left the meeting, but verbally acknowledged that he would need to address staff comments with map revisions, which should be available prior to the next meeting. This item was tabled.

2. Agenda items 2 to 5 and 7 were tabled without discussion.
3. Item 6: Discussion regarding potential revisions to the Zoning and Subdivision Regulations.

Favretti noted that the Regulatory Review Committee was working on potential zoning revisions, and that any feedback on the political sign issue would be appreciated. Members agreed that business owners should not be inappropriately restricted from posting political signs, but there was not clear consensus on how the overall political sign issue should be addressed. Some members noted support for some of the existing provisions, but were uncertain on what legal authority exists for such regulations. It was noted that one option would be to eliminate all existing provisions.

4. Item 8: Zoning Agents Report

- a. Monthly Activity was noted
- b. Enforcement update-no new activity
- c. Other-It was noted that the Nigro case on Fern Road has been dismissed and the Town's position has prevailed.

New Business

Items 1 & 2 were tabled due to the need for staff reports.

Reports of Officers and Committees

- There was no report from the Chairman or Regional Planning Commission Representatives.
- It was noted that the next Regulatory Review Committee meeting has been changed to June 6th at 2:00 p.m.

Communications and Bills

- The agenda items were noted

Noting there was no additional business, Favretti declared the meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine K. Holt, Secretary



CC [unclear]
REC'D MAY 03 2006

May 1, 2006

Mr. Martin Berliner
Town Manager
Audrey P. Beck Building
4 South Eagleville Rd
Mansfield, CT 06250

Dear Mr. Berliner:

Enclosed please find 3rd quarter statistics for fiscal year 2006 for services provided by VNA East.

If there are any questions, please contact me at 456-7288, extension 212.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan Bergeron".

Susan Bergeron
Executive Assistant

Encl.

VNA EAST

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PH: 456-7288 FAX: 423-5702

VISIT STATISTICS 7/30/05 - 3/31/06

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>MANSFIELD</u>	<u>AGENCY</u>
Skilled Nursing	2,659	17,725
Physical Therapy	662	4,157
Speech Therapy		23
Occupational Therapy	79	460
Medical Social Work	139	513
Home Health Aide	2,050	12,217
TOTAL	5,589	35,095
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES		
Adult Health Screening	191	1,816
Flu & Pneumonia	469	2,873
TOTAL	660	4,689
MEALS TO HOME	1,428	23,639

ADMINISTRATION

- **Search Committee:** The search committee met on May 25 to screen applications submitted for the position of executive director. They selected five candidates to interview and will conduct the interviews on Monday morning, June 12.
- **FY 2006 audit:** At my request, CPA Al Rusilowicz will begin to work on WINCOG’s FY 06 audit in July, instead of much later in the fall, as has been his custom. While everything might not be finalized by then, it is appropriate that most of the work on the audit be completed while I am still around to answer his questions.
- **Technical assistance contracts active in FY 06:**

Contract #	Description	Status
Chaplin	Planning and zoning services	Completed
Chaplin	Compensation Committee - job evaluations, descriptions, and recommended salary ranges	Completed
Chaplin	Assistance with rewrite of Subdivision Regulations	Began 7/01/05- ongoing
Coventry	Mapping assistance- open space inventory	Began 8/30/05 - on hold
Mansfield	Mapping assistance	Ongoing
Northeast Alliance	Web site modifications	Ongoing – as needed
Willimantic River Alliance - QSHC partnership grant	Further web site development	Completed

UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST

- June 7 8:30 a.m. Next scheduled WINCOG meeting (location TBA)
- June 12 8:30 a.m. Search Committee interviewing candidates for executive director position
- June 13 7:00 p.m. Public Information Meeting re: Restore Rail Service (P&W) on Willimantic Branch in Windham, Sprague, Scotland, and Lisbon
- June 24 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Symposium for volunteer organizations involved in disaster response.
- June 27 3:30 p.m. (tentative time) Regional Emergency Planning Workgroup meeting

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

CEDS: The Northeastern CT Economic Partnership met on May 9. They reviewed new and updated project information for inclusion in the CEDS update, and also endorsed an evaluation process for inclusion in the document. The updated sections were prepared by your executive director, and have been transferred to NECCOG Executive Director John Filchak, who will be taking care of the submission to the US EDA.

TRANSPORTATION

Safe Routes to School: We were informed recently that planning is considered an eligible activity under the “infrastructure” component of this grant program. So if you were/are hoping to develop a Safe Routes to School plan for a school in your community, there may be an opportunity to apply for funding. These plans were a topic of lengthy discussion at the ConnDOT/FHWA/ CT Transportation Institute/ RPO workshop in early May. WINCOG would be happy to work with member municipalities on the applications and plans. Please let us know if you are interested.

TRANSIT

New Buses: WRTD received two new buses in May. They are not yet in service, but should be shortly. Perhaps you noticed the “It’s Twins!” advertising in the Chronicle...

LAND USE PLANNING

Regional Planning Commission: The RPC has not met since the last WINCOG meeting. They have a

meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 7.

Land Use Education: This year’s commissioner training series was a tremendous success! Seventy-three people attended at least one workshop and twenty-seven people attended all three. Eight WINCOG towns, nine NECCOG towns, five SECCOG towns and one CRCOG town were represented. In the course evaluations, several noted that the cost, location and quality of the speakers coupled with the need to learn was why they chose to attend. Just about the only criticisms were that we tried to cover too much, should have more sessions and hold them more frequently. WINCOG co-hosted the workshops with the Green Valley Institute. Ashford was our host town.

Chaplin Subdivision Regulations Draft: The Chaplin Planning and Zoning is holding a public information session on June 6 to encourage discussion of the new draft subdivision regulations. The draft regulations will bring Chaplin’s subdivision review process into the 21st century by incorporating current engineering practices and by encouraging energy conservation. The draft regulations also encourage the protection of important historic and environmental resources and require certain subdivisions to include a 10%-40% open space designation.

EMERGENCY PLANNING UPDATES

Community Emergency Response Team Training: On Tuesday of this week, our newest group of CERT volunteers completed their training. Many will be going on to take the supplemental first aid, CPR, and AED certification classes offered by WINCOG on the first three Tuesday nights in June. The Chaplin team moving forward and plans are underway to get a team started in Willimantic.

Regional Emergency Planning Workgroup: This group met on May 23 and will resume its “fourth Tuesday of the month” schedule in June. We are in the process of updating the resources list that was compiled a couple of years ago. Each chief elected official and emergency management director should have received an email with the current list attached and the request for an update. Please return this information as soon as possible, so that it can be compiled by the Area IV office.

DEMHS Area IV planning. As a follow-up to the DEMHS Area IV planning meeting on May 15, the executive directors of the three COG’s involved and the DEMHS Area IV planner, Pam Daniels, met on Wednesday of this week to discuss how the COGs will be integrated into the planning process, and how we can best assist the Area IV office in gathering the data needed to flesh out the Area IV regional plan. For the next couple of weeks, we will be gathering data on energy suppliers and facilities particularly vulnerable to energy shortages.

Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Planning (PDHM) Grant – FEMA Funding through Department of Environmental Protection (DEP): The PDHM plans as approved by FEMA have been distributed to the individuals from each town who participated in the planning process. Each municipality must now adopt the plan, and provide documentation of the adoption to WINCOG for inclusion in the final printing of the plan.

CENSUS AFFILIATE ACTIVITIES

Data Requests: There were no census data requests this month.

LOCAL ASSISTANCE

TOWN	ASSISTANCE	# HOURS
<i>Chaplin</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Provided GIS data maps and traffic counts to PZC member o Provided GIS instruction to PZC member 	2 hours 1 hour
<i>Windham</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Provided traffic count information to Economic Development Director 	10 min.
<i>All towns</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Reviewed and responded to statutory referrals (see land use planning above) 	7

OTHER ASSISTANCE

- Continued to participate in Willimantic Whitewater Partnership.

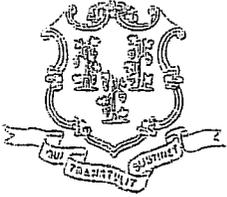
MEETINGS

- May 5 - WINCOG meeting (BB, JB)
 - CEDS Coordinating Committee meeting (BB)
 8 - Safe Routes to School workshop with ConnDOT and FHWA/ Newington (BB, JB)
 9 - Northeastern CT Economic Partnership meeting / Chaplin (R. Lanzit, BB)
 11 - Chaplin Planning and Zoning Commission (JB)
 11-12 - NADO conference on rural transportation issues / Laconia, NH (BB, MP)
 12 - Land Use Leadership Alliance/ Haddam (JB*)
 15 - DEMHS Area IV planning committee / Colchester (BB)
 - Land Use Education Workshop #3 / Ashford (JB)
 16 - I-395 TIA meeting with TSB chairman / Norwich (M. Bisson, BB)
 17 - Chaplin Planning and Zoning Commission (JB)
 18 - Statewide Citizens Corps Council meeting / W. Hartford (BB)
 23 - WINCOG Regional Emergency Planning Committee meeting
 - Green Valley Institute Quarterly Meeting / Brooklyn (JB)
 25 - Executive Director Search Committee meeting (M. Berliner, J. Elsesser, M. Paulhus, R. Skinner. BB)
 30 - CERT class final exercise (DN)
 31 - DEMHS Area IV meeting with Executive Directors of NECCOG, SECCOG, and WINCOG / Norwich (BB)
- June 1 - CT Emergency Management symposium / Cromwell (BB, JB)
 - EWIB Chief Elected Officials Council / Franklin (R. Lanzit, BB)

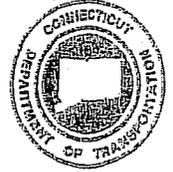
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COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS

<i>CACT</i>	<i>CT Association for Community Transportation</i>
<i>CARPO</i>	<i>CT Association of Regional Planning Organizations (formerly RPOC)</i>
<i>CERT</i>	<i>Community Emergency Response Team</i>
<i>DEMHS</i>	<i>CT Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security</i>
<i>DEP</i>	<i>CT Department of Environmental Protection</i>
<i>ECRC&D</i>	<i>Eastern CT Resource Conservation and Development District</i>
<i>EDA</i>	<i>Economic Development Administration (federal)</i>
<i>EDD</i>	<i>Economic Development District (EDA designation)</i>
<i>EWIB</i>	<i>Eastern CT Workforce Investment Board</i>
<i>FEMA</i>	<i>Federal Emergency Management Administration</i>
<i>GVI</i>	<i>Green Valley Institute</i>
<i>OPM</i>	<i>CT Office of Policy and Management</i>
<i>PATH</i>	<i>Plan for Achievement of Transportation Coordination in Human Services</i>
<i>PDHM</i>	<i>Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation</i>
<i>RPO</i>	<i>Regional Planning Organizations</i>
<i>TAR</i>	<i>Town Aid Roads</i>
<i>T2</i>	<i>Technology Transfer Center (UConn)</i>



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Item #10

June 7, 2006

REC'D JUN 13 2006

Mr. Martin H. Berliner
Town Manager
Town of Mansfield
4 South Eagleville Road
Mansfield, CT 06268

Dear Mr. Berliner:

Subject: Federal Highway Safety Program
Federal Program Area Number: Section 163
State Project Number: 170-2631

It is with great pleasure that I am writing to notify you of the approval of the Town of Mansfield's highway safety project application entitled "Speed Enforcement - Mansfield" effective June 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006.

Federal funds in the amount of \$31,700.00 are obligated to this project in accordance with the approved 2006 Fiscal Year Connecticut Highway Safety Strategic Plan.

All costs incurred under this project must be in full compliance with both Federal and State regulations, policies, and procedures that govern the use of highway safety funds. Costs are subject to review by both Connecticut Department of Transportation Accounts Examiners and Federal Auditors.

Please note that deviations from the specifics of the approved budget must be reviewed and approved by the Transportation Safety Section prior to their implementation in order for related costs to be eligible for reimbursement.

Mr. Martin H. Berliner

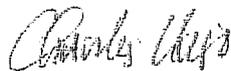
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All final claims against this project, together with all supporting financial documentation, must be submitted to the Transportation Safety Section no later than forty-five (45) days after the project period ending date.

All charges against this project are to be coded to State Number 706-210-4506-170-2631-030-6078 in accordance with established coding procedures.

If you have any additional questions or concerns regarding this program, please feel free to contact Mr. Joseph T. Cristalli at (860) 594-2412.

Sincerely,



Charles Urso
Governor's Highway Safety Representative
Office of the Commissioner

cc: Sgt. Sean P. Cox, Resident Trooper
Mr. Jeffrey H. Smith, Director of Finance



University of Connecticut
*Office of the Vice President and
Chief Operating Officer*

REC'D JUN 12 2006

Office of Environmental Policy

Item #11

Richard A. Miller
Director

June 12, 2006

Mr. Martin Berliner, Town Manager
Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
4 South Eagleville Road
Mansfield, CT 06268

RE: Extension of North Hillside Road in Mansfield, Connecticut
University of Connecticut (Storrs Campus)
DOT Project #77-H049
UConn Project ID #900965
Preparation of Environmental Impact Statement
Request for Participating Agency Designation

Dear Mr. Berliner:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with the University of Connecticut (UConn), is initiating the preparation of a federal Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the extension of North Hillside Road on the UConn Storrs campus in Mansfield, Connecticut. A Notice of Intent (NOI) dated April 13, 2006 was published in the Federal Register on April 21, 2006. Since the project may affect issues related to your agency's expertise, pursuant to §6002 of SAFETEA-LU (P.L. No. 109-59), we are requesting that your agency concur on designation as a Participating Agency.

The proposed project will construct a road to provide an alternate entrance to the University and to relieve traffic on U.S. Route 44, Route 195, and Hunting Lodge Road. The new road is also intended to facilitate the development of UConn-related academic and research buildings and other uses as identified in the University's North Campus Master Plan (February 2001) on parcels of land adjacent to the Storrs campus, also known as the "North Campus." (See enclosed map). This EIS will involve an analysis of several alternatives and their associated environmental concerns.

The extension of North Hillside Road is considered necessary to improve circulation within the campus, to reduce traffic on the local roadway network, and to facilitate the

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June 12, 2006

development of the North Campus. Alternatives under consideration include, but are not limited to: (1) taking no action; (2) alternative project locations, including off-site locations; and (3) various roadway alignments within the proposed project area.

Areas of concern to be emphasized in the study will include potential environmental impacts upon existing ecological resources, wetlands, water resources, historic and archaeological resources, parks and recreation, noise, social and community character, hazardous/contaminated materials, and impacts due to project construction.

Your agency's involvement should entail those areas under its special expertise and no direct writing or analysis by your agency will be necessary for this document's preparation. The following activities will be undertaken by the FHWA and UConn to maximize interagency cooperation:

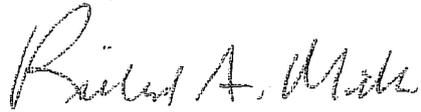
- 1) Invite your agency to all agency coordination meetings.
- 2) Consult with your agency on any relevant technical studies that may be required for the project.
- 3) Organize joint field reviews.
- 4) Provide project information, including study results.
- 5) Encourage your agency to use the above documents to express its views on subjects within your agency's jurisdiction or expertise.
- 6) Include information in the project environmental documents that cooperating agencies need to fulfill their National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) responsibilities and any other requirements regarding jurisdictional approvals, permits, licenses, and/or clearances.

We look forward to your response to this request and your agency's role as a Participating Agency on this project. An agency scoping meeting has been scheduled for **Thursday, June 15, 2006 at 1:30 p.m.** in Room 7 of the Bishop Center at the University of Connecticut, One Bishop Circle, Storrs, CT. Please arrange to have a representative from your agency attend this meeting, and provide this office with the appropriate contact person(s) responsible for the NEPA process **by June 7, 2006**. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this project or our agencies' respective roles and responsibilities during the preparation of the EIS in more detail, please contact me or Stephanie Marks, Environmental Compliance Analyst, UConn at (860) 486-1031 or Mr. Robert W. Turner, P.E., Environmental Engineer, Federal Highway Administration at (860) 659-6703, ext. 3011.

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Thank you in advance for your interest and participation in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard A. Miller".

Richard A. Miller
Director of Environmental Policy

Enclosure (map & letter copy - previously mailed 5/12/06)

cc: Bradley D. Keazer (FHWA)

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Mansfield Town Council
Mansfield, Ct. 06250

Dear Sirs:-

I'm enclosing the news item from the Waterbury Republican-American concerning your vote on the spay and neuter program. Many of us will agree such a program has become necessary. But—all the fault is not the cats. Clinics for this procedure should be set up so the cost isn't \$100.00 or more per animal. Unless you do have clinics, the only winner will be the Veterinarians. This new program will hurt youngsters and elderly who have a pet cat and not much money but a lot of love for these pets.

Even rabies shots done by clinics are about \$12.00 but the same shot can run between \$70.00 and \$100.00 plus by Vets because they need to charge for office visits etc.

This new program will bring about more "dumped" animals. I live near a large Connecticut State Forest and many animals are "dumped" off here. My present cat came to me that way. He has been neutered, has all his shots and is now a great big, wonderful cat. All the animals aren't so lucky.

I wish you well with this ne program
but >!>!>!>!!!

Sincerely
Maxie (Daisy) Ostrander



Town orders cat owners to fix them or pay fines

BY RACHEL SLAJDA
REPUBLICAN-AMERICAN

Bob Barker would be proud.

While many cat owners don't take the game show host's daily advice to "get your pet spayed or neutered," at least one Connecticut town is acting to stem feline overpopulation.

Last week, Mansfield's town council unanimously passed an ordinance making it illegal to own a cat over 6 months old that isn't spayed or neutered unless the resident pays \$75 a year for an "unaltered animal permit." Owners who don't comply will pay \$90 in fines every month the offending kitty goes unaltered. According to the ordinance, an owner is anyone who voluntarily feeds and cares for a cat.

The state is also taking action. The legislature passed a bill to conduct a study, headed by the Commissioner of Agri-

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WHY SO MANY CATS?



In five years, two cats could produce up to 11,000 kittens, including their offspring's offspring, and so on.

Cats can have up to three litters a year.

Cats can get pregnant as early as 5 months old.

There are an estimated 500,000 or more feral cats statewide.

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CATS: If you feed it, you own it

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culture, to find ways to control animal populations and to help people who take care of feral cats.

Such caretakers will receive help from the Department of Agriculture's Animal Population Control Program in the next fiscal year. The department said last week it is offering \$40,000 in grants to charitable organizations that provide vaccinations and sterilizations to feral cats.

A feral cat is one that was born and lives in the wild with no human contact.

If unaltered, stray cats that have been abandoned or lost, breed in the wild and their kittens are feral. Unvaccinated, these cats may carry diseases like feline AIDS and feline leukemia and possibly spread them to pets that roam outside, said Alicia Wright, director of volunteer services at the Connecticut Humane Society.

"The potential threat to people is the physical dangers," Wright said. "Potential attacks, biting if they're unsocialized."

But that is denied by Joan Lamont of Cats Assisted Through Spay/neuter Northeast, or CATS.

"Feral cats are very, very shy with people," she said. "The only way you're ever going to get hurt by a feral cat is if you corner it. ... It's only trying to get away."

Lamont drafted Mansfield's ordinance and worked with Noranne Nielsen, the town animal control officer, to push it through the town council.

Her organization, wP.90 was established in 2001, fo-

TOWN PUTS CAT OWNERS ON NOTICE

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cuses on sterilizing feral cats. Lamont helps people trap entire colonies at a time for spaying and neutering and offers support for the continued management of such colonies.

"Prevention is the most time-efficient thing to do for the animals," she said, adding it's the most cost-efficient way as well. "Right now (towns are), A, pretending the problem doesn't exist and, B, using the death penalty (euthanasia) as birth control."

Mansfield is the first Connecticut town to pass legislation requiring owners to spay or neuter their cats. Lamont hopes to convince other towns to adopt similar laws, but some are waiting for the state to act.

"We won't do a private ordinance," said Debbie Wilcox, Naugatuck's animal control officer. Seymour's dog warden, Joe LaRovera, said the same. Most towns and cities have no regulations regarding pet cats, except that they be vaccinated against rabies.

Many municipal dog wardens and animal shelters, including the Oxford animal shelter and the Waterbury dog warden, don't handle cats, leaving the job to private rescue and TNR, or trap-neuter-

release, organizations.

Wilcox said she doesn't take in cats regularly because, if she did, "I'd have more cats here than dogs."

"People call all the time (saying) there's a stray cat in my back yard," she said.

LaRovera said he responds to such calls by telling callers "if they're leaving a food source out there, to take it away."

But Lamont says that kind of advice isn't enough, and hopes laws like hers become the trend instead of the exception.

Nielsen said the ordinance will be enforced by door-to-door surveys already conducted every year to make sure dogs are licensed and cats and dogs are vaccinated. She plans to give offenders information on how to get low-cost sterilizations, including the number for the Tait's Every Animal Matters or TEAM van, which does house calls for \$57. Owners have 30 days to either sterilize their cat or buy a permit. If not, they must pay the fine.

Revenue from the fines and permits will go into a fund to help low-income cat owners get their animals spayed or neutered.