

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OFFICE OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
NEPA DETERMINATION**



RECIPIENT: Town of Fairfield, Connecticut

STATE: CT

PROJECT TITLE : Fairfield CT Recycling Waste Diversion Enhancement Project

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number DE-FOA-0002882	Procurement Instrument Number EECBG Voucher	NEPA Control Number GFO-Fairfield-CT-001	CID Number
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Based on my review of the information concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (authorized under DOE Policy 451.1), I have made the following determination:

CX, EA, EIS APPENDIX AND NUMBER:

Description:

B1.15 Support buildings Siting, construction or modification, and operation of support buildings and support structures (including, but not limited to, trailers and prefabricated and modular buildings) within or contiguous to an already developed area (where active utilities and currently used roads are readily accessible). Covered support buildings and structures include, but are not limited to, those for office purposes; parking; cafeteria services; education and training; visitor reception; computer and data processing services; health services or recreation activities; routine maintenance activities; storage of supplies and equipment for administrative services and routine maintenance activities; security (such as security posts); fire protection; small-scale fabrication (such as machine shop activities), assembly, and testing of non-nuclear equipment or components; and similar support purposes, but exclude facilities for nuclear weapons activities and waste storage activities, such as activities covered in B1.10, B1.29, B1.35, B2.6, B6.2, B6.4, B6.5, B6.6, and B6.10 of this appendix.

Rationale for determination:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is proposing to provide funding to the Town of Fairfield to construct a shade canopy structure at the Public Works Facility Transfer Station, located at Richard White Way in Fairfield, Connecticut. This project would be funded under the Administrative and Legal Requirements Document (ALRD) for the DOE's Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program Formula Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (EECBG Formula - IJJA) Equipment Rebate Voucher Program.

Award activities would involve the construction and installation of a steel shade canopy. The structure would be anchored to existing concrete walls on town-owned property dedicated to waste management and other Public Works functions. The proposed canopy/shed would not require ground disturbance and would be installed in an area zoned for light industrial development.

Based on FEMA National Flood Hazard Map data accessed on April 25, 2024, a portion of the proposed project would be located within flood hazard areas. No changes to the landscape itself are planned, therefore project activities in the flood hazard areas would not have the potential to impact the floodplain itself. DOE has determined that providing funding in support of this project is not a floodplain action requiring a floodplain assessment under 10 CFR 1022.

The project would not require ground disturbances, permits, licenses, or authorizations. Materials would primarily consist of structural steel to be used in the installation, and any waste would consist of minimal excess construction materials and would be disposed of appropriately. Potential air emissions would be limited to minimal emissions consistent with basic construction activities, such as the use of diesel-powered vehicles and equipment. There would not be any potential health and safety hazards to the public, and Public Works staff would supervise construction consistent with the Town's safety protocols. The Town of Fairfield would observe all applicable federal, state, and local health, safety, and environmental regulations and requirements. DOE does not anticipate any impacts to resources of concern due to the proposed activities of the project.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination.

Include the following condition in the financial assistance agreement:

1. The Town must adhere to the terms and restrictions of the DOE executed Historic Preservation Programmatic Agreement with the State of Connecticut, available at <https://www.energy.gov/node/812599>.

2. The Town is responsible for reviewing the online NEPA and Historic preservation training at www.energy.gov/node/4816816 and contacting EECBG.NEPA@ee.doe.gov with any EECBG NEPA or historic preservation questions.

3. The Town is required to submit an annual Historic Preservation Report at <https://forms.office.com/g/kAFs0N7CZH>.

Notes:

Office of State and Community Energy Programs – EECBG.
NEPA review completed by Nick Iraola, 5/21/2024.

FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATIONS

The proposed action (or the part of the proposal defined in the Rationale above) fits within a class of actions that is listed in Appendix A or B to 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D. To fit within the classes of actions listed in 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B, a proposal must be one that would not: (1) threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, or similar requirements of DOE or Executive Orders; (2) require siting and construction or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities (including incinerators), but the proposal may include categorically excluded waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment actions or facilities; (3) disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or CERCLA-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that preexist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases; (4) have the potential to cause significant impacts on environmentally sensitive resources, including, but not limited to, those listed in paragraph B(4) of 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B; (5) involve genetically engineered organisms, synthetic biology, governmentally designated noxious weeds, or invasive species, unless the proposed activity would be contained or confined in a manner designed and operated to prevent unauthorized release into the environment and conducted in accordance with applicable requirements, such as those listed in paragraph B(5) of 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B.

There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposed action that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal.

The proposed action has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion. This proposal is not connected to other actions with potentially significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.25(a)(1)), is not related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(7)), and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211 concerning limitations on actions during preparation of an environmental impact statement.

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: _____

 Electronically Signed By: **Matthew Blevins**
NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: 5/23/2024

FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION

- Field Office Manager review not required
- Field Office Manager review required

BASED ON MY REVIEW I CONCUR WITH THE DETERMINATION OF THE NCO :

Field Office Manager's Signature: _____

Field Office Manager

Date: _____