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**Notice of Tentative Determination to Approve
An Exemption to Connecticut General Statutes Section 25-68d(b)
(Flood Management)
And Intent to Waive Public Hearing
Applicant(s): Department of Housing
Application No.: FM-201401124
City/Town: Norwalk**

The Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection ("DEEP") hereby gives notice that a tentative determination has been reached to approve the following application. The Commissioner also intends to waive the requirement for public hearing provided that a hearing may be held on this application if the Commissioner determines that the public interest will best be served thereby, and shall hold a hearing upon receipt of a petition as more thoroughly described below.

Application Number:	FM-201401124
Applicant's Name and Address:	Connecticut Department of Housing, 505 Hudson Street
Contact Name and Phone:	Hermia Delaire, (860)270-8149
Type of Permit:	Flood Management Exemption
Relevant statute(s)/Regulation:	Section 25-68d of the Connecticut General Statutes
Exemption From:	Section 25-68d(b)(4)
Project Description:	Washington Village Redevelopment
Project Location:	Norwalk
Water(s):	Norwalk River and Norwalk Harbor

COMMISSIONER'S FINDINGS/REGULATORY CONDITIONS

The proposed activity will affect the 100-year floodplain of Norwalk River and Norwalk Harbor.

According to CGS Section 25-68d(d), the commissioner, after public notice of the application for exemption and an opportunity for a public hearing in accordance with the provisions of this Section, may approve such exemption if he determines that the agency has shown that the activity or critical activity is in the public interest, will not injure persons or damage property in the area of such activity, complies with the provisions of the National Flood Insurance Program, and, in the case of a loan or grant, the recipient of the loan or grant has been informed that increased flood insurance premiums may result from the activity or critical activity. The agency has determined that the proposed activity meets these requirements and recommends issuance by the commissioner of an approval of exemption for this project.

INFORMATION REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

This application has been assigned No. FM-201401124; please use this number when corresponding with DEEP regarding this application. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the application from the applicant's contact noted above. The applications and supporting documentation are available for inspection at the DEEP, Bureau of Water Protection & Land Reuse, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT from 8:30am to 4:30pm, Monday through Friday. Questions may be directed to Sharon Yurasevecz of the Inland Water Resources Division at (860) 424-3861 or sharon.yurasevecz@ct.gov.

Before making a final decision on this application, the Commissioner shall consider written comments on the application from interested persons. Written comments on the application should be directed to Sharon Yurasevecz, Bureau of Water Protection & Land Reuse, Inland Water Resources Division, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5127, or may be submitted via electronic mail to: sharon.yurasevecz@ct.gov, no later than thirty (30) days from the publication date of this notice.

PETITIONS FOR HEARING

Petitions shall be signed by 25 persons and should include the application number noted above and also identify a contact person to receive notifications. Petitions may also identify a person who is authorized to engage in discussions regarding the application and, if resolution is reached, withdraw the petition. Original signed petitions may be scanned and sent electronically to deep.adjudications@ct.gov or may be mailed or delivered to: DEEP Office of Adjudications, 79 Elm Street, 3rd floor, Hartford, CT 06106-5127. All petitions must be received within the comment period noted above. If submitted electronically, original signed petitions must also be mailed or delivered to the address above within ten days of electronic submittal. If a hearing is held, timely notice of such hearing will be published in a newspaper of general circulation.

/s/ Cheryl A. Chase
Cheryl A. Chase, Director
Inland Water Resources Division



Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse

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