

## **STATE OF CONNECTICUT** DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 2800 BERLIN TURNPIKE, P.O. BOX 317546 NEWINGTON, CONNECTICUT 06131-7546



HADDAM – The Connecticut Department of Transportation's (CTDOT) State Project No. 40-141 involves the rehabilitation of Bridge No. 01138 also known as the East Haddam Swing Bridge, which carries Route 82 over the Connecticut River. The project limits on Route 82 start at Little Meadow Road in Haddam and end near the former town office driveway in East Haddam. Little Meadow Road outside of the State Route 82 highway right-of-way is a Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CTDEEP) owned road within Eagle Landing State Park. The rehabilitation consists of structural, mechanical and electrical repairs on the bridge. As requested by the Towns of East Haddam and Haddam, and the regional government, a cantilevered sidewalk attached to the south side of the bridge and approach sidewalks will also be constructed to provide a safe pedestrian crossing and sidewalk connectivity along Route 82. To accommodate the new approach sidewalk on the Haddam side, new catch basins and a new drainage system outlet need to be installed and a private driveway will need to be relocated.

The project will require temporary and permanent transfers of control of the park in areas along the Little Meadow Road east roadway embankment from CTDEEP to CTDOT. The temporary transfers are the result of construction access needed to construct the private driveway in its new location, install metal beam guiderail, temporary sedimentation control. The permanent transfers are the result of permanent access needed for the maintenance of the new drainage system elements and a permanent fill slope needed to support the utility access road that will be shifted slightly south to accommodate the new west approach sidewalk. This project will have minimal (de minimis) impacts to Eagle Landing State Park as the work does not occur in areas that are regularly used by park visitors. Impacts to the CTDEEP park property will be limited to minor ground disturbance and installation of a bituminous driveway apron, drainage pipes and an outlet, and guiderail along the east embankment of Little Meadow Road. Some tree clearing will be necessary at the northern end of Little Meadow Road to facilitate the construction of the new drainage outlet. Eagle Landing State Park will remain open for its normal hours throughout this construction project.

Residents, business owners, and other interested individuals may contact the Project Manager, Mr. Derick Lessard at (860) 594-3216 or via email at <u>Derick.Lessard@ct.gov</u> with any questions, comments, or concerns by August 25, 2021. Conceptual plans are available upon request.