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The Honorable Maureen Nicholson
First Selectman
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Re: Day Road Bridge, Pomfret

Dear First Selectman Nicholson,

The Council on Environmental Quality (Council) received the Press Release regarding the proposed bridge replacement project for the Day Road Bridge over the Wappoquia Brook in Pomfret. The Council notes that the bridge is located within a flood hazard area and a Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) Natural Diversity Database (NDDDB) buffer area. The Council recommends that the bridge designers/construction company consult with DEEP's NDDDB for guidance to minimize and mitigate any potential adverse impacts on state-listed species and that no materials that could be injurious to human, animal or plant life during a flood, be stored in the flood hazard area during construction. Further, the Council recommends that the Pomfret Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission carefully review the proposed project, at the appropriate time, for consistency with the Town's Wetland Regulations.

Thank you for your consideration of the Council's comments.

Sincerely,

Paul Aresta
Executive Director

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