



Dissolution Authority

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MEMORANDUM

TO: South Meadows Transition Committee
FROM: William P. Beccaro, Committee Chairperson
DATE: August 29, 2024
RE: Notice of Regular Meeting

There will be a **regular meeting** of the **South Meadows Transition Committee** of the MIRA Dissolution Authority's Board of Directors on *Wednesday, September 4, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. in the Board Room at 300 Maxim Road, Hartford, CT. Members of the public may also attend the meeting telephonically by calling (929) 205-6099, entering Meeting ID: 858 1861 1943 and Passcode: 661934# when prompted. (NOTE - there is very limited physical space in the Board Room - consequently, virtual public attendance is encouraged)*. The meeting is scheduled to conclude at 12:30 p.m. The purpose of this meeting will be:

1. Call to Order; Chair's Welcome
2. Public Comment (3 minutes per speaker)
3. Approval of Minutes of the July 10, 2024 Regular Committee Meeting (*Attachment 1*).
4. Review and Approve Resolution regarding execution of a RFS with Cohn Birnbaum & Shea P.C. for FY25 legal support associated with South Meadows Station remediation (*Attachment 2*)
5. Update and Discussion Regarding the South Meadows Redevelopment Considerations Study, Including:
 - a. Hazardous Building Materials Survey
 - b. Flood Protection System Plans
 - c. Schedule for Presentations of Milestone Reports to Committee
 - d. Public Project Launch Meeting Held July 23, 2024 (*Attachment 3*)
 - e. Second Public Informational Meeting to be Held in November
6. Such other items that may properly come before the Committee.

Cc: Bert Hunter
Mark Daley
Christopher Shepard
Raymond Frigon (CT-DEEP)
Claire Quinn (CT-DEEP)
Jade Barber (CT-DEEP)
Robert Carr (Weston & Sampson)
Carl Stopper (TRC)

Attachment 1

South Meadows Transition Committee
July 10, 2024
Meeting Minutes

A Regular Meeting of the South Meadows Transition Committee of the MIRA Dissolution Authority was held on July 10, 2024. Present either in-person or via video or audio conferencing were:

Committee Present: Director William Beccaro (Committee Chairperson) (via Zoom)
 Director John Fonfara (via Zoom)
 Director Matthew Dayton
 Director Rachel Taylor (via Zoom)
 Director David S. Steuber (via Zoom)
 Director Bert Hunter (Ex Officio)
 Member William DiBella

Other Directors Present: David H. Barkin
 Michael T. Looney
 Mike Walsh

Other Members Present: Thomas Swarr

Authority Staff Present: Christopher Shepard, Environmental Compliance Manager
 David Bodendorf, Mgr. of Engineering, Construction & Power Assets
 Cheryl Kaminsky, Comptroller
 Ann Catino (Halloran & Sage), General Counsel

CT-DEEP Staff Present: Jade Barber
 David McKeegan

Weston & Sampson Staff Present: Kelvin Ayala (Led By Us & Associates)

Others Present: Joanna Wozniak-Brown
 Matthew Pafford, CT-DAS (via Zoom)
 (860) 922-6189 (call-in via Zoom)

This meeting was recorded via ZOOM conferencing and is posted on the Authority's website at:
<https://www.ctmira.org/mira-dissolution-authority-south-meadows-transition-committee>

1. Call to Order; Chair’s Welcome

On behalf of Committee Chairperson Beccaro, who was in attendance via Zoom, Director Hunter called the meeting to order at 11:02 A.M. and confirmed that a quorum was present.

2. Public Comment (3 minutes per speaker)

Director Hunter invited members of the public to address the Committee. There were no public comments, and Director Hunter proceeded with the next agenda item.

3. Approval of Minutes of the June 5, 2024 Regular Committee Meeting

Director Hunter requested a motion to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2024 Regular Committee Meeting. The motion was moved by Director Fonfara and seconded by Director Taylor.

Director Hunter asked if there were any discussion, comments, corrections or modifications requested. Hearing none, Director Hunter asked for a roll call vote. The motion was approved unanimously as indicated below:

Director	Raised	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Chairperson Beccaro			X		
Matthew Dayton	X		X		
Rachel Taylor		X	X		
John Fonfara			X		
Dave Steuber			X		

4. Discussion Regarding Initial Project Management Meeting for the South Meadows Redevelopment Considerations Study

At Director Hunter’s request, Mr. Shepard began the discussion on this matter. Mr. Shepard noted that Authority management held the initial project management meeting with the Weston & Sampson project team on June 18, 2024. Mr. Shepard noted that the Weston & Sampson project team sub-consultants in attendance at this meeting included Eagle Environmental (hazardous building materials survey), Led By Us & Associates (public outreach), and Simpson Gumpertz & Heger (SGH - flood protection system tasks). Minutes of that meeting have been included in the Committee package.

Mr. Shepard stated that the meeting discussion focused on the status of getting various aspects of the study underway, particularly the review of existing environmental conditions, the hazardous building materials (HBM) survey, public outreach and the flood protection system tasks. The meeting discussion also included a review of the site sign in / sign out requirements for personnel working on-site, and the schedule for providing a site-specific health and safety plan for the HBM survey.

Finding no additional discussion on this matter, Director Hunter proceeded with the next agenda item.

5. Discussion Regarding Pre-Planning for Public Project Launch Meeting

At Director Hunter's request, Mr. Shepard began this discussion by stating that a pre-planning meeting for the public project launch of the South Meadows Redevelopment Considerations Study was held on July 2, 2024. Mr. Shepard noted that this pre-planning meeting was noticed as a Special meeting of the Board so that any Director or Member could attend, and that there was very strong Board attendance.

Mr. Shepard also noted that there were three meeting participants from the City of Hartford: James Woulfe (Chief of Staff), Jonathan Harding (Corporation Counsel) and John Gale (City Council member). Attachment 3 to the Committee package for today's meeting includes a copy of the agenda for the pre-planning meeting, as well as a list of all invited stakeholders.

Mr. Shepard stated that the expectations and specific tasks of the Study were reviewed, and a round table discussion of the methodology and approach to public outreach followed. Mr. Shepard then noted that, as a result of both the initial project management meeting and the subsequent pre-planning meeting, initial efforts for the public project launch meeting were aimed at scheduling it for July 23, 2024.

Mr. Shepard then stated that the preferred location for the public project launch meeting was identified as the Metzner Community Center, which is the same location where public meetings for the Brainard Airport study were held. Led By Us had some initial difficulty in securing the Metzner Community Center for the meeting, so an alternate meeting location was being considered, but Led By Us sent an email this morning in which they confirmed that they have secured the Metzner Community Center for the public project launch meeting. Director Hunter asked the scheduled start time of the meeting, to which Mr. Shepard replied that the meeting would begin at 5:30 PM, and is scheduled to end at 7:30 PM.

Director Hunter asked if the public launch meeting would be a hybrid format (i.e., in-person and virtual). Mr. Shepard confirmed that the meeting is planned to be offered in a hybrid format. Mr. Shepard also noted that Led By Us has provided the Authority with a draft flyer announcing the public launch meeting, but that the draft flyer did not contain any mention of virtual participation. Mr. Shepard stated that he would work with Led By Us to finalize the flyers to include the virtual participation information, and to begin advertising the meeting.

Member DiBella asked if the flyers would be available in both English and Spanish, and Mr. Shepard confirmed that the flyers have been drafted in both English and Spanish, and that other written materials for the meeting will be available in both English and Spanish. Mr. Shepard also stated that the presentation at the meeting would be made in English, but that Led By Us would offer translation of the presentation either side-by-side with the presenter or in side conversations with meeting attendees, depending upon the degree of translation that might be needed.

Director Hunter asked other members of the Committee if it would be good and respectful toward the members of the community that attend the public launch meeting to provide the translation side-by-side with the presenter, depending upon who from the community attends the meeting. Director Fonfara said that he has seen meeting translations

handled both ways. Director Fonfara stated that he thought the larger issue was educating the community that these issues exist at this property. Director Fonfara noted that many residents are not asked their thoughts about issues on such matters as the South Meadows Study or the future redevelopment of the South Meadows property, even though these things are happening in their own community. Director Fonfara stated that he believes that it is important that the residents are made aware of such matters, even if they ultimately do not have an opinion on it.

Director Fonfara also recommended that Led By Us reach out to the NRZs (Neighborhood Revitalization Zones) in an effort to generate more interest in the public launch meeting. Mr. Shepard noted that City Councilor Gale also recommended during the July 2, 2024 pre-planning meeting that the NRZs be contacted regarding the public launch meeting, and that Led By Us confirmed during the pre-planning meeting that they are familiar with Hartford's NRZs.

Director Taylor expressed her thoughts regarding a draft survey and draft flyer that had been assembled by Led By Us and circulated amongst the Committee for feedback. Regarding the draft survey, Director Taylor indicated that parts of the survey were onerous, particularly the part of the survey with the scale for ranking 8 to 10 potential future uses of the site. Director Taylor indicated that participants had to enter a ranking for all potential future uses in order to save the survey results. Director Taylor recommended that the number of potential options be reduced to four or five and be less specific, because people may not have opinions on all of the options that have been drafted, and also to allow people to rank, say, their top 3 choices.

Director Taylor acknowledged that we are not yet at the stage where a decision on future use of the South Meadows property is going to be made, and noted that the public will probably be most interested in that decision-making stage. Director Taylor also indicated her belief that it would be important to let people know that there will be opportunities to participate in that decision-making process in the future.

Member Swarr reiterated that he would anticipate low turnout of residents at the first public meeting no matter the level of advertising, and he suggested that the focus should be reaching out to NRZs and other community activists who would be able to help explain these matters to residents and help to get residents involved. Member Swarr suggested that Janice Castle from the City would be a key resource in getting the NRZs and other community activists involved.

Director Dayton echoed concerns expressed by Director Steuber and Director Taylor that the draft survey seems to be jumping too far ahead in the process; specifically, the survey makes it seem like a decision on the future use of the property will be part of the current study. Director Dayton requested that this feedback be provided to the contractor.

Director Hunter asked Mr. Shepard to provide a timeline for the survey. Mr. Shepard responded that Led By Us is working to get the flyers finalized by Friday of the current week in order to start getting the word out; and Led By Us recommended that the flyers include a QR code that would bring people to the survey when scanned.

Mr. Shepard noted that Kelvin Ayala from Led By Us was attending this meeting via Zoom, and Director Hunter offered Mr. Ayala the opportunity to contribute to the

conversation. Mr. Ayala acknowledged the discussions regarding the survey and indicated that their goal was to include a QR code on the flyer to allow people to at least take the survey if they are unable to participate or attend, and to allow people to ask questions that could be addressed in the presentation. Mr. Ayala indicated that the survey will be adjusted to account for the feedback that has been offered during today's meeting. Mr. Ayala also indicated that Led By Us will work to temper expectations related to the Study, given that it is only the first phase of the redevelopment process.

Mr. Ayala further stated that time is of the essence with respect to the flyer, and that Led By Us would be working to finalize the flyer today.

Finding no additional discussion on this matter, Director Hunter proceeded with the next agenda item.

6. Discussion Regarding Meeting with GHFC to Kick-Off Study Tasks Related to the Flood Protection Dike

At Director Hunter's request, Mr. Shepard provided an overview of the portions of the Study scope of work that are specific to the flood control dike on the property. Mr. Shepard noted that any structures attached to or passing over the dike, as well as any dike penetrations, must be properly managed, maintained or abandoned in order to ensure the integrity of the flood control dike.

Mr. Shepard stated that a kick-off meeting specific to the flood protection system aspects of the South Meadows Study was held on June 26, 2024. Parties in attendance included Authority management; Weston & Sampson; Simpson Gumpertz & Heger (SGH, sub-consultant to Weston & Sampson); and representatives of the Greater Hartford Flood Commission from the City of Hartford (Member Frank Dellaripa, and Nick Casparino). A copy of this meeting's agenda has been included in the Committee package for this meeting.

Mr. Shepard summarized the kick-off meeting discussions, noting that the study tasks and deliverables were reviewed. There was also discussion amongst the parties regarding methods to dovetail the South Meadows Study deliverables with other planning efforts currently underway for the overall flood protection system. Anticipated Army Corp of Engineer requirements were also discussed during this kick-off meeting. It was also noted that the Army Corps would be coming to the site on or about July 16th to conduct an inspection of the dike, and the tentative plan was for SGH to return to the site on that date in order to meet with representatives of the Army Corps and CT-DEEP's Dam Safety Division.

Finding no additional discussion on this matter, Director Hunter proceeded with the next agenda item.

7. Discussion Regarding Hazardous Building Materials Survey (Commencement, Duration, Etc.)

At Director Hunter's request, Mr. Shepard provided an update on the hazardous building materials (HBM) survey. Mr. Shepard stated that Eagle Environmental submitted its site-specific health and safety plan, which was reviewed by the Authority and found acceptable. Eagle Environmental provided necessary training to its personnel regarding site access and

safety procedures, mobilized its equipment to the site and began building inspection and sample collection activities on July 1st. Mr. Shepard noted that collection and analysis of samples is expected to continue through September, with the draft HBM survey report expected at the end of October.

Director Hunter reminded the Committee that Eagle Environmental provided a presentation regarding hazardous building materials to this Committee at its June 5, 2024 meeting, and that the minutes from that meeting include a copy of that presentation.

Finding no additional discussion on this matter item, Director Hunter proceeded with the next agenda item.

8. Other Items Brought Before Committee

Director Hunter inquired if there were any additional items to be brought before the Committee, or any questions from anyone in attendance.

Director Taylor asked Director Hunter if attendance at the public project launch meeting by Directors was desired or expected. Director Hunter noted that he was planning to attend the meeting, and he encouraged as many Directors as possible attended, but he confirmed that attendance by Directors was not mandatory.

6. Adjournment

Director Hunter adjourned the meeting at 11:36 A.M

Attachment 2

RESOLUTION REGARDING EXECUTION OF A REQUEST FOR SERVICES WITH COHN BIRNBAUM & SHEA P.C. FOR FY25 LEGAL SUPPORT ASSOCIATED WITH SOUTH MEADOW STATION REMEDIATION

WHEREAS, the MIRA Dissolution Authority and Cohn Birnbaum & Shea, P.C. are parties to Legal Service Agreement to perform legal services; and

WHEREAS, the Boards of Directors of the predecessor authorities to the MIRA Dissolution Authority had previously established and maintained a Mid CT Post Project Closure reserve to pay costs associated with, among other things, the remediation of the South Meadow Station property under the Exit StrategyTM Contract with TRC Environmental Corporation; and

WHEREAS, the MIRA Dissolution Authority and its predecessor authorities have not heretofore adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2025 Mid CT Project expenditures.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED: That the President is authorized to execute a Request for Services under the Authority's Legal Services Agreement with Cohn Birnbaum & Shea P.C. for Fiscal Year 2025 legal support associated with the Exit StrategyTM Contract and the South Meadow Station remediation project, as described in the Contract Summary attached hereto and substantially as discussed and presented at this meeting; and

FURTHER RESOLVED: That funds from the Mid CT Post Project Closure reserve be utilized to pay for the costs of the legal services under the Request for Services with Cohn Birnbaum & Shea P.C.

PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS (Cohn Birnbaum & Shea RFS for South Meadows Remediation Support)

Author: Chris Shepard, Environmental Compliance Manager

Committee Requirements:

- Assigned – South Meadows Transition Committee
- Quorum – 50% of the Directors on a Committee of 4 or more, majority of the Directors on a Committee of less than 4, excluding the Chair.
- Item carries with majority of Directors present

Director	Raised	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
William P. Beccaro					
Rachel Taylor					
Matthew M. Dayton					
David S. Steuber					
John Fonfara					

Board Requirements:

- Quorum – 6 Directors
- X Item carries with majority of Directors present unless otherwise specified
- Specified as requiring 2/3 of full Board (8 Directors)
 - Purchasing and Contracting Rules & Procedures (22a-266(c))
 - Contract Over 5 Years or Greater than \$50,000 Annual Consideration(22a-268)
 - Proposed Procedure (1-120)
 - Special Capability Exception Over \$10,000 (Procurement Policy Section 3.1.2.5)
 - Settlement Exception (Procurement Policy Section 3.1.2.7)
 - Acquisition or Sale of Real Property (Procurement Policy Section 5.1.3 & 5.2.3)
- Specified as requiring 2/3 of Directors present and eligible (Bylaws Section 504)
 - Expenditure of \$50,000 or more for outside consultant
 - Entering Executive Session
 - Addition of Agenda Item at a regular meeting

Director	Raised	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
1 - Chairperson Hunter					
2 - Matthew Dayton					
3 – David Barkin					
4 – Michael Looney					
5 - William Beccaro					
6 - Rachel Taylor					
7 – Michael Walsh					
8 – John Fonfara					
9 - Paul Harrington					
10 - Carl Fortuna					
11 - Dave Steuber					

MIRA Dissolution Authority

Contract Summary for Contract Entitled

REQUEST FOR SERVICES WITH COHN BIRNBAUM & SHEA P.C. FOR FY25 LEGAL SUPPORT ASSOCIATED WITH SOUTH MEADOW STATION REMEDIATION

Presented to the South Meadows Transition Committee:	September 4, 2024
Vendor/ Contractor(s):	Cohn Birnbaum & Shea P.C. ("CB&S")
Effective date:	Upon Execution
Contract Type/Subject matter:	Legal Services
Facility Affected:	South Meadow Station Property
Term:	Fiscal Year 2025
Contract Dollar Value:	\$15,000
Term Extensions:	NA
Scope of Services:	CB&S will continue to provide consultation, advice and representation to the MIRA Dissolution Authority on matters involving the Exit Strategy™ Contract, and environmental remediation at the South Meadow Station property under the Exit Strategy™ Contract.
Other Pertinent Provisions:	None

MIRA Dissolution Authority
Request for Services with Cohn Birnbaum & Shea P.C.
for FY25 Legal Support Associated with South Meadow
Station Remediation

September 4, 2024

Executive Summary

This is to request South Meadows Transition Committee recommendation for executing a Request for Services with Cohn Birnbaum & Shea P.C. (“CB&S”) for legal services in support of the South Meadow Station remediation under the Exit Strategy™ Contract, and to further request that the Mid-Connecticut Reserve account be utilized to pay CB&S for these legal services.

Discussion

Background

In connection with acquisition of the South Meadow Station real estate in December 2000, the Authority assumed responsibility for the remediation of pre-existing pollution conditions at the site. At the same time, the Authority entered into an Exit Strategy™ Contract with TRC Companies, Inc. (“TRC”), whereunder TRC assumed the obligation for such remediation and agreed to be the Certifying Party pursuant to the Connecticut Transfer Act. On May 7, 2018, TRC submitted a Verification (i.e., final sign-off) for the site to CT-DEEP, certifying that the site has been fully remediated in accordance with applicable environmental requirements. However, CT-DEEP rejected the Verification on June 24, 2019, due to the discovery of PCBs in Area 3-3 of the site during work by Eversource Energy to relocate underground utilities.

CT-DEEP required that TRC perform further characterization of Area 3-3, and determine what additional remediation work must be performed in order to comply with the State’s Remediation Standard Regulations. TRC completed the characterization, developed a remedial action plan to address the PCB contamination, and submitted the remedial action plan in June 2022 to both CT-DEEP and USEPA for review and approval. TRC received approval to implement the remedial action plan from USEPA on February 3, 2023, and from CT-DEEP on March 3, 2023. TRC completed the remediation of Area 3-3, including construction of an engineered control (“EC”), on October 15, 2023, and subsequently submitted the required Final Engineered Control Completion Statement to CT-DEEP on June 12, 2024.

Anticipated FY25 Legal Services

On July 23, 2024, TRC submitted the ELUR application for Area 3-3 to CT-DEEP for review and approval; and CT-DEEP subsequently provided questions and comments on

the draft ELUR on August 21, 2024. TRC has begun work to address CT-DEEP's questions and comments as soon as possible. Once CT-DEEP approves the ELUR and it is recorded in the City of Hartford's Land Records, TRC will then update the previously-submitted Verification Report to incorporate the Area 3-3 remediation, and submit the revised Verification Report to CT-DEEP for consideration.

Specific work tasks to be performed by CB&S in support of the MIRA Dissolution Authority during FY25 may include, but are not necessarily limited to:

- review of documents and survey information to address CT-DEEP questions and comments on the proposed ELUR for Area 3-3;
- preparation and review of a new Federal PCB Deed Restriction to be recorded on the City Land Records as part of the Area 3-3 remediation;
- recording of documents on the City Land Records;
- review of the revisions to the Verification Report; and,
- other legal advice and counsel pertaining to the Exit Strategy™ Contract and the South Meadow Station remediation project as requested by the MIRA Dissolution Authority.

Financial Summary

The estimated costs for FY25 for the legal services covered by this resolution are \$15,000. There are sufficient funds in the Mid-CT Post Project Closure reserve to cover these expenses.

Attachment 3



Memo: Public Launch Meeting Summary

The Launch Meeting on July 23rd was effective and was able to connect community influencers with this phase of the South Meadows Considerations study. We had seventeen (17) individuals sign the welcome sheet and share information. We had approximately another six (6) individuals attend and not sign in. These numbers do not reflect MDA board members or members of the consulting team. The meeting was offered in hybrid ZOOM format. We had an additional ten (10) individuals joining us via zoom for a total outreach participation of roughly 33 persons for the public launch meeting.

The panel format was well received and an engaged audience asked many relevant and well informed questions. This audience seemed to have a handle on most issues and concerns and was able to follow the presentation and understand the nature of the considerations study and the scope of environmental work that is scoped in this phase. The meeting was recorded and is now available on the MIRA website along with the slide deck presentation.

Survey results captured at this early juncture included a total of twenty-two (22) responses. Zero responses came by way of the Spanish version of the survey. A total of eleven (11) responses were received post meeting. Several of the survey post meeting responders cited that engagement and outreach for the public launch meeting was not sufficient. It must be noted that of those respondents citing lack of outreach, only one is a Hartford resident which was the targeted area for outreach. Several comments and questions were made via the survey and are shared in the survey results addendum.

In conclusion, there is a desire from stakeholders to speak more about concerns that impact their interested party. These individuals have been noted for future contact however stakeholder interviews and to what extent we engage these stakeholders is currently out of scope and merits further discussion with MDA. One recommendation is to assemble a FAQ sheet to compliment the Fact Sheet that was well received. The FAQ's can be downloadable and in print on the website. Some FAQ material can come from the panel questions that were answered and from questions within the survey that were also covered in combination with questions answered within the Fact Sheet.

Respectfully Submitted,

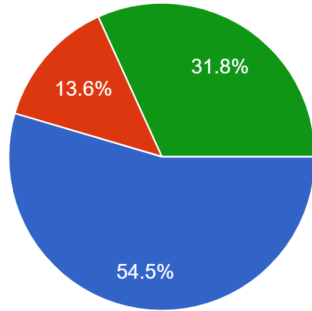
Kelvin Ayala
Team Outreach Coordinator

Survey Results Addendum

Total Respondents: 22

What is your relationship with the City of Hartford?

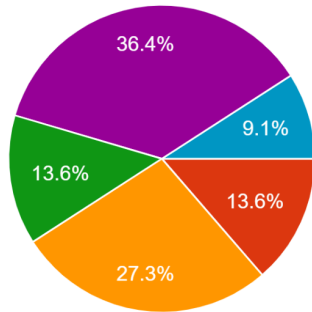
22 responses



- I live in Hartford
- I work in Hartford, and live in another town/city
- I once lived in Hartford, but now reside elsewhere
- I have never lived in Hartford and reside elsewhere

Please select your age range.

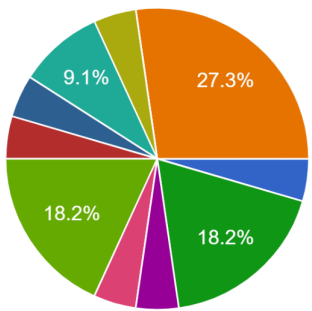
22 responses



- 19 and under
- 20-29
- 30-45
- 46-59
- 60-74
- 75 and over

Which Hartford Neighborhood best represents where you Live, Work, & Play?

22 responses



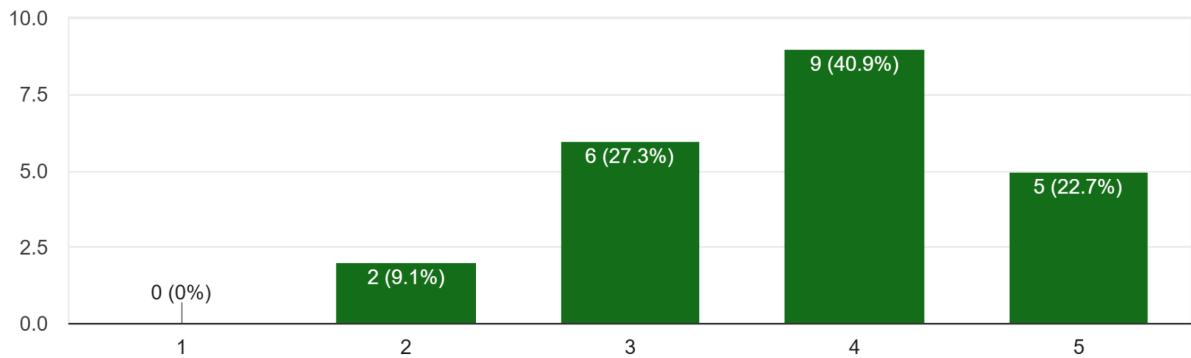
- Blue Hills
- Clay Arsenal
- Asylum Hill
- Downtown Hartford
- Parkville
- North Meadows
- South Meadows
- Barry Square

In a few short words, how would you describe the South Meadows area of Hartford?

- Of little value to me as a city resident and business owner
- Industrial area surrounded by sketchy areas
- Commercial and industrial, wide roads
- people suffering from air pollution because of all the polluting enterprises in the south meadow.
- Industrial/Commercial with some housing west of I91
- Industrial business non residential
- A viable area.
- Industrial
- Needs to have Brainard Field remain !!!
- Industrial, airport
- Home
- industrial
- Under utilized.
- An industrial area, cut off from the city by I91 with stunning river views.
- Warehouse light industry area with airport.
- An area with potential
- an environmental justice community that should not be further contaminated with air pollutants.
- Industrial land on the River with great potential for new clean industry and recreational businesses
- South Meadow is a mixed use area with shops, homes (primarily rentals) and is a mixed industry and transportation infrastructure. Because currently and historically home to many sources of pollution which shouldn't be exacerbated by this facility.
- Industrial, commercial
- Overburdened with industrial pollution
- This is an Environmental Justice community area.

How would you rate your awareness of environmental concerns in Hartford?

22 responses

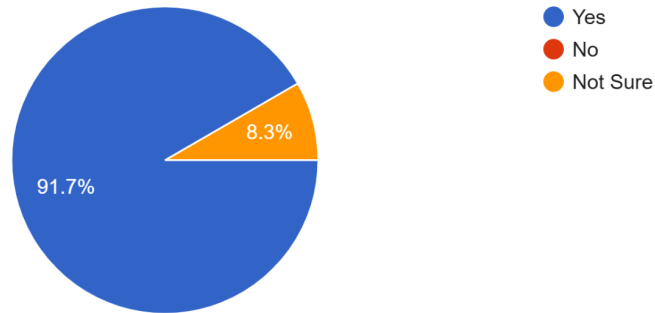


(Optional) Do you or anyone in your immediate family suffer from asthma or other health conditions linked to environmental factors? If Yes, What?

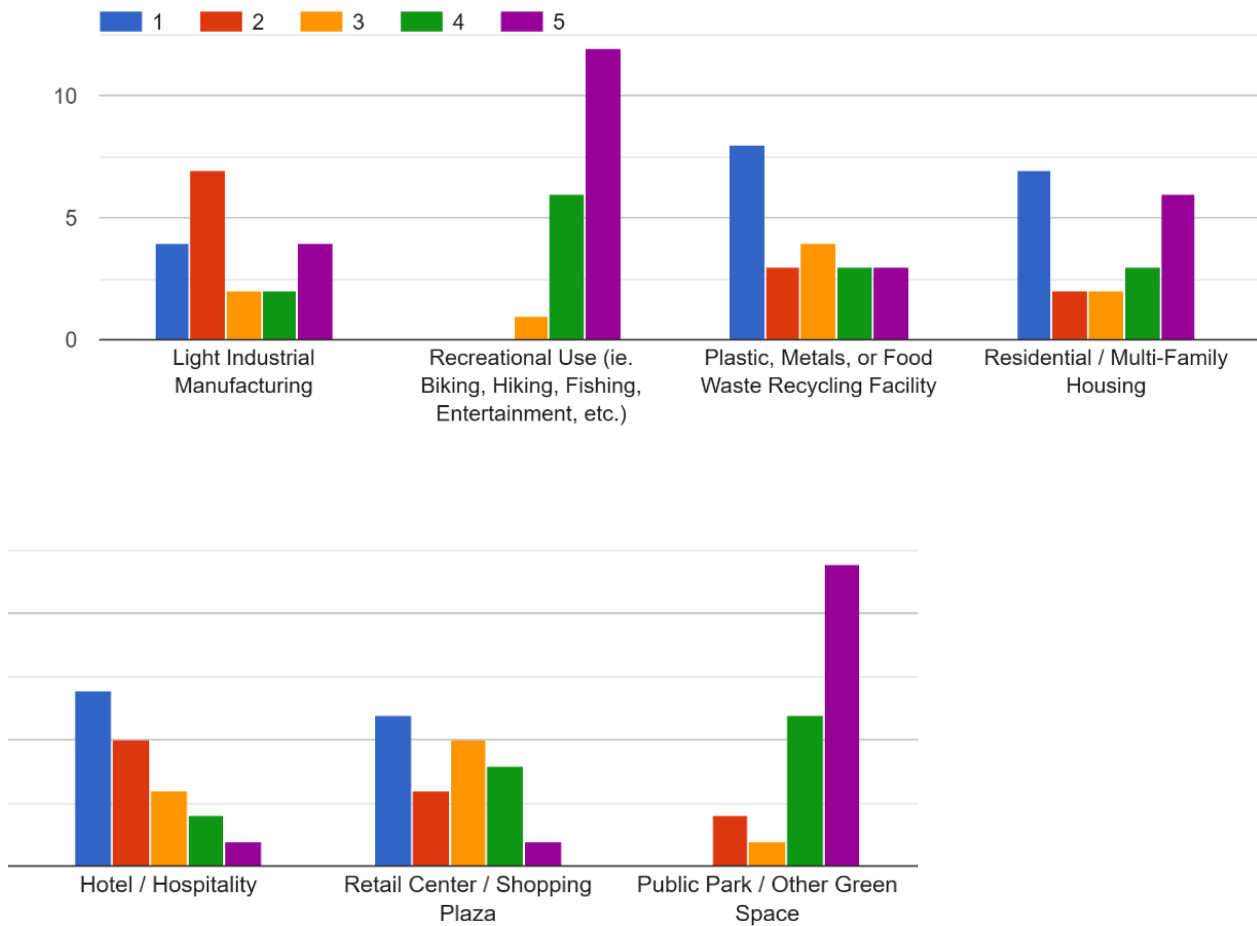
- No
- no
- Yes
- Acute asthma
- Asthma/heart condition
- I grew up with asthma as a child.
- no.
- I have asthma and heart disease.
- heart disease linked to poor air quality
- N/A
- Yes myself and son
- Yes, my family has suffered from high exposure to traffic pollution because of residing in West Hartford near I84 highway for years

For Hartford Residents only: Would you like to feel connected to the Riverfront and have more access to our waterways?

12 responses



What potential development opportunities for South Meadows interest you?



Do you have a Question that you would like addressed at the Tuesday July 23rd Public Outreach Meeting about the South Meadows Redevelopment Considerations Study? (Optional)

- The enterprises located in the South Meadows benefit people from other municipalities. The airport benefits those who are wealthy. The residents of Hartford bear the adverse effects of all the pollution that has been created over the years. This is an unfair burden. It is environmental and racial injustice. Is this on the minds of those who are involved in deciding the future of the site? Is this a shared perspective?
- Why did the plant close after putting so much resources into it, how does that benefit the citizens of Hartford or Hartford itself?
- Where would funding come from for ideas/projects of interest ? City ?, State ?, Federal ?. Divided or inclusive ?
- How long will it take to clean it up?
- Why didn't I hear about the meeting? I am a member of the Hartford Solid Waste Committee and am an environmental justice advocate.
- I have received complaints from Enviro advocates and residents that the meeting was not properly noticed - I would advise collecting a list of all interested community leaders and advocates to invite to public meetings. Consult with City of Hartford's Public Engagement office and other organizations in the City- including the CT Coalition for Environmental Justice. And other City Commissions
- I heard the turnout was poor and did NOT include residents and businesses from all over Hartford, especially the North End. Why did this occur?
- Why weren't local advocates and Environmental Justice advocates more included in this process
- I didn't know about the July 23rd meeting-poorly advertised.

Share any additional comments or concerns here. (Optional)

- The recreational use I would like to see is a marina, with commercial retail waterfront development to include restaurants, shopping, and possibly a venue for concerts and sporting events, with a residential component as well.
- This area is completely separated from the rest of the city by the highway. If the plans to bury I-91 don't come through, don't bother wasting resources on making the area good

leisure or residential. Obviously the potential of the area is HUGE, so don't waste it with unaligned access to the area.

- Industry belongs in cities and I support this being zoned accordingly. If we can retain the industrial footprint while creating a multi-use path along the river to connect the new bike bridge in Wethersfield/Glastonbury to Hartford, this project would be a slam dunk.
- The people living in this area have suffered for many decades from the pollution caused by the industries and the airport located here. It would be just if this property can now be put to use for recreational use, green space and dwelling space for the residents of Hartford.
- It is illogical to do away with Brainerd Field ! It supports needed jobs, training, and transportation. To replace it with anything else does NOT make sense ! It is much needed ! Tweed Airport is too far away to be the only private needed local airport.
- There are many other potential uses> What about a nursing home or active adult community after remediation
- A huge mistake has been made! While I understand that Weston and Sampson hired a subcontractor to handle the public outreach portion, what type of oversight did W& S, the MDA MIRA Replacement Committee, the Governor's Office employ over its subcontractor? I believe that you must press the "pause button" immediately and hold at least one or two additional public outreach meetings and focus on reaching all members of Hartford and even East Hartford, etc.. If the public does not even know that a survey like this exists, how can you gauge decent public participation? Led by Us is an out-of-town consultancy that should know how to use creative methods to engage a disenfranchised population. So disappointing!
- Whatever is located at this site shouldn't be a source of pollution for overburdened Hartford Residents
- My understanding is that there wasn't a good community turnout at the July 23rd meeting. It is imperative that the community be involved in the development of this area. And there should be a concerted effort to get engagement and feedback (starting with this survey) from the community.
- Conversations around redevelopment should make stronger efforts to engage community members.