

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD
APPLICATION# 25 IWC 29
REGULAR MEETING – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2025

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Owner/Applicant: City of Norwich, Department of Public Works
Address: New London Tpke., Uncasville
Date of Receipt: December 11, 2025
Date Received by IWC: December 18, 2025 (*DRD – February 21, 2026*)

Applicant Request: Regulated activities within the upland review area in conjunction with the installation of sidewalks.

Activity Description:

Wetland Disturbance Area	0 SF
Watercourse/Waterbody Disturbance Area	0 LF
Upland Review Disturbance Area	Applicant states approx. 30,000 SF

TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMENTS:

- Plan Set - Sheet 5 of 5 (upper left corner) Erosion & Sediment Control Notes #1-7. Please remove the duplicate language in each of the (7) lines.
- Plan Set – Sheet 5 of 5 (upper right corner) Erosion and Sediment Control Narrative. Section II. Narrative. A. Description of Development. Please correct the spelling of Montville.
- Plan Set – Sheet 5 of 5 (upper right corner) Erosion and Sediment Control Narrative. Please add Montville WEO to be present for any inspection of the silt fence in each of the stages, prior to the commencement of any construction.

STAFF COMMENTS:

- This Application is for regulated activities within the upland review area in conjunction with the installation of sidewalks in accordance with the New London Turnpike Sidewalks and Road Rehabilitation.
- This entire scope of the overall project involves the installation of a 0.75 mile sidewalk to complete pedestrian access between Route 82 and Route 32, enhancing safety and roadway conditions along the corridor.
- The work will include approximately 1,130 LF of work within the roadway which is within the upland review area. The work will include the installation of approximately 240 linear feet of 5' wide concrete sidewalks, milling and replacement with 2.5 inches of bituminous pavement in two lifts, and construction of approximately 68 linear feet of new embankment wall. Additional work includes the removal and resetting of approximately 43 linear feet of metal beam rails, replacement of six catch basin tops with ADA-compliant grates, removal of two utility poles, and minor grading and site adjustments, as required. The project includes the resurfacing of the bridge surface only over the brook, with no cut, fill or removal activities planned within the actual watercourse or wetland area.

- Erosion and sediment controls will be implemented within the project area to protect drainage inlets and adjacent vegetated areas outside of the project limits. Erosion controls will include silt sacks for catch basins and double-row silt fencing along downslope areas to protect the wetlands. All practices will be in accordance with the 2023 Connecticut Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control.
- This project provides improvements to pedestrian connectivity and roadway safety while minimizing impacts to upland and wetland areas. The project work will be limited to within the roadway for repaving and minor work for the installation of the sidewalk. All bridge work will be contained to the road surface with no impacts to the bridge structure.

AGENCY COMMENTS:

- Town Soil Scientist – The referral for comments was forwarded on December 12, 2025 and comments are still pending.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the IWC receive Application 25 IWC 29, set a date for a site walk (if desired), and table the application to the next regularly scheduled meeting on January 15, 2026.

If the Commission would like to schedule a site walk, a Motion is set forth below:

MOTION “A” (to set a site walk and continue to the next meeting)

I make a Motion to set a Site Walk for Application #25 IWC 29 – New London Tpke., Uncasville, CT – Owner/Applicant: City of Norwich, Department of Public Works for regulated activities within the upland review area in conjunction with the installation of sidewalks, on _____ at _____ a.m. / p.m. and to continue this Application until the next regularly scheduled meeting on January 15, 2026.

If the Commission does **NOT** want to schedule a site walk, a Motion is set forth below:

MOTION “B” (to continue to the next meeting)

I make a Motion to continue Application #25 IWC 29 – New London Tpke., Uncasville, CT – Owner/Applicant: City of Norwich, Department of Public Works for regulated activities within the upland review area in conjunction with the installation of sidealks, until the next regularly scheduled meeting on January 15, 2026.