



LAUREL STEGINA, AICP



PRINCIPAL PLANNER

OVERVIEW

Ms. Stegina has 19 years of professional experience in environmental and transportation planning and public involvement. She specializes in coordinating with regulatory agencies and environmental documentation, serving as project manager and/or principal planner for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) documents. She has contributed to dozens of Environmental Assessments, Environmental Impact Evaluations, Categorical Exclusions, and Environmental Impact Statements for a wide range of public sector projects, including airports, rail yard and station facilities, commuter and high speed rail lines, bus maintenance facilities, intermodal transportation centers, and roadway and highway improvements. Ms. Stegina has conducted impact analyses for a broad range of resources/topics, including land use, community resources, visual/aesthetic effects, threatened and endangered species, and water resources, floodplains, and coastal resources. She also has conducted numerous Federal Transit Administration (FTA) general noise assessments. She has a solid understanding of the NEPA process, as well as CEPA public scoping and public hearing requirements.

Ms. Stegina also sits on the Board of Directors of Women's Transportation Seminar, Connecticut Valley Chapter, where she currently serves as its Immediate Past President and as an Advisory Board member. Her current WTS responsibilities include leading the Chapter's update of its mission and goals and overseeing the formation of a Diversity Committee.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Ms. Stegina has a passion for and extensive public involvement experience with a variety of environmental and transportation projects, including greenways, recreational facilities, waste water treatment plants, and a major State of Connecticut study on the rest area and service plaza system. She has also been involved with public outreach related to federally-funded airport noise studies. Ms. Stegina has worked with advisory committees; coordinated planning for public information meetings, focus groups, and workshops; conducting user surveys and stakeholder interviews; facilitated public hearings; and developed content for presentations, newsletters, websites, and posters.

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING

With an educational background in forestry, Ms. Stegina also has experience preparing forest management plans, open space conservation and recreational plans, and conducting natural resources inventories for municipalities and private landowners. She has also contributed to wetland mitigation plans and prepared municipal and Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection environmental permit applications, including stormwater construction, inland wetland and watercourse, flood management certification, Office of Long Island Sound (OLISP) applications, and coastal consistency reviews.

EDUCATION

- Master of Forestry, Yale University, 1999
- B.A. Science in Society Program (interdisciplinary program with Environmental Science, Planning, Political Science, Sociology, and Philosophy), Wesleyan University, 1990
- Certificate in Effective Communication Skills, University of Connecticut, CTI

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Women's Transportation Seminar
- American Planning Association

YEARS EXPERIENCE

- 7 Years with firm
- 19 Years in industry





PROJECT EXPERIENCE

RAILROAD STATION PARKING GARAGE | STRATFORD, CT | 2008-2010

Ms. Stegina served as FHI's Project Manager, responsible leading the project team in the preparation of a joint Environmental Assessment/Environmental Impact Evaluation for a railroad station parking garage project. She also oversaw archaeological investigations conducted by a subconsultant and carried out general noise assessment, conducted visual/aesthetic impact analysis, and evaluated impacts to threatened and endangered species, water resources and water quality, coastal resources, floodplains, and public utilities.

TWEED NEW HAVEN REGIONAL AIRPORT RUNWAY 02-20 REHABILITATION | NEW HAVEN, CT | 2010

Ms. Stegina served as FHI's Project Manager, responsible for overseeing the preparation of a Categorical Exclusion for the runway rehabilitation project, conducting noise and visual effects analyses and evaluating impacts to coastal resources, floodplains, land use, community resources, threatened and endangered species, water resources and water quality. Ms. Stegina prepared Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection Stormwater Construction registration forms and oversaw the development of a stormwater pollution control plan for the runway rehabilitation project. Ms. Stegina also served as a project representative at open houses held at the airport for the purpose of sharing details about the runway re-paving project with nearby residents.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY | SOUTH WINDSOR, CT | 2006-2009

Ms. Stegina served as FHI's Project Manager and project representative at coordination meetings with the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection. She was responsible for preparing state and local permit applications to enable important upgrades to the Town of South Windsor's Water Pollution Control Facility. Permits included the Office of Long Island Sound Program's Structures, Dredging & Fill and municipal inland wetlands, watercourses and conservation.

REST AREA AND SERVICE PLAZA STUDY | STATEWIDE CONNECTICUT | 2005-2009

As FHI's Deputy Project Manager, Ms. Stegina assisted with coordinating the study's Advisory Committee; planning and preparation of presentations, posters, display boards, and newspaper advertisements for public informational meetings; served as co-facilitator of focus groups; developed content for study newsletters and website; and presented the results of a rest areas and service plaza user preferences survey in a technical memorandum. She also assisted with facilitating a series of meetings to craft the State's vision for the rest area and service plaza system and preparation of the final study report with recommendations.

AIRPORT NOISE STUDY, ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND RELOCATION PLAN | OXFORD, CT | 2008-2009

Ms. Stegina served as FHI's Project Manager, responsible for facilitating a series of study Advisory Committee meetings, as well as planning for public meetings and a public hearing for the Environmental Assessment (EA) and Relocation Plan for Waterbury-Oxford Airport. Stegina oversaw a direct mailing to affected residents providing notification of the public hearing and transmitting individual hard copies of the EA and the Relocation Plan to these residents. She reviewed and provided input on public meeting presentations and study newsletters.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITIES PLAN | MONTVILLE, CT | 2009-2010

Ms. Stegina served as FHI's Project Manager, responsible for assisting with public education and outreach for the Facilities Plan. She provided content for and oversaw the development of a brochure describing the purpose and need for the Facilities Plan and how the public could learn more about and comment on the project. Ms. Stegina arranged for the brochures to be made available at the Town's public library. Ms. Stegina also assisted with planning and publicizing public meetings, through development and submission of press releases, notices on the Town's website, and flyers posted in libraries, schools, and town hall. She developed and placed legal notices for the public hearing in local newspapers. Ms. Stegina served as the public hearing moderator.

