TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Richard A. Miller, Director of Environmental Policy, University of Connecticut

RE: Oct. 21st Public Informational Meeting Expanded to Include Tennis Court Relocation Comparison Review

You received a prior e-mail notice announcing a voluntary public informational meeting to be held regarding the Flood Management Certification (FMC) for the Burton Family Football Complex and Mark R. Shenkman Training Center. UConn is expanding the agenda for this meeting to include information on the relocation of the tennis courts to the North Campus.

As mentioned in the original e-mail announcement of the meeting, the environmental constraints and related development costs associated with the Ice Arena Lot site, along with Athletics Master Planning activities, led to a re-evaluation of potential tennis court relocation sites at the North Campus. As a result, the preferred location for relocating the tennis courts is a 6.3-acre parcel on the west side of the North Hillside Road Extension (portions of Parcels E and G in the North Campus Master Plan EIE).

Approval of the North Campus Master Plan EIE by the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM) required that site-specific projects proposed for development within the North Campus Master Plan area be reviewed by OPM to ensure that impacts are substantially equivalent to or less than those identified for that site in the Master Plan EIE. This review requires a site-specific project comparative evaluation. Because the tennis court relocation will be within the North Campus Master Plan area, a site-specific comparative evaluation will be prepared for the tennis courts relocation.

A Notice of Availability of the comparative evaluation will appear in the October 19, 2004 issue of the Environmental Monitor (available at http://www.ceq.state.ct.us). Information on the availability of an electronic version of the evaluation will be provided in the Environmental Monitor notice. A 14-day public comment period on the evaluation will end on November 2, 2004.
The original agenda for the October 21, 2004 meeting has been expanded to include a brief presentation on the tennis court relocation and comparative evaluation.

As a reminder, UConn invites you to attend this public meeting, which will be held on October 21, 2004, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, at the Bishop Center, Room 7.