U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Office of Construction & Facilities Management
Washington DC 20420

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SUBJECT: Scoping for an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed New Surgical and Clinical Tower and Demolition of Selected Buildings at the West Haven Veterans Affairs Medical Center, West Haven, Connecticut, VA Project 689-040

Sent via email

Dear Valued Stakeholder:

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) proposes to construct and operate a new surgical and clinical tower (approximately 160,000 building gross-square feet) and demolish selected existing buildings at the West Haven Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) located at 950 Campbell Avenue, West Haven, New Haven County, CT (Figures 1 and 2). The Proposed Action is needed to address critical deficiencies related to utility failures, infection prevention issues, patient and staff safety concerns, and space constraints at the West Haven VAMC. This scoping notice has also been published in the New Haven *Register* to inform and solicit input from the public. The notice is also available on the VA website at https://www.cfm.va.gov/environmental/.

VA is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to assess the potential environmental impacts associated with the Proposed Action. VA will prepare the EA according to the regulations implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S. Code 4321-4370h), as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 1500-1508), and VA Implementing Regulations (38 CFR Part 26).

If you have comments on the scope of issues for analysis, or input on potential alternatives or information/analyses relevant to the Proposed Action, please submit your comments/input via email to vacoenvironment@va.gov with the subject line "West Haven VAMC Tower EA" within 30 days following receipt of this notice. For additional information or questions, please contact Mr. Patrick Read, VA Environmental Engineer, at Patrick.Read@va.gov.

VA anticipates publishing the Draft EA for a 30-day public review and comment period. VA will notify stakeholders via email/mail, publish a notice of availability of the Draft EA in the New Haven *Register*, and solicit comments at that time. The Draft EA will be available for review at the West Haven Public Library (located at 300 Elm St., West Haven, CT) and via the VA website: https://www.cfm.va.gov/environmental/.

Respectfully,

Glenn Elliott
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Figure 1. Regional location of the West Haven VAMC

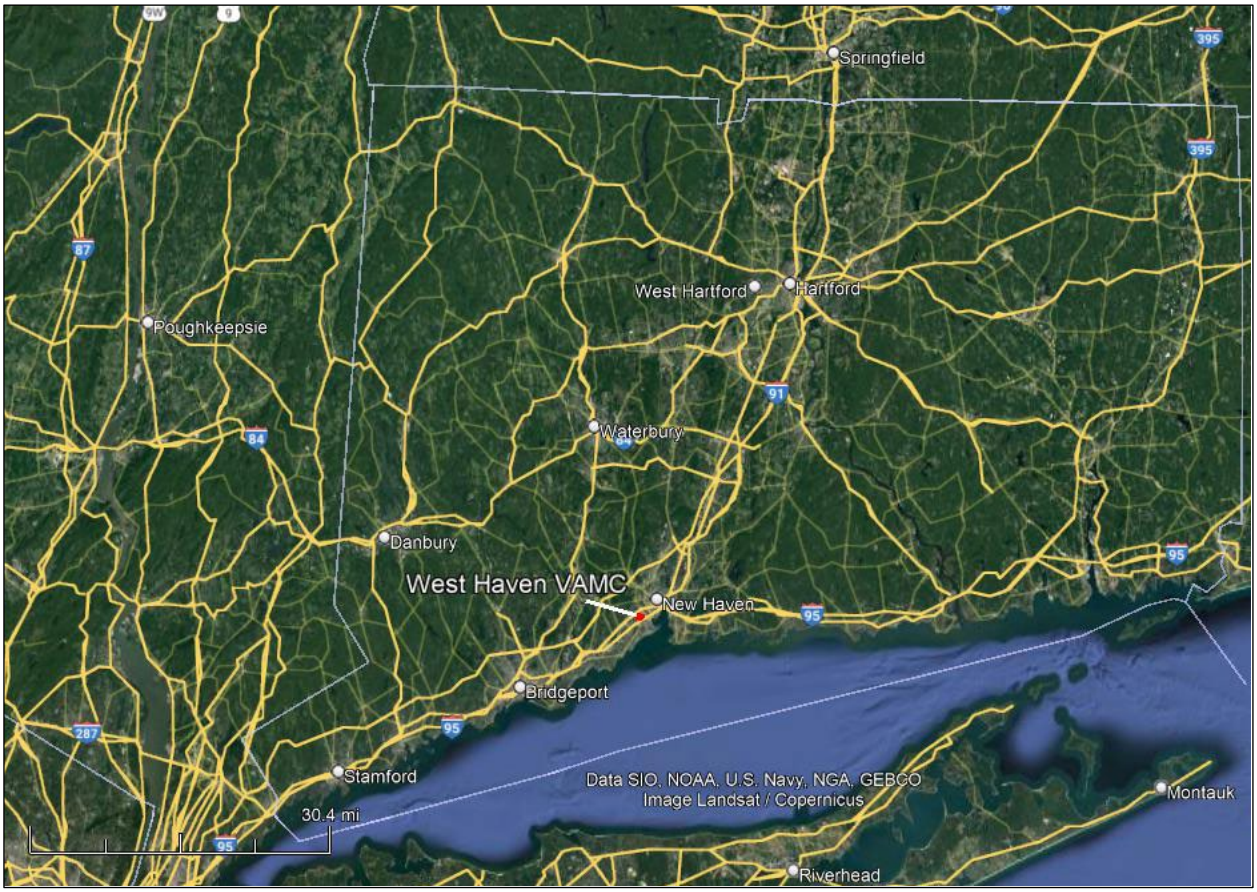
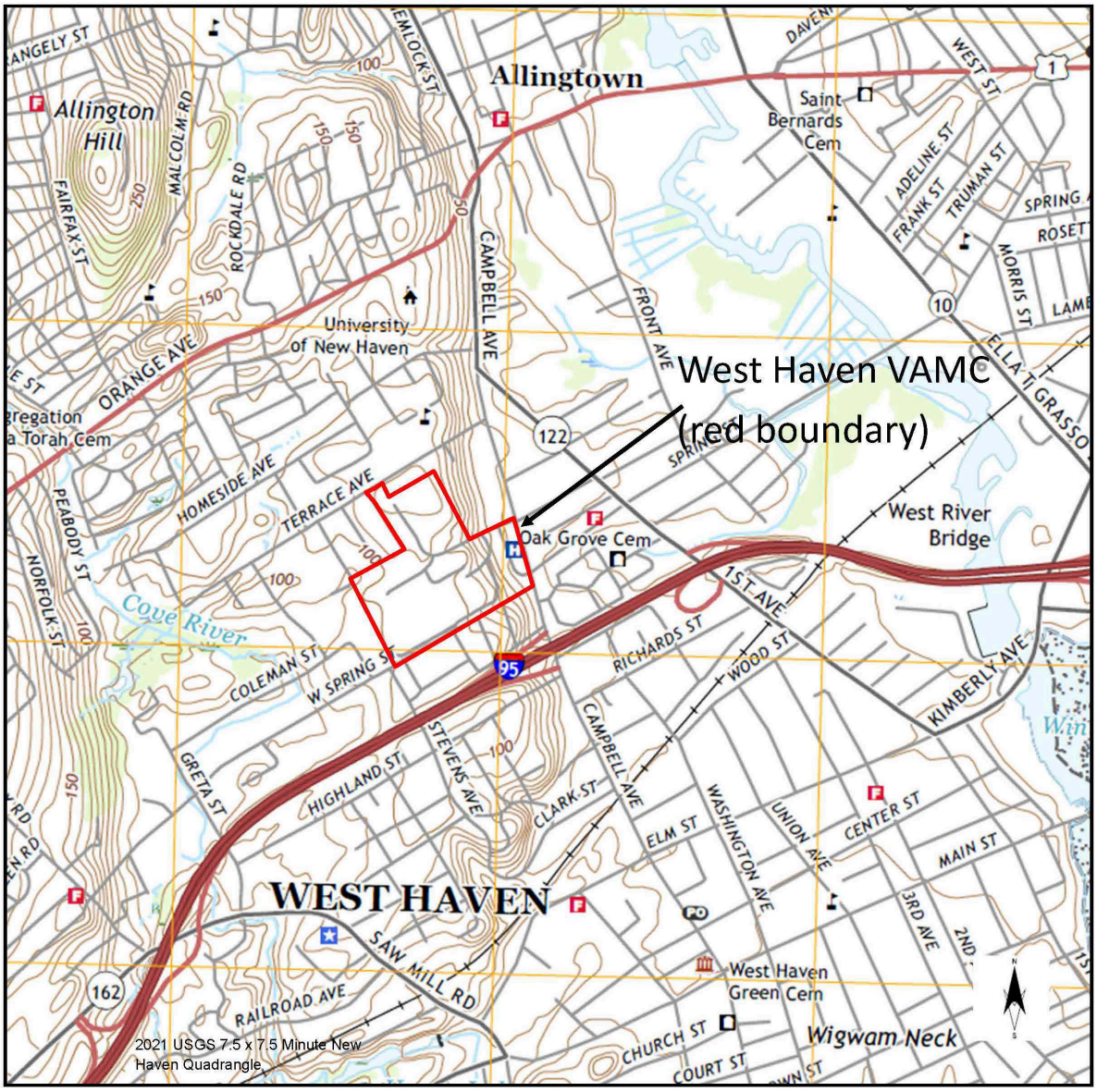
Figure 2. Location of the West Haven VAMC within West Haven, CT