South Central Connecticut Region Plan of Conservation & Development 2018 Update

Regional Planning Commission Kick-Off

May 11, 2017
Introductions

- Milone & MacBroom
- RPC
- SCRCOG
Agenda

- POCD Update Process
- Legal Changes Over Last Decade
- Existing Plan Review
- Local POCD Review
- Changing Demographics
- Next Steps
POCD Update Process

- **Project Initiation & Coordination**
  - Finalize Scope
  - SCRCOG Data and Mapping Review
  - Coordinate on process

- **Review of Plans & Data**
  - Review Existing Regional Plan and Updated Data
  - Identify Common Goals
  - Develop Updated Land-Use Map
  - Regional Planning Commission Meeting

- **Community Involvement**
  - Online Survey
  - Focus Groups
  - Other Multi-Faceted Outreach Methods

- **Vision & Objectives**
  - Survey & Outreach Analyses
  - Regional Planning Commission Meetings to Strategize
  - Meetings to result in Identified roadmap forward

- **Draft Plan**
  - Public Workshop / Public Hearing Late Oct.
  - Regional Planning Commission Meeting Early Jan.
  - SCRCOG Board Meeting Mid-Jan.

- **Printing**
  - (Statutory Review Period) Jan.-March 2018
  - Public Workshop / Public Hearing Early April 2018

Timeline:
- **Late March**
- **Early May**
- **April-July**
- **August - September**
- **September - January**
- **January - April**
Changes in Planning Environment

State’s 2013-18 Conservation and Development Policies Plan

- State’s 2013-18 Conservation and Development Policies Plan developed new standards around Priority Funding Areas
- P.A. 16-144 requires regional POCDs to consider need for technology infrastructure
- State’s 2018-2023 Plan in process of being updated
  - Minimal changes expected
  - Public hearings through this summer
  - Draft by end of year
Existing Plan Review

Goals

**Land Use**
- Focus development in existing corridors and centers while conserving open space

**Housing**
- Promote affordable housing and diverse housing choices for all incomes and age groups

**Transportation**
- Preserve and enhance transportation modes/connections
- Increase transportation funding
- Regional solutions to access/congestion issues
- Link transportation with land use
- Address aging infrastructure

**Transit-Oriented Development/Smart Growth**
- Guide density to areas with adequate infrastructure; protect environmentally sensitive land, and encourage clustering in moderate-to-low density areas
Existing Plan Review

Goals

Economic Development
- Regional marketing and communication strategy
- Develop and maintain transportation network
- Capitalizing on regional strengths for business development
- Workforce housing
- Integrate land use planning with economic development

Open Space and Recreation
- Fully diversify public open space and recreation
- Create connections between open spaces
- Promote regional critical habitats protection

Agriculture
- Preserve farms through acquisition, transfer of development rights
- Develop historic preservation and marketing strategies that promote farms through awareness and agri-tourism

Schools and Public Institutions
- Maintain attractive and inclusive education systems and cultural institutions
Goals

**Public Safety**
- Regional collaboration to respond to public safety issues and natural hazards

**Utilities / Energy**
- To reduce Infrastructure costs focus on infill, corridor and brownfield development
- Limit development in upland remote locations
- Reduce energy consumption

**Air Quality / Long Island Sound**
- Reduce region’s green house gases
- Protect and restore Long Island Sound and its watersheds
## Local POCD Review

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## POCD Vision Statements/Priorities

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<td>Protect the physical environment and manage growth to preserve town’s heritage and character</td>
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<td>Recognize town as a shoreline community and design development accordingly. Promote diverse housing choices while protecting open space</td>
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<td>Promote multi-modal transportation network. Support higher density development. Encourage affordable housing</td>
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<td>Preserve community character, foster inclusive neighborhoods, encourage infill development</td>
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<td>Guide the conservation and development of Madison to maintain and enhance its character and quality of life and help create a sustainable and resilient community</td>
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<td>Be a dynamic regional commercial and service hub, capitalizing on city’s central location. Conservation and development should be balanced by land conservation, and neighborhood/business development</td>
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<td>Encourage affordable and diverse housing, connect community through a multi-modal transportation network, adapt to climate change and sea level rise</td>
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<td>Encourage development in line with market trends. Protect natural resources/open space. Improve transportation network</td>
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<td>Enhance access to open space, promote affordable housing. Work regionally to share resources, promote sustainable development around transportation networks</td>
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<td>Promote town center development, transportation connections and protect community character</td>
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<td>Shape the city into a more vibrant, connected and livable community for residents of all ages. Foster an environment that is attractive to businesses and residents alike</td>
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<td>Focus developments in town nodes, include affordable housing. Promote corridor improvement, build on previous successful development patterns</td>
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Common Themes

Community Character
• Preserve open space
• Incorporate design guidelines
• Preserve historic and cultural heritage structures

Housing
• Diversify housing options
• Transit oriented development
• Cluster development
• Village center development

Economic
• Enhance corridor development
• Reinvest in underdeveloped/vacant parcels
• Focus on creative/health/education economy

Transportation
• Develop multimodal connections
• Enhance regional walking and bike path network
Changing Demographics

**Slowing Growth**
- At 570,596 an estimated .10% increase in population between 2010-2015, slower than the state (.54%) and the Country (2.52%)

**Aging**
- Average age is 39.7, up from 36.80 in 2000

**Out-Migration**
- Out migration consistently surpassed in-migration from 2005-2015

**More Educated**
- In 2015 the Region has increased higher education rates by an average of 7% over 2000 figures for those age 25+
Changing Demographics

Median and Per Capita Incomes (2015)

**Household Income**
- Highest: Woodbridge
- Lowest: New Haven
- State average: $70,331

**Per Capita Income**
- Highest: Woodbridge
- Lowest: New Haven
- State average: $38,930

**Labor Force**
- Labor force has remained fairly stable with only slight decreases since 2010

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**Table 6.1: Median Household Income by Municipality, 2015**

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates (Table B19013)

**Table 6.2: Per Capita Income by Municipality, 2015**

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Source: American Community Survey 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates (Table P003)
Commuting Patterns

- 76% of workers in the region drove to work alone in 2015
- An average of 5.3% of residents used public transportation
- 75% of Region’s population commutes to a different town for work in 2015 – some communities experienced significant increase in since 2000 while others experienced decrease
Next Steps

• Take the municipal survey!
• Encourage your staff and fellow commission members to take it – your job is easier with good input
  https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Municipal_SCRCOG
• Focus group discussions with invited groups to facilitate deeper dive into trends, issues and goals around:
  ▪ Demographics, Housing, Schools and Institutions
  ▪ Economic Development, TOD and Smart Growth and Transportation
  ▪ Agriculture, Natural Resources, Open Space, Recreation and Hazard mitigation
  ▪ Public Safety, Emergency Management, Public Utilities, and Energy Conservation
  ▪ Municipal Planning
Questions?