South Central Connecticut Region Plan of Conservation & Development 2018 Update

Demographics, Housing, Education and Institutions Focus Group

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Introductions

Purpose of Today's Meeting

- Supplement data analysis with qualitative understanding of regional trends in demographics, housing, education and institutions

- Get your assistance in identifying issues and concerns

- Inform the Regional POCD Update process
  - Build consensus around a vision for the region, and corresponding goals and objectives for its physical and economic future
  - Recommend actions for SCRCOG to undertake over the coming decade to advance towards the region's vision

Demographic Trends

- Stagnant population growth since 2010
- Household growth not as strong as total pop. growth – higher household sizes
- Well-educated population, especially in more rural communities
- Aging population

	South Central Region		
	2000	2010	2015
Population	546,799	570,001	570,596
Households	212,894	222,620	219,702
Median Household Income	$49,565	$64,653	$65,662
Per Capita Income	$24,223	$32,849	$34,205
Median Age	36.8	39.0	39.7

Municipality	Bachelor's Degree or Higher, Population 25 years + (%)		
	2000	2015	Increase 2000-2015
Meriden	16.4%	19.5%	3.1%
East Haven	17.7%	21.3%	3.6%
West Haven	19.1%	23.0%	3.9%
New Haven	27.1%	34.4%	7.3%
North Branford	27.8%	37.8%	10.0%
Wallingford	28.8%	36.2%	7.4%
Milford	29.3%	39.4%	10.1%
North Haven	32.3%	40.0%	7.7%
Hamden	36.5%	46.2%	9.7%
Branford	38.7%	42.3%	3.6%
Orange	45.6%	59.3%	13.7%
Bethany	48.0%	50.2%	2.2%
Guilford	50.0%	57.9%	7.9%
Madison	57.2%	65.1%	7.9%
Woodbridge	60.9%	68.5%	7.6%

South Central Population Distribution by Age, 2015

Blue - Male   **Red** - Female

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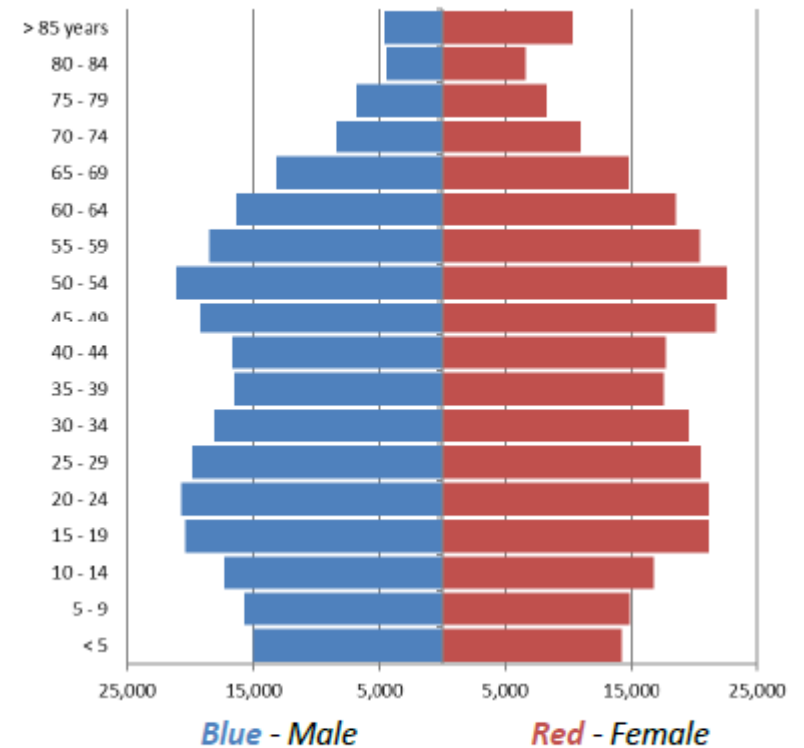
Housing Trends

- Housing unit growth outpaced total population growth from 2000 to 2015 - more vacant units

- Rental units increased at a greater pace than owner-occupied

- Approximately 7% of housing units in the region are affordable – vast disparities by community

- Median housing sales prices in 2015 ranged from $164,500 in New Haven to $400, 500 in Madison

	2000		2015	
Owner-Occupied	132,657	58.3%	135,766	55.6%
Renter-Occupied	80,237	35.2%	83,936	34.4%
Vacant	14,766	6.5%	24,492	10.0%
Total	227,660	100.00%	244,194	100.00%

2015 Affordable Housing Appeals Inventory

Town	Total Housing Units (2010 Census)	Total Assisted Units	% of Housing Stock
Bethany	2,044	7	0.34%
Branford	13,972	484	3.46%
East Haven	12,533	1,020	8.14%
Guilford	9,596	233	2.43%
Hamden	25,114	1,989	7.92%
Madison	8,049	130	1.62%
Meriden	25,892	4,268	16.48%
Milford	23,074	1,266	5.49%
New Haven	54,967	16,620	30.24%
North Branford	5,629	136	2.42%
North Haven	9,491	474	4.99%
Orange	5,345	71	1.33%
Wallingford	18,945	969	5.11%
West Haven	22,446	2,930	13.05%
Woodbridge	3,478	41	1.18%
Total	**240,575**	**30,638**	**6.95%**

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Education Trends

- Public PreK-12 enrollments declining slightly faster in SCRCOG region than in State over last several years

- College entrance rates are similar region-wide; however, persistency rates to sophomore year demonstrate 13% gap between suburban and urban communities

PK-12 Public School Enrollments CT and SCRCOG Region
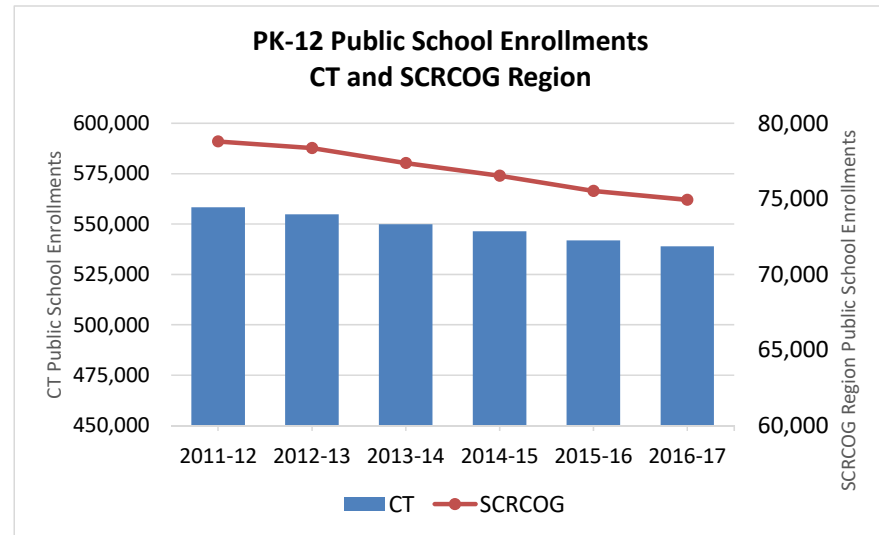
College Entrance and Persistency		
	Entrance	**Persistency**
SCRCOG Region	70%	85%
Urban	66%	78%
Suburban	74%	91%

Source: 2014 CT EdSight College Entrance and Persistence Report

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Institutions

- Region benefits from having numerous institutions of higher education employing 15,000, a large hospital system and other public institutions

- Ongoing surveys identify developing an educated workforce, and preserving cultural resources and a high quality of life as priority issues for the region

- Higher education institutions continue to adapt to address regional employment needs:
  - Quinnipiac School of Engineering
  - SCSU Bioscience Building

- Hospitality and leisure generated $116 million revenue in Greater New Haven in 2016

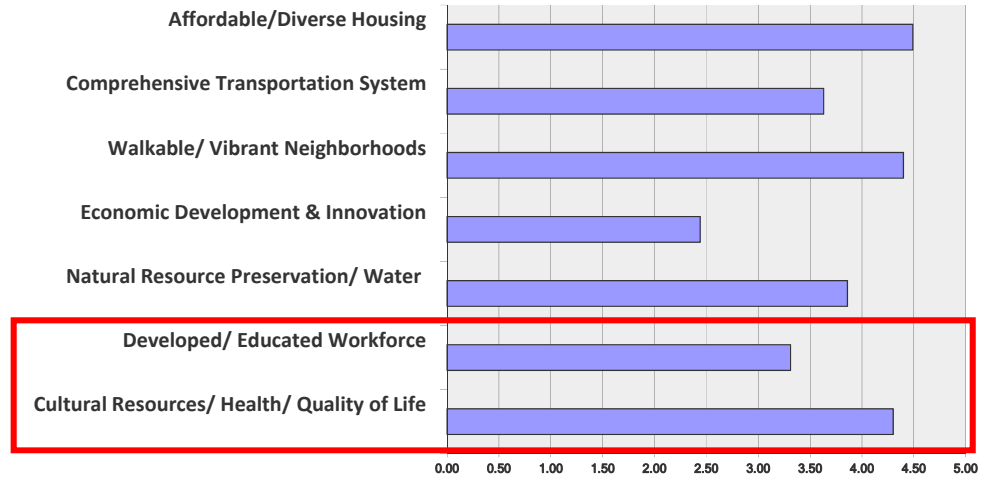**Please rank the following issues in terms of highest priority for the region to address**

Figure 3.1: Institutions of Higher Education, South Central Region

Institutions of Higher Education

1. University of New Haven
2. Gateway Community College
3. Yale University
4. Southern CT State University
5. Albertus Magnus College
6. Paier College of Art
7. Quinnipiac University
8. Middlesex Community College

DATA SOURCE:
Addresses geocoded using ESRI's ArcGIS Online World Geocoding Service (July 2014)
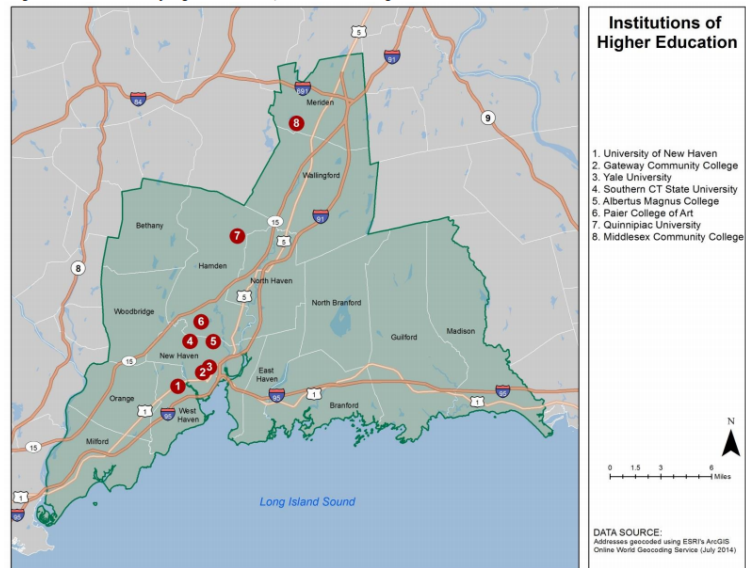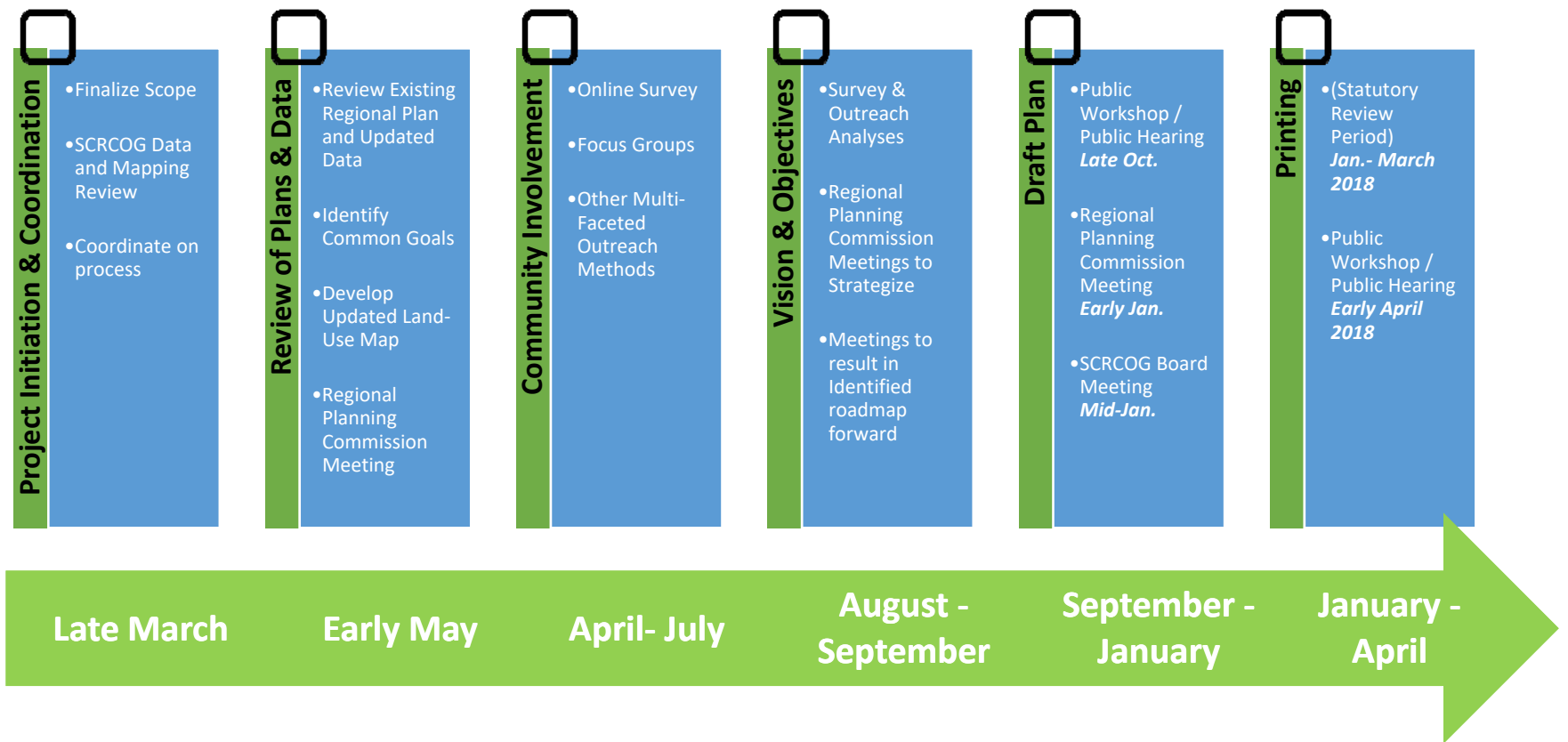
Discussion

- Do any recent trends surprise you? If so, how? Why?

- What new population, housing, education trends has your community or agency identified, what concerns or issues do those trends raise, and how are you trying to address concerning trends?

- How do you want the region's population and housing stock to look in 10 years?

- How do current institutions of higher education, hospitals and other public institutions integrate with the Region currently? How can integration and interactions between institutions and the region be improved to the mutual benefit of all?

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*

| Late March | Early May | April- July | August - September | September - January | January - April |

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Thank you!

If you have additional information or comments you or your organization want to share, please get in touch with:

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