Why are we here?

NVCOG Regional Plan of Conservation and Development (RPOCD)

1. Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments – Who we are, what we do
2. RPOCD Purpose - Why plan regionally?
3. RPOCD Primer - What is it? How is it used?
4. Some Regional Trends
5. Questions for You
6. Next Steps
What is NVCOG?

- Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments
- Offices in Waterbury
- Voluntary association of 19 municipalities
- Municipal CEO’s - NVCOG Board
- State designated Regional Planning Organization (RPO)
- Federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) - Transportation
- Staff of professionals
- Regional Planning Commission
Why Plan Regionally?

- **Interdependence of municipalities**
- **Many issues and goals cross municipal boundaries**
- **Local impact of regional issues**
- **Maximizes benefits and minimizes costs**

**Regional Issues with Local Impact**

- New Technology and Industries
- Attracting and retaining younger residents
- Supporting an aging population
- Support existing small business and attract new economic investment
- Protect and connect natural resources
What is an RPOCD?

- **Visionary** and **Advisory** policy document
- Planning tool (CGS Section 8-35a)
- Identifies **issues** and **opportunities** that cross municipal boundaries
- Cohesive regional vision
- Respects the identities of each municipality

Over Next Ten Years

Conservation

Development
What is an RPOCD?

- **Broad Brush Perspective**
- **Based on:**
  - Municipal and State POCD, Data, and Public Input
  - Patterns and Trends
  - Preferred land use
  - Best Practices
- **Who Uses It?** – NVCOG, Muni’s
- **Who Adopts it?** - NVCOG Board – municipal CEO’s

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Key Components of the NVCOG RPOCD

1. **Existing Conditions Report**
   - Where have we come from? Regional History
   - Where are we now? Conditions & Trends
   - Identify **Key Issues and Opportunities**

2. **Regional Goals and Strategies**
   - Shared Visions and Values
   - **Recommendations** to address key issues and opportunities

3. **Regional Land Use Map Suite**
   - Areas preferred for **conservation, development or both**
   - Thematic maps – future land use, demographic, social, economic, natural resources
Anticipated Timeline for NVCOG RPOCD

**Identify Problems, Issues, Concerns, Studies**
- Summer 2022 - Fall 2022
  - Municipal Land Use Depts meetings
  - P & Zoning Commissions meetings
  - Two Online Surveys

**Develop Plan Goals, Strategies and Policies**
- Fall 2022 - Winter 2023
  - Final Existing Conditions Report
  - Regional Thematic Meetings
  - Online Comment
  - Draft Goals and Strategies
  - Draft Map Suite

**Draft Regional Plan**
- Spring 2023 - Summer 2023
  - RPC review
  - Public Comment
  - Final Draft Plan
  - Online Interactive Maps

**Plan Review and Adoption, Track progress**
- Summer 2023 – Fall 2023
  - P&Z Commissions Review
  - Public Comment
  - NVCOG Adoption meeting
  - Publish Final Plan

Meetings RPC Working Group for RPOCD, RPC Input
Some regional trends:

1. Aging Population
2. Residents who Live and Work in the Same Community Decreasing
Aging Population - Regional

Percent Residents

Ages 0-17 years
Ages 18-64 years
Ages 65+ years

ACS 2010
ACS 2020
Projected 2030

Working Age
Aging Population? - Middlebury

Percent Residents

ACS 2010  ACS 2020  Projected 2030

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Live and Work in Same Community

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Middlebury NVCOG Region
Questions for you - Let’s Discuss!

1. What do you see as your community’s role in the region?
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3. What do we do well in our region? What don’t we do well?
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RPOCD 2023 Online Survey

• Please share your thoughts about how you live, work, learn and play in the Naugatuck Valley Region!
• Helps NVCOG identify strategies and best practices to achieve land use goals
• Survey open to December 31, 2022
• NVCOG staff contact:
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Share your thoughts!
Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050)

- Long-term vision for Transportation in the NV Region
- All aspects of transportation system
- Guides federal spending and project prioritization
- Quadrennial update to be adopted in 2023
- NVCOG staff contact: Richard Donovan
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Share your thoughts!
Next Steps...

• **Participate** in the online surveys!
• **Questions?** – Contact us!
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  Josh Lecar – Planning Director – [jlecar@nvcoct.gov](mailto:jlecar@nvcoct.gov)
• **Existing Conditions Report**
  – December 2022
Thank You!

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