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AGENDA

Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments and Central Naugatuck Valley MPO

Hybrid Meeting

10 am Friday, October 20, 2023

Speaker: Kim Czapla, Supervising Environmental Analyst, DEEP - Aquifer Protection Area Program

- I. Commencement of Meeting (*Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, Public Comment*)
- II. CNVMPO Meeting (*Voting members for these items are limited to the 15 CEOs in the CNVMPO area*)
 1. Adoption of CNVMPO Resolution 2024-01, TIP Amendments for Project: 0174-0471, 0080-0128 – Kevin Ellis Attachment #1 Memo; Attachment #2 Resolution
 2. Adoption of CNVMPO Resolution 2024-02, Endorsement of CTDOT Safety Performance Targets – Richard Donovan, Attachment #3 Memo; Attachment #4 Resolution
 3. Launch of EcoInteractive ProjectTracker – Richard Donovan
- III. Minutes for Approval
 1. 09-15-2023 CNVMPO/NVCOG meeting minutes – Attachment #5
- IV. Financial Report (*discussion and possible action*)
 1. Financial Report for period ending 09/30/23 – Michael Szpryngel
- V. Director's Report
 1. Nominating Committee for 2024-2026 Slate of Officers and At-Large Members of the Executive Committee (*discussion and possible action*)
 2. Adoption of Calendar Year 2024 Meeting and Holiday Schedules
 - i. 2024 Schedule of Meetings – Attachment #6
 - ii. 2024 NVCOG Holiday Schedule – Attachment #7
 3. November 17th Speaker Update – A Conversation with DEEP Commissioner Katie Dykes
- VI. Legislative and Emergency Management Updates – Drew Baklik/John Field
 1. Legislative Update
 2. Emergency Management Update

- VII. GIS – Glenda Prentiss
1. GIS Lunch & Learn flyer – Attachment #8
- VIII. Transportation Planning – Richard Donovan
1. Introduction of Naugatuck Valley Transportation Guide - Eytayo Olaleye
- IX. Environmental Planning/Brownfields
1. Brownfields Update – Ricardo Rodriguez
 - i. Brownfields Memo – Attachment #9
 2. Open Space Inventory Update – Christine O’Neill
 - i. Open Space Memo – Attachment #10
 3. Environmental Sustainability Forum: PFAS - Aaron Budris
 4. Kinneytown Dam Update – Aaron Budris
- X. Community Planning
1. Land Use Training Update – Emely Ricci
 2. Group and Family Childcare Home Reporting Update – Pheobe Ploof, Savannah-Nicole Villalba
 3. Aquifer Protection Area Programming – Molly Johnson
 - i. Aquifer Protection Area flyer – Attachment #11
- XI. Adjournment

Called by

Neil O’Leary, Chairman

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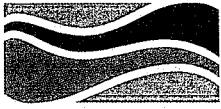
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ATTACHMENT #1
10-20-2023 NVCOG/CNVMPPO

October 20, 2023

MEMORANDUM: 20231020-TIP Amendments for Projects 0080-0128,

To: Central Naugatuck Valley MPO Board Members and Alternates
From: Elliot Wareham, Transportation Planner
Subject: Amendments to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program

The CT DOT is requesting several changes to the CNV MPO 2021-24 TIP, including the addition of two new projects.

Project No. 0174-0471 Replace Traffic Control Signals – Various

This amendment is a new project for full replacement of traffic control signals within District 4. This project includes the following locations within Middlebury and Southbury.

- Route 63 (Straits Turnpike) at Country Club Roads East & West
- Route 6 & 67 (Main Street North) at State Route 492 (Main Street South) & Southbury Shopping Center
- Route 6 & Route 67 (Main Street North) at Heritage Road / Old Waterbury Road
- Route 67 (Southford) at State Route 487 (Kettletown Road) & Community House Road
- Route 67 (Southford Road) & Rt 6 (Main Street North) & Route 67 at I-84 EB Ramps
- Route 6 & 67 (Main Street North) at I-84 WB Off/On-Ramps

Funding Code	Phase	Year	Total (\$000)	Federal (\$000)	State (\$000)	Local (\$000)	Comments
STPA-BRX	PD	2024	1,657	1,657	0	0	NEW PROJECT
STPA-BRX	ROW	FYI	110	110	0	0	NEW PROJECT
STPA-BRX	FD	FYI	560	560	0	0	NEW PROJECT

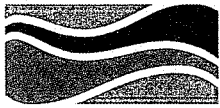
Project No. 0080-0128 Improvements on Routes 63, 64 & I-84 WB Interchange 17 – Middlebury

This amendment moves this project from FY24 to FYI and removes AC Entry and AC Conversion.

Funding Code	Phase	Year	Total (\$000)	Federal (\$000)	State (\$000)	Local (\$000)	Comments
NHPP	CON	FYI	18,125	14,500	3,625	0	MOVE FROM FY24 TO FYI. REMOVE AC CONV. FROM DESC.
NHPP	CON	FY24	0	0	0	0	DELETE FY24 NHPP AC ENTRY
STPO	CON	FY24	0	0	0	0	DELETE FY24 STPO AC ENTRY
STPO	CON	FY24	-12,500	-10,000	-2,500	0	DELETE FY24 STPO CONV.
STPO	CON	FYI	16,875	13,500	3,375	0	INCREASE EST. FROM FED \$3.5M. REMOVE AC CONV. FROM DESC.

Recommendation:

MOTION: To adopt **CNVMPPO resolution 2024-01** approving the TIP amendments listed above.



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RESOLUTION 2024-01

AMENDMENT

**FFY 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
CENTRAL NAUGATUCK VALLEY MPO**

WHEREAS, the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO is authorized by the *Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act)* and related US Department of Transportation regulations to prepare, endorse, and periodically amend a short-range Transportation Improvement Program for the 15-town MPO within the Waterbury Urbanized Area and is required to maintain a fiscally constrained program of priority projects; and

WHEREAS, the CNVMPO endorsed the *FFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program for the Central Naugatuck Valley Planning Region (TIP)* at its October 9, 2020, meeting; and the US Department of Transportation (Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration) have approved the *State FFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)*; and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Transportation is requesting amendment of the FFY 2021-2024 TIP as shown in the attached page; and

WHEREAS, the proposed projects do not necessitate a new Air Quality Conformity Determination; and

WHEREAS, the public notification and review of these amendments was consistent with and followed the procedures set forth in the MPO's public involvement guidelines, and the proposed amendments are consistent with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Central Naugatuck Valley planning region;

BE IT RESOLVED that Central Naugatuck Valley MPO approves the amendment of the FFY 2021-2024 TIP.

This resolution shall become effective as of October 20 2023.

I do hereby certify that the resolution was adopted by the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO at a public meeting held on October 20, 2023, at which a quorum was present and that the same is a correct and true transcript from the original thereof.

N. Warren Hess, III, Secretary

October 20, 2023

Date



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ATTACHMENT #3
10-20-2023 NVCOG/CNVMPO

October 20, 2023

MEMORANDUM: 20231020-Safety Performance Measure Targets

To: NVCOG Board Members and Alternates
From: Rich Donovan, Director of Transportation Planning

Subject: **Safety Performance Management Measures**

23 USC 132(h)(2) requires that MPOs must use a performance-based approach to transportation planning and decision making in several key areas, including safety. To this end, State Departments of Transportation and MPOs are required to set annual safety targets in five performance measures, indicated below. These measures cover all public roadways, regardless of ownership or functional classification, across the respective territory.

1. Number of fatalities
2. Rate of fatalities
3. Number of serious injuries
4. Rate of serious injuries
5. Number of non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries.

Per the requirement, the CTDOT establishes statewide performance targets for each of these measures in coordination with staff from the 8 MPOs and 9 COGs. Despite the increase in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on the state's roads in recent years, the CTDOT has continued to take an aggressive stance on target setting as well as project development to address these increases and has continued this trend with the 2024 targets as identified below.

Measure	2021 Targets	2022 Targets	2023 Targets	2024 Targets
Number of fatalities	270 fatalities/year	270 fatalities/year	270 fatalities/year	270 fatalities/year
Rate of fatalities	.850 fatalities/100 Million VMT	.850 fatalities/100 Million VMT	.850 fatalities/100 Million VMT	.850 fatalities/100 Million VMT
Number of serious injuries	1,360 serious injuries/year	1,300 serious injuries/year	1300 serious injuries/year	1300 serious injuries/year
Rate of serious injuries	4.30 serious injuries/100 Million VMT	4.30 serious injuries/100 Million VMT	4.30 serious injuries/100 Million VMT	4.30 serious injuries/100 Million VMT
Number of non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries	300 fatalities and serious injuries/year	280 fatalities and serious injuries/year	280 fatalities and serious injuries/year	280 fatalities and serious injuries/year

The CTDOT establishes HSIP targets and reports them for the upcoming calendar year in their HSIP annual report that is due August 31 each year. MPOs must establish HSIP targets within 180 days of the State establishing and reporting its HSIP targets, meaning the CNVMPO must adopt targets on or before February 27, 2024.

While the MPO has the option of developing its own quantifiable HSIP targets for the metropolitan planning area, staff recommend establishing HSIP targets by agreeing to plan and program projects so that they contribute to the accomplishment of the CTDOT targets. This does not preclude the MPO from developing independent targets in the future.

By agreeing to the state safety targets the MPO will integrate said targets, objectives, and performance measures into the planning process. This will include a description of how the transportation improvement program will contribute to achieving these targets.

Recommendation

The staff recommends adoption of the state-developed Safety Performance Measure Targets as the targets for the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO.

MOTION: To approve CNVMPO Resolution 2024-02



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RESOLUTION 2024-02

**ENDORSEMENT OF TARGETS FOR SAFETY PERFORMANCE
MEASURES ESTABLISHED BY CTDOT**

WHEREAS, the CNVMPO has been designated by the Governor of the State of Connecticut as the Metropolitan Planning Organization responsible, together with the State, for the comprehensive, continuing, and cooperative transportation planning process for the 15 town CNVMPO planning region; and

WHEREAS, the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) final rule (23 CFR Part 490) requires States to set targets for five safety performance measures by August 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) has established targets for five performance measures using both a 5-year moving average trendline and an annual trendline to guide the selection of targets for:

- (1) Number of Fatalities,
- (2) Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT),
- (3) Number of Serious Injuries,
- (4) Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT, and
- (5) Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Non-motorized Serious Injuries; and

WHEREAS, the CTDOT coordinated the establishment of safety targets with the 8 Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in Connecticut at the June, 2023, COG Coordination meeting; and

WHEREAS, the CTDOT has officially adopted the safety targets in the Highway Safety Improvement Program annual report dated August 31, 2023, and the Highway Safety Plan dated June 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the CNVMPO may establish safety targets by agreeing to plan and program projects that contribute toward the accomplishment of the aforementioned State's targets, or establish its own target within 180 days of the State establishing and reporting its safety targets;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the MPO Policy Board has agreed to support CTDOT's 2024 targets for the five safety performance targets as attached herein, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the MPO Policy Board will plan and program projects that contribute to the accomplishment of said targets.

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MINUTES

Regular CNVMPO/NVCOG Meeting 10 a.m., Friday, September 15, 2023

1. Commencement of Meeting

Chairman Neil O'Leary called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by First Selectman Mone, and the roll was called. There was no public comment.

NVCOG CEOs/Reps:

In person: Chairman Neil O'Leary, Mayor, Waterbury; Jeff Caggiano, Mayor, Bristol; Ed St. John, First Selectman, Middlebury; Ed Mone, First Selectman, Thomaston; Mayor Tom Dunn, Wolcott.

Remote: David Casseti, Mayor, Ansonia; Stephen Sordi, First Selectman, Bethlehem; Andrew Martelli (Alt), Bristol; Rich Dziekan, Mayor, Derby; Pete Hess, Mayor, Naugatuck; Joe Kilduff, Mayor, Plymouth; Mark Lauretti, Mayor, Shelton (10:20); Mark Raimo, Town Manager, Watertown (10:05); Barbara Perkinson, First Selectwoman, Woodbury.

Guests:

In person: John Wardzala (The Kennedy Collective); Kevin Tedesco (CTDOT); Daniel Davis (Eversource).

Virtual: John Field, Jennine Lupo (Rep. Hayes), Jameson Foulke (Sen. Murphy), Tommy Hyde, (NVDC), Meg Haffner (The Kennedy Collective), Luis Martinez.

Staff:

In person: Executive Director Rick Dunne, Drew Baklik, Desira Blanchard, Patricia Bruder, Aaron Budris, Heidy Coronel, Richard Crowther, Richard Donovan, Thomas Dougherty, Molly Johnson, Mark Nielsen, Eytayo Olaleye, Christine O'Neill, Pheobe Ploof, Glenda Prentiss, Emely Ricci, Ricardo Rodriguez, Michael Szpryngel, Faith Thurmond, Savannah-Nicole Villalba.

Remote: Karen Svetz, Elliott Wareham.

2. NVCOG Summer 2023 Update

The three new Staff Directors spoke about how they've implemented the new organizational chart and budget the board approved in the spring, using the additional funds under the Regional Services Grant provided by the State of Connecticut.

Richard Donovan – Transportation Planning

As we approach the Transportation Management Area (TMA) designation, we've beefed up the program to make sure it exceeds and exemplifies the requirements. Transportation Engineers Karen Svetz and Kevin Ellis will continue working with the LOTCIP program, assisting with specific requests. We've added additional staff, and the tools to better equip them. They're ready to help each of the towns with concept

development and small- to mid-sized projects and are happy to look at intersections and safety issues and develop concepts for future projects.

Senior Regional Planner Joanna Rogalski has been added to the Transportation Team to advocate for public transit in the region. Transportation Planner Elliott Wareham has been reduced to part-time while attending NYU for his master's degree program. He will continue working on Active Transportation. Transportation Planner Eytayo Olaleye has been working on freight and safety planning efforts. We are hiring an additional Transportation Planner to help with work that Elliott had been planning. Transportation Planner Jack DeOlivera has been doing research on federal legislation and compliance work, as well as working with Drew on legislative actions here for Connecticut.

The goal is to enhance our capabilities for what we can do for all of you, and we look forward to providing some of those additional services with our expanded staff.

Aaron Budris – Environmental Planning

The Environmental Planning Team has been building capacity over the last several years. Environmental Planner Thomas Dougherty has recently been hired. The increased staffing has allowed us to successfully pursue more project grant funding. We are now incorporating the Brownfields program more directly into the Environmental Planning team, allowing more collaboration and support between the two. We are about to advertise for a new Environmental Engineer/Project Manager position to bring more technical expertise to our Team, enabling us to do more environmental work in-house and oversee more complicated engineering-related projects.

All this increased capacity will enable NVCOG staff to provide more support to your municipalities. For instance, providing more direct assistance on regulatory compliance like your MS4 permits. We'll be able to assist more with local projects, like implementing actions identified in your Hazard Mitigation plans. It will allow us to investigate and develop regional programs or entities that can tackle large issues, like municipal solid waste or stormwater compliance, and let us tackle complex or difficult environmental issues that you all see as regional priorities, like the removal of Kinneytown Dam.

We look forward to working with all of you more as we grow our capacity in our Environmental Planning Team.

Savannah-Nicole Villalba – Community Planning

Ms. Villalba ("SN") thanked the Board for establishing and building out the Community Planning Division and supporting NVCOG's growth. She was a Municipal Shared Planner in her previous role and is now the Community Planning Director. She looks forward to interacting with all the towns on future projects.

Community Planning wants to support CEOs, their staff, and the broader community, providing technical assistance and capacity building including planning, zoning, land use, and housing. Call SN with projects, initiatives, and studies your towns would like to do. Community Planning wants to find a way to help get the work done and to think about the future. They can present on a specific topic or provide information to staff so they can present to the community or assist the commissions.

Community Planning wants to assist with comprehensive long-range planning, ensuring the community's voice is heard and represented in all the work that it does. This will include working with staff and decision makers on a variety of plans, initiatives and studies, whether driven by your municipality, or by a regional effort that you want to support.

Community Planning hopes to help your towns with State and Federal statutory compliance, statewide programming such as aquifer protection, or MS4, which is a way that Environmental and Community Planning interact. We want to ensure that your community achieves active compliance and has the most up to date information. We want to continue to advocate for you in instances where policy may not be feasible to implement. Community Planning keeps a close eye on what the Legislature is doing, and when we find things that aren't feasible and don't make sense, we advocate in that way.

Transportation Planner Thomas Dougherty, and Community Planners Pheobe Ploof, Molly Johnson, and Emely Ricci were introduced to the Board. They enjoyed a welcoming conversation with Mayor O'Leary and the board members about UConn, and then about the good work the NVCOG is doing.

3. CNVMPO Meeting

a. Request for TMA Designation

Mark Nielsen reported, last year we asked the MPO to endorse our efforts for Transportation Management Area designation. The process of requesting the designation went very smoothly and the Governor's Office submitted a Letter of Support in early August. The paperwork is now being reviewed with Federal Highway; we should have approval soon. We're looking forward to TMA designation; it gives us standing and ability to select our own projects and move our program forward.

b. Adoption of CNVMPO Resolution 2023-22, Project Nos.

- 0151-0340 – Remove Exit 21 eastbound Off-ramp, extend auxiliary lane, Waterbury
- 0080-0132 – Rehabilitation of Bridge 01164 over I-84, Middlebury
- 0300-0214 – New Haven Line Time Phase 1
- 0300-XXXX – New Haven Line Station Improvement Program
- 0130-0173 – Improvements in the vicinity of I-84 Exit 14, Southbury
- 0025-0151 – Sidewalk and Safety Improvements along Route 10, Cheshire
- 0151-0325 – Traffic Signal Upgrades at Various Locations, Waterbury

Ed Mone MOVED to adopt CNVMPO Resolution 2023-22 approving the TIP amendments listed above; SECONDED by Tom Dunn.

Discussion: Richard Donovan briefly explained each item:

0151-0340 is the second item added into the TIP from the New Mix planning study – the early action items that are being addressed. This is for the removal of the Exit 21 ramp from 84 Eastbound. The department has requested to remove that ramp and redirect traffic that's going to Meadow Street on the west side of town, to Exit 22, down Liberty Street, up Bank Street, back to Meadow Street. The city agrees that it makes sense given some of the engineering challenges with it. We're starting to see New Mix items coming

0080-0132 is moving the rehab of the South Street Bridge over I-84 into a future year investment based on fiscal restraint. The project was going to cost more than anticipated.

0300-0214 is an investment in the Time for CT initiative proposed by the Governor to increase speeds and reduce travel times between New Haven and Grand Central Station along the New Haven Line. This \$100 million investment will make a lot of small improvements to bring average train speeds closer to 90 mph.

0300-XXXX New Haven Line station improvement program will be removed from the FY24 year; it was able to be funded under a previous line in the TIP.

0130-0173 Improvements in the vicinity of Exit 14 on I84 – this is adding an AC entry into this project and is increasing the federal cost estimate.

0025-0151 - Sidewalk and safety improvements along Route 10 in Cheshire between the interchange with Route 70, Route 68 and the high school.

0151-0325 - Traffic signal upgrades at the CMAC project here in Waterbury. Additional funds are being allocated out of the CMAC program to cover that project. In the packet you received there was an error in the numbers on the table – the local share under the CMAC funding code for construction in FY2023 - the local share should be 55 for a total project cost of \$3,899,000.

The motion carried unanimously.

4. NVCOG Administrative Items

a. Approval of Minutes: July 21, 2023, CNVMPO and NVCOG meeting

Ed Mone MOVED to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2023 CNVMPO and NVCOG Meeting; SECONDED by Jeff Caggiano. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Adoption of Resolution: Authorization for Executive Director Rick Dunne to Execute Agreements for Previously Approved Program Applications

Jeff Caggiano MOVED to adopt NVCOG Resolution 2024-05; SECONDED by Ed Mone. The motion carried unanimously.

c. Financial Reports - Approval of FYE 2023 Financial Report - Unaudited

Mr. Szpryngel reviewed the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 unaudited financial report. The Board adopted a balanced budget of \$3 million, and it came in at just under that amount. We were able to reduce costs by approximately \$165,000. The biggest contributors to that were holding off on any office renovations, improvements, or expansions, as well as insurance having had a lower increase than anticipated in the budget. We will be expecting some financial statement adjustments. All of this will lead to over \$1 million in fund balance.

Ed Mone MOVED to approve the FYE 2023 Financial Report – Unaudited; SECONDED by Tom Dunn. The motion carried unanimously.

d. Director's Report

i) Save the Date – NVCOG Board Dinner

Rick Dunne reminded the Board members to save October 5th from 5 to 9 p.m. for the NVCOG Board Dinner. The dinner will be held at Diorio Restaurant with a social hour from 5 to 6 and dinner at 6 p.m.

ii) Staff Introduction

He introduced Executive Administrative Clerk Patricia (Trish) Bruder to the attendees. She is replacing Administrative Assistant Lauren Rizzo, who is using her accumulated personal and vacation time along with working from home until her retirement in December.

iii) Discussion of landlord performance – 49 Leavenworth Street

Discussion was held regarding the landlord performance at the NVCOG offices at 49 Leavenworth Street. There are many issues brought up that the landlord has simply chosen to ignore, such as the lack of a sufficient HVAC system which was turned off completely this summer, leaking windows causing water damage, along with other longstanding issues.

Due to the growth of the agency, we are running out of space. While renting more space in this building was considered, it is no longer a consideration due to the poor landlord response. Payment of rent is being held back, Counsel is involved, and the Executive Board will be discussing solutions at an upcoming meeting.

While the lease states the availability of 7,000 sf, we have 5,100 sf of usable space. We have staff sharing offices, staff set up in hallways. We will be spending some money from the fund balance next year as furniture and equipment need replacement. There are things that have not been replaced in the 10 years we've been at this location.

iv) LOTICIP Program in the context of the TA Program and Discretionary Grants

We have raised issues with the department on how we can use LOTICIP to better access additional federal funds. All the COGs and MPOs will be involved in that larger discussion over the next few months. We have a specific issue in Thomaston, for instance, where we have a plan that we think makes sense. At first the department authorized it and then rejected it. The position they've taken is to double the cost to the taxpayers in Thomaston. It doesn't make sense. There will be a larger discussion about how towns are able to match discretionary grant applications. If we don't have a match on a lot of these programs, we can't get anywhere.

The legislature mandated that ACIR study MPOs for efficiency and consistency. CEOs representing a super majority of 75 percent of the population must vote in favor of any changes and that's the start of it at the state and federal level. The CEO of the center city in each region existing must concur, and the CEO of the center city of each proposed region must concur. It's a long process. We've been through it with the Mayor of Bridgeport and the GBVMPO in the past with the failure of Bridgeport to approve the four Naugatuck Valley towns to come up to the CNVMPO – the reason we are still split is over that issue.

We'll discuss By-Laws with the Executive Board because we're at the point where nothing has changed with our alignment with GBVMPO and Waterbury MPO. We do not have separate by laws, and we've held off from proposing them. We need to put together the By-Laws for the MPO.

e. Legislative Update

Drew Baklik explained that on October 1, there are deadlines, programs being enacted, and legislative items that are going to be hot-button items in two weeks.

1. Black bears and other potentially dangerous animals. If you feel threatened or feel a bear may enter your home where there are people inside, or if you have a pet on a leash and you feel the bear is going to come after your pet, you are allowed to use lethal force. Farmers experiencing crop, livestock, or apiary damaged caused by nuisance wildlife – bear, fox, bobcat, coyote – are allowed to use lethal force if non-lethal methods do not work. It also bans intentionally feeding said dangerous wildlife.
2. EPR for tires. The program must provide free access to a collection system and ensure that discarded tires are resold or recycled. This will hopefully lead to drastic decrease in illegal dumping of tires in your municipalities. Christine O'Neill explained that the industry has stewardship plans; they still have a year or two before they need to submit their plans. If you have a transfer station, in a couple of years you'll probably have to provide some space to collect mattresses. Drew will provide a more specific memo on this explaining what happens October 1st.
3. Automatic traffic enforcement – municipalities may see some guidance from DOT about where you can put those cameras. They'll be providing a review of each project. We are happy to assist with that through Rich Donovan and the Transportation team.
4. DAS Construction Contractor Prequalification – contractors bidding on a contract for work for the state or a municipality that is estimated to cost more than \$1 million and is funded in all or part by state funds must be prequalified.

Drew also heard at the CCM Legislative Committee meeting (this is also outlined in the Land Use Brief provided today by SN and her staff), under PA 23-142 An Act Concerning Certain Protections for Group and Family Child Care Homes, you as an elected official are responsible to report to OPM by December 1, 2023 regarding your Home Child Care Zoning Regulations. This can simply be that you are in compliance with the new law or must include a sworn statement with a timeline by which you expect your municipality to be in compliance. The new law states that you may not prohibit home childcare facilities in residential zones and that the facilities cannot be treated differently than single- or multi-family residential properties. Our Community Planning Team will be happy to assist you with this if needed.

SN added, for municipalities that have not completed their Affordable Housing Plans by October 1, there is a new requirement that you have to consider accessibility of affordable housing units for those with intellectual disabilities or other developmental disabilities. We have reached out to OPM. If you're close to being done, you can add a paragraph for this round of your existing plan. If you're not close to being done, you must engage with this consideration in a deeper way. SN can provide technical assistance.

Ed Mone asked if there are firms in Connecticut or elsewhere that are willing to recycle them and will there be a charge to the communities. Drew explained, at the end of the Committee process some private industry people were in front of the Environment Committee talking about surrounding states, particularly New York, that have had success in using rubberized asphalt. CTDOT doesn't look particularly favorably on that, but it would be a huge use of it when they decide it's going to hold up. But then the worry becomes about runoff into the waterways. There is no great solution. We need to help guide private industry and try to find secondary markets for it.

Christine noted that most of them are going to go to a tire burning plant in Maine, and it was also passed in that same law that there can't be tire burning plants in Connecticut. We are sending our MSW to Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Drew continued, next month we plan to discuss existing fair rent commissions. We have five member municipalities that are required to have them; we're talking about a regional option for some of the smaller towns who are already required to have them. SN is going to work on that with her team. We'll be asking the bigger cities and towns how that's working for you now.

He asked the Board to let our Legislative Team know if there is anything they'd like us to flag or keep an eye out for.

The resounding reply was, "every unfunded mandate." The Board went on to discuss MSW at length, and the efforts to handle it on a regional basis.

Chairman O'Leary explained that the state tries to force an MSW act or EPR or organic food waste program on the municipalities, and we keep fighting it because we all have different needs. Communities like Middlebury have done a good job looking at ways to work with organic waste and things like that, but for cities like Waterbury it's a completely different situation. It is one unfunded mandate after another and when it gets to CCM, it is not supported. That will continue to happen unless there is some very open and sincere dialogue. We don't want to send our garbage to Ohio or Pennsylvania or send our tires to Maine; we were perfectly happy to send our garbage to MIRA or to Covanta. The problem was created with the State of Connecticut and passing it along to us is wrong. If that's the way we continue to do business, it's not good for the state or the cities and towns. Every time they come to a COG, they don't mention the \$5 per ton surcharge or the organic waste and how that's going to impact different municipalities, especially ones like Waterbury who collect garbage – by adding more trucks you're adding multiple millions of dollars.

He recalled a very honest discussion with Commissioner Dykes at a press conference days after the last session when all the bills she was working for got killed. He asked her to sit with us and have a real discussion about what's good for one municipal that's going to be very expensive for another municipality. She assured him that she, personally, is willing to do that. She will discuss what is good for Bethlehem, for Woodbury and Thomaston and how it impacts Watertown, Plymouth, Waterbury. It is very different. He directed Patricia to invite Commissioner Dykes to the next NVCOG meeting to have that discussion.

5. Emergency Management

a. General Update/Upcoming Events

Drew explained that Board members received a letter from DMHAS Deputy Commissioner Brenda Bergeron and State Emergency Management Director Will Turner encouraging you to take part in the Governor's 2023 Emergency Planning and Preparedness Initiative – a statewide exercise. It will take place Saturday, October 14 and Wednesday, October 18. This will be a great opportunity for municipal leaders to review existing plans and simulate implementation of those plans to respond to a simulated hazardous materials incident.

REPT Field Day will be held from 10 am to 2 pm Wednesday, October 11 at Yale Bowl and Westville Music Bowl. Share that information with your emergency management staff.

Community Emergency Response Team train the trainer classes will be held from 8 am to 5 pm Saturday, November 18 and Saturday, December 2 at the New Haven Fire School. Emergency Management Directors should be aware of that opportunity.

September is FEMA Disaster Preparedness Month. This year's theme is "Take Control in 1-2-3" – 1 is assess your needs, 2 is make a plan, and 3 is engaging with your community. Initial reports indicate that this will be a very active hurricane season.

John Field reported that the LEOP (Local Emergency Operation Plan) due date is 1/1/24. You get EMPG funds for having your plan and handing in your update. There is \$5,000 attached to that.

We sent out a new template to the schools so they can put together their updated plans and get them to us by November 1. We had some changes in our legislation regarding monitoring and collecting data regarding school drill logs. We sent out a new template for those as well. I bring this to the Board because you have to sign off on all of those school plans and I want to make you aware.

6. Transportation Planning

a. Update USDOT Discretionary Grant Applications

Mark Nielsen explained, we have applied for three USDOT grants.

i. PROTECT Grant

The PROTECT program is designed to look at resilience and hazards to transportation infrastructure throughout the region. Four COGs have partnered to look at the northern half of the state. The focus is on the vulnerability of local streets, bridges, and culverts, looking at the flooding potential of undersized culverts and bridges, and identify corrective actions. This is a planning grant – those that completed the analysis of vulnerability can apply directly for construction funding. This will help to improve undersized culverts and ties in nicely with the Hazard Mitigation Plan we completed a couple of years ago.

ii. Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Grant Application

We are applying for this grant that will look at the impact Route 8 has had on downtown areas – particularly Derby, Seymour, Naugatuck, Shelton, and Waterbury. If awarded, we will work closely with the department as they are looking at redoing the I-84 Route 8 interchange, and we want to coordinate activities with them. Rick noted that Naugatuck is also submitting their own separate application for that grant. Mark explained that we spoke with them, and the decision was to submit both applications. We can coordinate and complement each other's work.

iii. Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Application

This is an effort to look at safety in the region. It will identify the problems and specific implementable actions to correct safety throughout the region. It is partly a planning study, and also to create an action plan with priorities, so we can immediately start requesting funding to correct some of the safety hazards we're looking at. We're hopeful for this one because in the last round, all the planning grants were awarded.

If we get all three of these, we'll be very busy over the next several years.

b. VMT Reduction Project Prioritization

Rich Donovan explained, we're asking for a vote on NVCOG Resolution 2024-06 VMT Reduction Strategy.

In 2021 Governor Lamont signed Executive Order 21-3 and one of the requirements was that the DOT develop a strategy for reduction of VMT, set a goal, and select a list of prioritized projects to help achieve that goal. VMT is vehicle miles traveled – to measure the total miles driven in personal vehicles across the state on both a daily and annual basis. They set a target of a 5% reduction per capita daily miles driven over 2019 numbers by 2030. They have not completed a list of prioritized projects yet to achieve that.

We are reviewing the projects we have identified already as a region as well strategies that align with the strategy they identified. We will create a reference we'll share with the department and update regularly to ensure our projects get on, and hopefully get priority on that list. We're Looking for the board to adopt the resolution authorizing us to send it on to the department as the region's endorsed priorities.

Tom Dunn MOVED to adopt NVCOG Resolution 2024-06 VMT Reduction Strategy; SECONDED by Ed Mone. The motion carried unanimously.

c. CT DOT Vulnerable Road User Assessment (VRU)

Mr. Donovan explained that part of IIA requires that every state's DOT develop a Vulnerable Road User Assessment as part of their highway safety implementation plan. CONNDOT's safety engineering unit is working on it and is looking for feedback from towns and cities on strategies you would like to see to help address the rise in pedestrian and cyclist fatalities. Please let us know if there's anything you'd like them to consider before the November 15th deadline, or contact the Safety Engineering Unit directly, Natasha Fatu and her team are leading this project.

d. ADA Lunch & Learn

Desira Blanchard asked each town to send at least one representative from Public Works, Engineering, Planning or even your town attorney to the ADA Lunch and Learn scheduled for 12 to 1 pm Thursday, September 28th. This session will focus on Americans with Disabilities Act compliance in our region. This session will include informative presentations and an interactive demonstration with the participants. In-person attendance is encouraged.

7. Environmental Planning

a. Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Update

Christine O'Neill reported that NVCOG continues to play a strong supporting role in the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants. NVCOG towns are split amongst four different MSAs, each having their own plan. There is a memo in the packet with updates. The MSAs have had their work plans approved by EPA. We're shifting into the community engagement and plan writing phases. NVCOG is in the process of entering into a subaward agreement with SCROG which is running the New Haven MSA. Outreach efforts began last month with a stakeholder workshop with 30 representatives from non-profits, towns and organizations across the region. We have launched a landing page for this information on our website, nvcogct.gov/cprg and it links to the other available plans and sites. The next milestone will be the priority climate action plans which are due in March of 2024. Towns that have any strategy or project they would like to see included, please contact Christine.

b. MSW/Recycling Update

Thomas Dougherty updated the Board on the trash reduction pilots occurring in the region. He thanked Seymour for their participation; they concluded their program with no plans to move forward. Ansonia's program is paused as municipal leaders evaluate the next steps. Woodbury and Middlebury's pilots are in full swing. Middlebury launched their pilot on July 1st, and we expect the first round of data to become available later this month. Two outreach events will be held by month-end and are hosting a Quantum Compost Giveaway for participants in October. Woodbury continues to have outstanding results from their pilot with a 2 percent contamination rate and 15 percent reduction of waste. We are currently planning stakeholder meetings with Woodbury in hopes of gathering community feedback on planning for permanence. Middletown has voted to make their food waste diversion program permanent.

Mayor Caggiano noted that there seems to be a much better result when it's separate collection or drop-off, rather than the co-collection. It's a good result to share with Commissioner Dykes.

Ms. O'Neill agreed that the drop-offs at transfer stations are doing better. She explained that the pilot was not intended to reduce waste by 30-40 percent, but to model how you could by adding unit-based pricing. None of the towns have chosen to enforce this; they are voluntary programs.

Mayor O'Leary explained, in a city like Waterbury the population is very diverse with many people from all over the world. They have a full-time guy in the schools addressing every grade level about recycling, because parents and grandparents don't even know what recycling is. The food organic waste is a whole other plan of attack and a real challenge on the educational front. Towns and cities need to be looked at individually – the leaders are asking, how do we do it, and how do we pay for it?

c. Tree Canopy Assessment and Open Space Inventory Grants

Aaron Budris reported, we received two federal grants from the USDA Forestry Service - one to do a regional open space inventory to take our open space inventory GIS and improve it, make it more detailed to get a better understanding of how land is or is not protected in our region. The second grant was for a tree canopy assessment. We'll be using lidar data to assess our tree cover in the region and understand where there is and is not tree cover, especially in our inner cities where tree cover can make a really big difference for the health and safety of our residents. These projects will be ongoing for about 2 years.

d. NRG Trail Project Priorities Update

Mr. Budris explained that we are updating our Naugatuck River Greenway trail project priorities document. Developed in 2015, we've been ticking off those priorities that have been continually updated since then and were last updated in 2021. We're going through that process again. I encourage any NRG CEO to work with your steering committee member to make sure your local priorities are included in that.

e. Brownfields

Ricardo Rodriguez noted that there is a memo in the packet with a status update on all of the active Brownfields projects. They are all moving forward swiftly. We have two projects that have made tremendous progress in the last month.

Waterbury has completed the 313 Mill Street project, the former Nova Dye Manufacturing site. On September 9th the City held a ribbon-cutting event, opening a beautiful new baseball park to the community.

The second site is 67-71 Minerva Street in Derby. On September 5th, they started their abatement activities on the building and next week they will be demolishing the building with soil excavation taking place. They're moving quickly on that site and vertical construction is anticipated to start sometime in October.

NVCOG Staff is currently working on closing out our Assessment Grant which will take place on September 30th. As we close those out, we're already starting to think about the next funding round that EPA will be opening up in October. If you have any projects that need assessment data, please reach out so we can include it in our solicitation. If awarded, those sites will take priority in our next open solicitation.

We also recently closed out our RLF Solicitation round on September 8th. We received seven applications; four of them for grants and three of them for loans. Total grant requests are slightly over \$1.2 million, and requested loan amounts are \$2.8 million. The RLF Board will meet October 3rd to consider these applications.

8. Community Planning

Community Planning Update

Savannah-Nicole Villalba reported, Community Planning has met with 14 Land Use departments and engaged with their staff. We hope to meet at least once or twice a year with all municipal land use staff and build those relationships. We continue to advance our mission of technical assistance and education outreach. We published our summer newsletter in August with help from the Communications and Community Engagement Team.

We attended local land use commission meetings and assisted with six municipal affordable housing plans. We're helping two communities with aquifer protection compliance and have begun to help the Environmental Team with MS4 regulatory compliance. We help gather data, mapping, engagement, and we will review anything you need or that your staff is working on.

Community Planning is doing a lot of things, and we really appreciate the role that Joanna played in assisting us. Our goal moving forward is to really commit to what it means to support you, your staff and communities.

NVCOG Land Use Commissioner Training Update

NVCOG has the best, free, Land Use Commissioner Training, and we are receiving attention for it. SN thanked the City of Waterbury and the City of Ansonia for hosting us for these events. Land Use commissioners have to be trained by January 1, 2024. We have one on Thursday, September 21 at the Ansonia Senior Center, partnering with DEEP, the State Historic Preservation Office, CIRCA, Partnership for Strong Communities. The training on Saturday, September 30th will be in Waterbury City Hall. We are nearing capacity, so please putting out a push to your staff to try and get as many commissioners as we can. We also want to support your broader community – someone in your community that's at every meeting, or is always asking questions to your office, or someone you think could be good on your land use commission, we have a free code, "Community", that will allow those members of your community that aren't on your commissions to come for free.

Mayor O'Leary asked, in order to accommodate those volunteer land use commissioners that hold daytime jobs, if there will be any upcoming after-hours land use training sessions. SN replied, the way that we're handling this is by recording the trainings. We are recommending that Commissions and Land Use Staff show the recording during their regularly scheduled meetings. If participants watch the recording, either at once or in increments, and can prove in-person attendance by the meeting minutes, they can receive a certificate. We are cognizant to make sure we have an option for those who cannot attend our sessions during the day.

Mayor O'Leary was also concerned about changes in commissioners and land use staff due to the elections. Rick Dunne explained that we'll be conducting this training on a continuing basis.

9. Adjournment

Ed Mone MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Ed St. John. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia M. Bruder
Executive Administrative Clerk

Attachments:

1. CNVMPO Resolution 2023-22, Projects:
 - 0151-0340 – Remove Exit 21 eastbound off-ramp, extend auxiliary lane, Waterbury
 - 0080-0132 – Rehabilitation of Bridge 01164 over I-84, Middlebury
 - 0300-0214 – New Haven Line Time Phase 1
 - 0300-XXXX – New Haven Line Station Improvement Program
 - 0130-0173 – Improvements in the vicinity of I-84 Exit 14, Southbury
 - 0025-0151 – Sidewalk and Safety Improvements along Route 10, Cheshire
 - 0151-0325 – Traffic Signal Upgrades at Various Locations, Waterbury
2. NVCOG Resolution 2024-05 – Authorization for Executive Director to execute agreements for previously-approved program applications
3. NVCOG Resolution 2024-06 – VMT Reduction Strategy



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RESOLUTION 2023-22

AMENDMENT

**FFY 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
CENTRAL NAUGATUCK VALLEY MPO**

WHEREAS, the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO is authorized by the *Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act)* and related US Department of Transportation regulations to prepare, endorse, and periodically amend a short-range Transportation Improvement Program for the 15-town MPO within the Waterbury Urbanized Area and is required to maintain a fiscally constrained program of priority projects; and

WHEREAS, the CNVMPO endorsed the *FFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program for the Central Naugatuck Valley Planning Region (TIP)* at its October 9, 2020, meeting; and the US Department of Transportation (Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration) have approved the *State FFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)*; and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Transportation is requesting amendment of the FFY 2021-2024 TIP as shown in the attached page; and

WHEREAS, the proposed projects do not necessitate a new Air Quality Conformity Determination; and

WHEREAS, the public notification and review of these amendments was consistent with and followed the procedures set forth in the MPO's public involvement guidelines, and the proposed amendments are consistent with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Central Naugatuck Valley planning region;

BE IT RESOLVED that Central Naugatuck Valley MPO approves the amendment of the FFY 2021-2024 TIP.

This resolution shall become effective as of September 15, 2023.

I do hereby certify that the resolution was adopted by the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO at a public meeting held on September 15, 2023, at which a quorum was present and that the same is a correct and true transcript from the original thereof.


Neil O'Leary, Chairman

September 15, 2023
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**RESOLUTION
OF THE
NAUGATUCK VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
#2024-05**

IT IS RESOLVED BY the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments that its Executive Director Rick Dunne be empowered to sign any and all documents required in the acceptance and execution of state or federal assistance grants or programs already applied for and approved by the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments and offered by the Grantor.

Dated at Waterbury, Connecticut on this 15th day of September 2023.

Neil O'Leary, Chairman
Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments

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RESOLUTION 2024-06

ENDORSEMENT OF THE VMT REDUCTION STRATEGIES: GREATER NAUGATUCK VALLEY PLANNING REGION

WHEREAS, Governor Lamont signed Executive Order 21-3 in December, 2021, to address environmental protection priorities across the state; and

WHEREAS, the CTDOT was required by this order to develop a goal for vehicle miles traveled (VMT) reduction, as well as strategies to achieve this goal; and

WHEREAS, the CTDOT published the goal in Spring, 2023, of a 5% per capita reduction in VMT over 2019 levels by 2030; and,

WHEREAS, the NVCOG has previously identified a regional goal of reducing VMT, as well as priority projects to help advance this goal; and,

WHEREAS, VMT Reduction Strategies: Greater Napa Valley Planning Region lays out strategies underway in the region as well as project priorities to achieve VMT reduction goals;

WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments endorses VMT Reduction Strategies: Greater Naugatuck Valley Planning Region as the region's priorities for VMT reduction efforts and encourages the CDDOT to consider these priorities as VMT reduction strategies move forward.

This resolution shall become effective on or September 15, 2023.

I do hereby certify that the resolution was adopted by the Naugatuck Valley COG at a public meeting held on June 16, 2023, at which a quorum was present and that the same is a correct and true transcript from the original thereof.


Neil O'Leary, Chairman

September 15, 2023
Date

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2024 MEETING SCHEDULE

Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments (NVCOG) and Central Naugatuck Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (CNVMPO)

The CNVMPO and NVCOG meet at 10 a.m. the third Friday of each month in the NVCOG Conference Room. There is no meeting in August.

The 2024 meeting dates are as follows:

January 19

February 16

March 15

April 19

May 17
(tentative annual budget meeting)

June 21

July 19

September 20

October 18

November 15

December 20

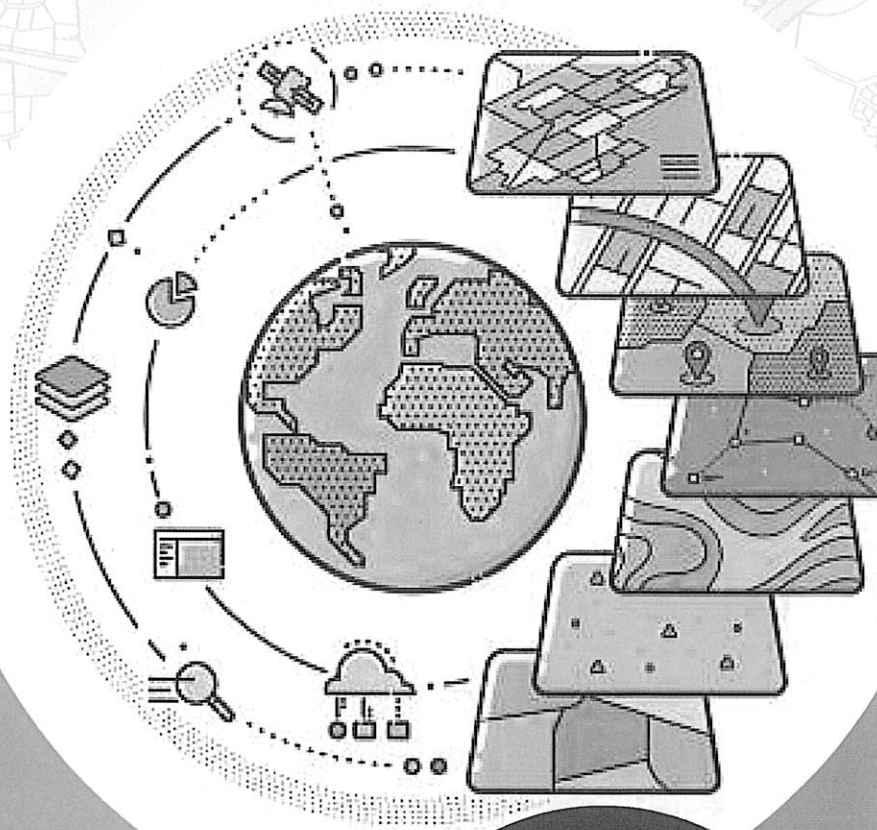


2024 NVCOG HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

January 1	Mon	New Year's Day
January 15	Mon	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 19	Mon	Presidents Day
March 29	Fri	Good Friday
May 27	Mon	Memorial Day
June 19	Wed	Juneteenth
July 4	Thu	Independence Day
September 2	Mon	Labor Day
October 14	Mon	Columbus Day
November 10	Fri	Veterans Day
November 28	Thu	Thanksgiving Day
November 29	Fri	Day after Thanksgiving
December 25	Wed	Christmas Day

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Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments Brownfields Project

Status

October 2023 Memo

NVCOG - RBP LEP Shortlist:

- The Regional Brownfield Partnership Board selected eight out of nineteen Environmental firms. The eight firms are as follows: Freeman Companies, Arcadis, HRP, Down to Earth, SLR, Tighe & Bond, VHB, and Weston & Sampson. Please contact Ricardo for additional information on how to secure LEP services for your project.

RLF Update:

- If you have a site in need of assessment funding, please contact Ricardo to discuss whether it could be included in EPA's current solicitation round.
- EPA has selected NVCOG for supplemental RLF funding in the amount of \$3 million. This award will have a 50% grant to 50% loan split. An official solicitation requesting cleanup projects closed on September 8th, 2023. On October 3rd, the RLF Committee selected five new projects, allocating all remaining funding. The projects are 835 South Main Street, Waterbury; 272 River Street, Waterbury; and 280/0 Elm Street, Naugatuck for subgrants. Pending underwriting for loans, there is 281 Canal Street, Shelton and 40 West Street, Bristol.
- Early 2023 RLF meeting: Subgrants were awarded to 359 Mill Street Lot #19, 777 South Main Street, and 698 South Main Street in Waterbury, 0 Andrew Ave, Naugatuck, and 113,0,93,123 Canal Street, Shelton; loans pending underwriting are 70 North Street, Torrington, and 501 East Main Street, Ansonia. All grant subaward agreements have been executed; loans are pending underwriting/loan agreements.

Department of Economic and Community Development

1. **Derby Main Street South Project:** Grant in the amount of \$200,000 to conduct assessment activities in the Derby Main Street South project area. Environmental assessment activities will support the construction of local roads in the area and target parcels most ready for development. This assessment project is critical to the success of the City of Derby's \$5 million Urban Act grant, which will directly fund the construction of local roads and infrastructure. To date, sites assessed under this grant are as follows: 23 Factory Street, 2 Factory Street, 90 Main Street, and 0 Water Street. The remaining funding under this grant will be allocated to additional testing within the funding area.
2. **O'Sullivan's Island Recreational Assessment Project:** O'Sullivan's Island is a peninsula at the confluence of the Housatonic and Naugatuck Rivers, located south of Derby's downtown commercial district. NVCOG was awarded a \$200,000 DECD grant to conduct environmental assessment activities and develop remediation strategies on the site. The remaining funds have been used in conjunction with the O'Sullivan's Island Fishing and Viewing Platform project for the assessment and removal of soils generated through its construction and capping. The Fishing and Viewing Pier was completed in early Summer and is open for public use. Invoices are being submitted to DECD with a closeout report in development by NVCOG.

3. 300 Broad Street, Bristol:

NVCOG has secured a \$3.7 million award from DECD's Round 17 competition to abate and remediate four existing buildings on the 23-acre site. Upon completion, the developers will rehabilitate interior spaces for modern manufacturing, industrial, and warehousing use. DECD hosted a kickoff meeting, and a draft Financial Assistance Proposal is currently under review by the current owners.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), on behalf of the Connecticut Housatonic Natural Resource Trustee Council, awarded NVCOG \$325,000 to construct an accessible fishing and viewing platform at O'Sullivan's Island Recreation Park, Derby. Construction of a handicap-accessible fishing pier with viewing benches overlooking the Housatonic River has been completed. The Fishing pier is open to the public. NVCOG is working with USFW to close out the award.

EPA Assessment Grant:

1. 36 Pleasant Street, Ansonia: The Regional Brownfield Partnership awarded the City of Ansonia \$15,777 to complete a Phase II environmental site assessment in hopes of facilitating a property transfer. All environmental testing is completed, and a draft Phase II has been reviewed by all parties. Next steps are pending.
2. 1 Main Street, Berlin: The Regional Brownfield Partnership awarded the town of Berlin \$46,800 to close out environmental data gaps on site. Fuss & O'Neill, the selected environmental firm, has delivered the completed reports to the town. Data obtained will assist the town in securing a developer for 14 proposed condominiums. The final step is for F&O to conduct eight groundwater phases with a verification report pending.
3. 300 Broad Street, Bristol: The Regional Brownfield Partnership awarded 300 Broad Street Properties LLC. \$83,000 in petroleum assessment funds to conduct environmental assessment activities within the building and proximity of the exterior footprint. SLR, the selected environmental firm, has finalized environmental work on-site and provided all required reports. Data collected has assisted in securing \$3.7 million in DECD funding.

EPA Revolving Loan Fund

1. 130 Freight Street, Waterbury: The Revolving Loan Fund Committee of the NVCOG awarded the Waterbury Development Corporation a \$200,000 sub-grant for cleanup planning activities at 130 Freight Street & 00 West Main Street, Waterbury. Funds at the former Anaconda American Brass factory would be applied for on-site assessment, cleanup planning, and environmental professional services.

The site is included in the City of Waterbury's Master Plan for the Freight Street District, in which mixed-rate residential units, commercial space, and industrial space have been proposed. Environmental activities have commenced on site. The city has demolished 000 West Main Street, the neighboring building which will be considered a part of this project. Environmental activities will soon begin which will facilitate Research Conservation and Recovery Act closure.

2. 170 Freight Street, Waterbury: The Revolving Loan Fund Committee of the NVCOG awarded the Waterbury Development Corporation a \$350,000 sub-grant for cleanup activities at 170 Freight St & 000 West Main Street, Waterbury. Environmental activities are anticipated to commence in late 2023 to early 2024, followed by demolition. Demolition will begin in the coming weeks.
3. Brass City Harvest – 359 Mill Street, Waterbury: The Revolving Loan Fund Committee of the NVCOG awarded the Waterbury Development Corporation a subgrant of \$285,000 to assist with LEP oversight and closing data gaps on lot #19 and 777 South Main Street. The Brass City Harvest is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that uses urban agriculture to build self-reliance skills, empower residents to modify their dietary behaviors, and increase fresh food access points in the community. WDC has secured an environmental firm to conduct the proposed activities as part of the next steps. The proposed area will be the future home of several greenhouses, allowing the Brass City Harvest to expand its services to the community. Tree clearing is underway.
4. Anamet – 698 South Main Street, Waterbury: The Revolving Loan Fund Committee of NVCOG awarded the Waterbury Development Corporation a supplemental subgrant of \$277,000 for cleanup planning and remedial activities at 698 South Main Street, Waterbury. This large property nestled between the Naugatuck and Mad Rivers was once the campus of the Anamet network of factory buildings. The City of Waterbury's plan for this site includes repurposing the 200,000-square-foot building back into light industrial and demolishing the remaining dilapidated factories, rebuilding with mixed-use, and incorporating the strip of land alongside the river into the Naugatuck River Greenway. This multi-use trail will provide opportunities for exercise, active transportation, and recreation while raising property values and connecting regional economic corridors. Environmental assessment activities are complete at the high-bay building and remedial activities have commenced throughout the site. The city has wrapped up work on demolishing the remaining three buildings on site. An RFP for a developer is complete and currently under review.
5. 113,0,123,93 Canal Street, Shelton – The Revolving Loan Fund Committee of NVCOG awarded the City of Shelton a \$400,000 subgrant for remedial activities on-site. The project is expected to yield approximately 90+ residential apartment units within Shelton's downtown district. The subaward agreement has been executed by City officials. A contract between Arcadis and the city has been executed. Environmental activities have commenced.
6. Risdon Site – 0 Andrew Avenue, Naugatuck: The Borough of Naugatuck was sub-granted supplemental funding in the amount of \$350,000 for remedial activities at the former Risdon Manufacturing site. Environmental data collected from previously funded assessment sampling has helped the Borough of Naugatuck determine redevelopment options for future reuse. The Borough of Naugatuck and SLR has selected a remediation contractor with work continuing throughout the fall.
7. 67-71 Minerva Street, Derby: The Revolving Loan Fund Committee of NVCOG awarded the City of Derby \$293,612 for remedial oversight. Abatement of the former auto body shop and demolition of the building has been completed. Cedar Village Minerva Square LLC, the developer, has proposed redeveloping the site into 90+ residential units with parking spaces underneath the building. Vertical construction and remedial activities to commence at the end of October.

8. Nova Dye – 313 Mill Street, Waterbury: The Revolving Loan Fund Committee of NVCOG has awarded the Waterbury Development Corporation a \$200,000 sub-grant to assist with site monitoring. These funds are meant to supplement remedial and construction funds granted to the City of Waterbury from the State of Connecticut. Redevelopment of the site is a baseball Park for the local community. Environmental work is complete, with the park now open to the public as of September 9th.
9. Beaton & Corbin – 318 North Main Street, Southington: Remediation of the site is at 99% complete. However, activities such as capping and paving still need to take place under the RLF loan. These activities are anticipated to be complete in fall 2023.
10. 501 East Main Street, Ansonia: The applicant is currently within the underwriting phase. The status of this report will determine project eligibility.
11. 70 North Street, Torrington: The applicant is currently within the underwriting phase. The status of this report will determine funding eligibility.
12. 40 West Street, Bristol: The applicant is currently within the underwriting phase. The status of this report will determine funding eligibility.
13. 281 East Canal Street, Shelton: The applicant is currently within the underwriting phase. The status of this report will determine funding eligibility.
14. 280/0 Elm Street, Naugatuck: The Revolving Loan Fund Committee of NVCOG awarded the Borough of Naugatuck \$350,000 for LEP oversight as well as the removal of contaminated soils within the former Lantexx parcel(s). The subaward agreement is currently being drafted. The project is anticipated to commence in late 2023.
15. 272 River Street, Waterbury: The Revolving Loan Fund Committee of NVCOG awarded the Waterbury Development Corporation \$100,000 for cleanup planning activities within the parcel. Funding will also cover LEP oversight and remedial efforts. The subaward agreement is currently being drafted. The project is anticipated to commence in late 2023.
16. 835 South Main Street, Waterbury: The Revolving Loan Fund Committee of NVCOG awarded the Waterbury Development Corporation \$350,000 for cleanup planning activities within the former Waterbury Button Factory. Funding will also cover LEP oversight and remedial efforts. The subaward agreement is currently being drafted. The project is anticipated to commence in late 2023.



October 20, 2023

Memorandum: 20231012-OS

To: NVCOG Board Members

From: Christine O'Neill, Environmental Planner II

Subject: Municipal Collaboration for Open Space Inventory

The U.S. Forest Service awarded NVCOG a grant to research and catalog priority open space parcels across the region. The major deliverable of this project will be an improved and updated regional Open Space GIS Database with detailed attributes including ownership, acreage, level of legal protection, public access status, and more. To collect this data, NVCOG will need to work closely with municipal staff and commissions, as well as local land trusts. This memo is intended to inform you of what to expect.

Working with Town Clerks & Land Records

COG staff will work with each Town Clerk to determine the best method for conducting this research, but it will likely include COG staff visiting the Town Clerk's office in person and reviewing land records. NVCOG plans to meet with each Town Clerk to discuss expectations and capabilities over the next several months. These meetings will determine the type and extent of engagement with the Town Clerk.

Working with GIS/IT Staff

NVCOG maintains GIS data about open space in the region. We are seeking to verify the accuracy and update the GIS data we have on file for your municipality. NVCOG may arrange several calls or meetings with GIS/IT staff to obtain electronic files.

Working with Conservation Commissions

NVCOG hopes to present at a regular meeting of each Conservation Commission, to introduce the project and open the door for further collaboration. COG staff will work with Conservation Commissions to share information and identify existing open space parcels of local significance or in need of research.

Working with Land Trusts

Although land trusts are not municipal entities, they serve an important role in open space planning. NVCOG will organize a meeting with land trust staff or board members to introduce the project and open the door for further discussion and information-sharing.

Working with CEOs

COG staff encourages chief elected officials to send us their open space priorities directly. If this outline has omitted any stakeholder groups in your municipality that may be interested in participating in this process, please let us know at coneill@nvcogct.gov.



AQUIFER PROTECTION AREAS

MOVING TOWARDS COMPLIANCE WORKSHOP SERIES

The Naugatuck Valley Council
of Governments is hosting
action-oriented monthly
workshops on Aquifer
Protection Area compliance.

2024 DATES

January 17

APA Program Overview

February 21

APA Champion Shares Best Practices

March 20

How to Create your Aquifer Protection
Area Website

April 17

Aquifer Protection Area Registration 101

May 15

Lower Valley APA Site Visit

June 19

Upper Valley APA Site Visit

July 17

Proactive Protection: How to Maintain
Compliance with your APA



Date

Every 3rd Wednesday
January - July



Location

Hybrid



Time

12 pm - 1 pm



Cost

Free to NVCOG
Municipalities

**Includes
Monthly
Office
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**To Register: Email Molly at
mjohnson@NVCOGCT.gov**

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**Department of Energy and
Environmental Protection**

Lunch & refreshments provided.

