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AGENDA

Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments

and

Central Naugatuck Valley MPO

Hybrid Meeting

49 Leavenworth Street, 3rd Floor

Waterbury, CT 06702

10 a.m., Friday, June 16, 2023

1. Commencement of Meeting
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Roll Call
 - c. Public Comment
2. CNVMPO Meeting (*Voting members for these items are limited to the 15 CEOs in the CNVMPO area*)
 - a. Approval of CNVMPO Resolution 2023-20, Endorsement of CNVMPO Application to PROTECT (*Rich Donovan, attachment, motion*)
3. NVCOG Administrative Items
 - a. Approval of the Minutes of the May 19, 2023 CNVMPO and NVCOG meeting (*attachment, motion*)
 - b. Approval of Agency Financial Reports and Summaries for the period ending 5/31/23 (*Michael Szpryngel, attachment, motion*)
 - c. Approval of FYE 2024 Budget (*Michael Szpryngel, attachment, motion*)
 - d. Director's Report
 - Legislative Update (*Drew Baklik*)
4. Authorization for NVCOG Executive Director Rick Dunne to Execute and Deliver the OPM Notice of Grant Award for the FY 24 Regional Services Grant (*Rick Dunne, NVCOG Resolution 2023-25, motion*)
5. Opioid Settlement Update (*Chairman Neil O'Leary*)
6. Emergency Management (*Joanna Rogalski and John Field*)
 - a. Regional Emergency Planning Team Update
 - b. Community Emergency Response Team Update
7. NVCOG Planning/Transportation
 - a. Welcome Cole Burnham, Sustainable CT Fellow (*Christine O'Neill & Cole Burnham*)
 - b. Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (*Christine O'Neill, attachment*)
 - c. NVCOG Resolution 2023-23 – Endorsement of NVCOG Application to Safe Streets for All Grant Program (*Rich Donovan, attachment, motion*)
 - d. NVCOG Resolution 2023-24 – Endorsement of NVCOG Application to Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program/ Neighborhood Equity and Access Program (*Rich Donovan, attachment, motion*)
8. Environmental Planning
 - a. MSW & Recycling Update (*Christine O'Neill*)

- b. Brownfields Update (*Ricardo Rodriguez, attachment*)
- c. Open Space & Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program and Urban Green & Community Garden Grant Program (*Aaron Budris, attachment*)
- d. Kinneytown Dam Update (*Aaron Budris*)

9. Other

10. Adjournment

Called by
Neil O’Leary, Chairman

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June 9, 2023

MEMORANDUM: 06092023-PROTECT

To: CNVMPO Board Members and Alternates
From: Elliot Wareham, Transportation Planner
Subject: PROTECT Discretionary Grant Program

The USDOT has recently announced the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation Program (PROTECT) discretionary grant program, funded under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

PROTECT provides funding to ensure surface transportation resilience to natural hazards including climate change, sea level rise, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters. Eligible activities include Planning Activities (i.e. development of a Climate Resilience Plan), Resilience Improvements to improve the ability of an existing surface transportation asset to withstand natural hazards, Community Resilience and Evacuation Route activities, and At-Risk Coastal Infrastructure activities.

The Central Naugatuck Valley MPO plans to apply for funding to develop a Resilience Improvement Plan for the CNVMPO area. The plan will:

- Consider transportation assets and operations, across all modes, as well as the local and regional communities and stakeholders that use the transportation system for travel or commerce
- Assess vulnerability of transportation infrastructure and assets to current and future environmental hazards
- Identify and prioritize critical resilience projects and develop project cost and cost/benefit estimates to inform future implementation funding requests

There is no local match required for planning studies. Additionally, actions identified as priorities in this plan will be eligible for a reduction in the local share of implementation projects through the PROTECT program in future years.

Municipalities are also eligible to apply on an individual basis, if interested. The application is available at <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/protect/discretionary/>. The deadline for submitting applications is August 18, 2023, and NVCOG staff are available to discuss potential projects and assist with applications.

Recommendation:

MOTION: To adopt CNVMPO Resolution 2023-20 endorsing the CNVMPO's application for planning grant funds under the US DOT's PROTECT program to prepare a Resilience Improvement Plan.



RESOLUTION 2023-20

SUPPORT OF THE CENTRAL NAUGATUCK VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION SUBMITTING A REGIONAL APPLICATION FOR THE PROTECT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the USDOT has published a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for \$848 million in grant funding for FY 2022 and FY 2023 under the *Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT)* Program; and,

WHEREAS, the CNVMPO is an eligible applicant as a designated metropolitan planning organization for the fifteen-town metropolitan area of the Central Naugatuck Valley; and,

WHEREAS, the MPO aims to develop a Resilience Improvement Plan that considers transportation assets and operations, across all modes, assesses vulnerability of transportation infrastructure to current and future environmental hazards, and identifies and prioritizes critical resilience projects.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Central Naugatuck Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization endorses the application for planning funds to develop a Resilience Improvement Plan and authorizes CNVMPO staff to apply to the US Department of Transportation under the PROTECT discretionary program, and further authorizes the Executive Director to submit any other documents required for the program and execute any and all agreements necessary, if funding is awarded.

This resolution shall become effective as of June 16, 2023.

I do hereby certify that the resolution was adopted by the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO 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.

N. Warren Hess, Secretary

June 16, 2023

Date



MINUTES

Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments

Hybrid Meeting

NVCOG Conference Room

49 Leavenworth Street, 3rd Floor

Waterbury, CT 06702

10 a.m., Friday, May 19, 2023

NVCOG Representatives: Rick Dunne, Proxy, Ansonia (in-person); Michael Krenesky, Alternate, Beacon Falls (virtual); Stephen Sordi, First Selectman, Bethlehem (virtual); Sean Kimball, Alternate, Cheshire (virtual); Rich Dziekan, Mayor, Derby (in-person); Ed St. John, First Selectman, Middlebury (virtual); Pete Hess, Mayor, Naugatuck (in-person); George Temple, First Selectman, Oxford (in-person); Bob Chatfield, Mayor, Prospect (virtual); Mark Lauretti, Mayor, Shelton (in-person); Jeff Manville, First Selectman, Southbury (virtual); Ed Mone, First Selectman, Thomaston (in-person); Tom Dunn, Mayor, Wolcott (in-person); Barbara Perkinson, First Selectwoman, Woodbury (virtual).

Guests/Other: Steven Sullivan, Jeff Pugliese, Daniel Davis, Sam Carmody, Eversource (all in-person); Gary Lane, Avangrid (virtual); Kevin Tedesco, CTDOT (in-person); Lou Mangini, Office of Congresswoman Rose DeLauro (virtual).

Staff: Rick Dunne, Aaron Budris, Faith Thurmond, Richard Donovan, Eytayo Olaleye, Mark Nielsen, Michael Szpryngel, Richard Crowther, Jr., Christine O'Neill, Ricardo Rodriguez, Heidi Coronel, Josh Lecar, Kevin Ellis, Steven Perry, Drew Baklik, Glenda Prentiss, Desira Blanchard, Savannah-Nicole Villalba (all in-person); Keith Rosenfeld (virtual).

Prior to the start of the meeting there was a presentation by Steve Sullivan, President of Electrical Operations at Eversource CT. The presentation and meeting may be viewed at the NVCOG YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vgvbouJpVIM>

1. Commencement of Meeting

Vice Chairman Mark Lauretti called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the roll was called. There was no public comment.

2. CNVMPO Meeting

- a. *Approval of CNVMPO Resolution 2023-17 – TIP Amendments* – Kevin Ellis said Project No. 0170-3640 is for Service Plaza mainline sign and sign support replacement along I-95 and I-395. Project No. 0173-0539 will replace, rehabilitate, or eliminate deficient retaining wall structures in the areas designated Pod 3A and Pod3B. Project No. 0025-0150 will replace the Computerized Traffic Signal System (CTSS) along CT Route 10 (South Main Street/Highland Avenue) in Cheshire from Cook Hill Road to Industrial Avenue. On a motion by Bob Chatfield, seconded by Tom Dunn, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adopt CNVMPO Resolution 2023-17 approving the TIP amendments listed above.

- b. *Approval of CNVMPO Resolution 2023-18 – Endorsement of CTDOT Performance Measures* – Rich Donovan explained that Statute 23 CFR, Part 490 requires MPOs establish and use and set a performance-based approach to transportation decision

making to support national goals in the areas of Infrastructure Condition (PM2) and Highway System Performance, Freight Movement, and Congestion and Air Quality (PM3). Mr. Donovan reviewed the ten performance measures that cover all public roadways regardless of ownership or functional classification. Additionally, unified targets will be set for two congestion measures for each of the urbanized areas. By agreeing to the state performance measure 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. On a motion by Bob Chatfield, seconded by Pete Hess, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adopt CNVMPO Resolution 2023-18.

- c. *Approval of CNVMPO Resolution 2023-19 – Endorsement of FY 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)* – Mr. Donovan said NVCOG, as the host agency for the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO, is required to prepare a Unified Planning Work Program that describes the planning tasks to be completed over the two-year period from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025. The UPWP has seven tasks. The planning tasks and studies are intended to address the transportation issues and constraints facing the metropolitan area and help achieve the goals and objectives listed in the recently adopted NVision 50: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO and Naugatuck Valley COG. On a motion by Bob Chatfield, seconded by Ed Mone, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adopt Resolution 2023-19 endorsing the FY 2024-2025 UPWP.

3. NVCOG Administrative Items

- a. *Approval of the Minutes of the April 21, 2023 CNVMPO and NVCOG Meeting* – On a motion by Rich Dziekan, seconded by Ed Mone, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the April 21, 2023 CNVMPO and NVCOG meeting.

- b. *Approval of Agency Financial Reports and Summaries for the Period Ending 4/30/23* – Michael Szpryngel said NVCOG is 83% through the fiscal year. The current net position is \$155,930. The cash balance is \$886,145. The unrestricted general fund is \$878,826. NVCOG is on target for all its major funds and there have been no unexpected funding cuts. The end of year projection is for a balanced budget. On a motion by Bob Chatfield, seconded by Ed Mone, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adopt the NVCOG financial reports and summaries as presented.

- c. *FY 2023 Appointment of Auditor* – Mr. Szpryngel explained that OPM requires an appointment of auditor notification letter each year. This will be an affirmation of the existing auditor. On a motion by George Temple, seconded by Ed Mone, it was unanimously

VOTED: To authorize management signature on the engagement letter with King, King & Associates, CPAs, and provide notification to OPM of auditor appointment.

- d. *Director's Report* – Rick Dunne said a meeting of the Revolving Loan Fund committee will take place on May 23. A meeting of the Executive Committee will also take place on May 23.
 - Legislative Update – Drew Baklik reviewed House Bill 6670 which relates to MPO consolidation, House Bill 6807 concerns the issuance of local capital improvement projects, meaning LOTCIP money would be given to municipalities upfront rather than on a reimbursement basis, House Bill 6486 involves the creation of a statewide stewardship program to manage certain discarded tires, and a substitute for House Bill 6756 which involves certain acts and determinations by the State Historic Preservation Officer which would allow municipalities impacted by decisions to appeal to a hearing officer at DECD.

4. Emergency Management

- a. *Regional Emergency Planning Team Update* – Josh Lecar said the MOAs for REPT Regions 5 and 2 for the Homeland Security Grant Program are due by September 1, 2023.
- b. *Community Emergency Response Team Update* – Mr. Lecar said annual activity reports for 2022 are due on June 14, 2023. There will be a DEMHS Region 3 CERT field day at Wesleyan University on July 15, 2023.

Additionally, there will be a flood awareness workshop on June 21 at Kent School. The workshop is geared to municipal EMDs, CEOs, engineers and planning and zoning officials.

5. NVCOG Planning/Transportation

- a. *Approval of NVCOG Resolution 2023-22 – Authorization to Enter into a Contract with EcoInteractive for TIP and LOTCIP Project Management Software* – Rich Donovan explained the need to pursue a new solution for management of the region's TIP and LOTCIP programs. Following an extensive search, EcoInteractive's ProjectTracker platform was selected as the best tool to comply with federal requirements and to provide better information to the public and municipal staff. Other MPOs in the state are also considering a change to the existing platform. One of the benefits of EcoInteractive is the public-facing website that is included in the agreement. This will give NVCOG staff a much greater ability to provide information beyond the requirements of the TIP, something that will be helpful as TMA status is sought and will help to achieve the goal of greater public awareness of ongoing projects. The platform is maintained on a subscription basis. The costs will be direct charged against the federal PL and 5303 planning programs each year. The direct-charge request is currently undergoing review by CTDOT and FHWA/FTA and upon its approval the contract provided by EcoInteractive will be reviewed by the agency attorneys. On a motion by Ed Mone, seconded by Rich Dziekan, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adopt NVCOG Resolution 2023-22 authorizing the Executive Director to enter into contract with EcoInteractive for State Fiscal Year 2024.

- b. *CTDOT VMT Reduction Strategy* – Mr. Donovan said that in December 2021 Governor Ned Lamont issued Executive Order 21-3, which included direction to CTDOT to set a goal to reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and establish strategies to achieve that goal. VMT is the measure of total miles driven across a given area, in this case the entire state, on both a daily and annual basis. CTDOT recently released their target and strategy in a report that identifies five key strategies to achieve the VMT reduction goal of 5% by 2030. In support of CTDOT’s plan, NVCOG is preparing a report detailing the work that has been done and the plans that exist for projects that align with the Department’s strategies. NVCOG staff would like to include municipal projects and priorities as well as regional and will be contacting engineering and public works staff to ensure that all projects can be included. Projects that address the Department’s strategies include downtown development districts, complete streets, active transportation infrastructure, and projects that support increased transit access. Endorsement of the report NVCOG is preparing will be requested at a future meeting.
- c. *Grant Programs*
 - i. PROTECT Grants – Rich Donovan said this is a federal program for infrastructure resilience.
 - ii. Community Connectivity Grants – This is a statewide program funded with state dollars. This year’s solicitation will likely be used for selection of projects both this and next year.
 - iii. Carbon Pollution Reduction Grants – This program will fund projects similar to what CMAC currently offers. Grants will be used to implement plans for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful air pollution.
 - iv. Reconnecting Communities/Neighborhood Access and Equity Grants – This is a USDOT program to support planning grants and capital construction grants, as well as technical assistance to restore community connectivity.
 - v. Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grants – This program funds initiatives to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. Planning and Demonstration Grants provide federal funds to develop, complete, or supplement a comprehensive safety action plan as well as associated demonstration activities. NVCOG intends to apply for a Planning and Demonstration Grant to develop a comprehensive safety action plan and support the region’s Vision Zero goal.

Additionally, Mr. Donovan said, there is the state-funded Community Investment Fund. NVCOG staff is available to assist towns with any eligible municipal grant applications.

6. Environmental Planning

- a. *CT DEEP Recreational Trails Recap* – Aaron Budris said the latest Recreational Trails awards were announced last week. It included funding for nine projects in the NVCOG region. These projects are located in Naugatuck, Bristol, Shelton, Waterbury, Ansonia, Oxford, Thomaston, Watertown, and Wolcott. The total award amount for these projects is \$2,248,235.
- b. *MSW & Recycling Update* – Christine O’Neill said Middlebury and Bethlehem have been offered trash reduction pilot grants. She shared the most recent available data concerning SMM grants in participating municipalities. There is positive data showing

waste reduction and diversion have improved and that education is working. There was also discussion concerning organic waste from schools and hospitals.

Additionally, Ms. O'Neill said the NVCOG composter sale was held on May 13. 44 composters were sold, 36 rain barrels, and a variety of accessories. These figures represent a drop in sales from 2022 and 2021. Staff will look at alternative sales structures and explore options before committing to a future event.

Also, Ms. O'Neill said recycling training for municipal staff will be held on May 24 from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Waterbury City Hall. Presenters from CT DEEP will be there.

7. Land Use Planning

- a. *CGS 8-4c Land Use Commissioner Training Dates* – Savannah-Nicole Villalba said Land Use Commissioner Training will take place on September 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Ansonia Senior Center. Partners include DEEP, State Historic Preservation Office, CIRCA, and Partnership for Strong Communities. Another training session will take place on September 30 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Waterbury City Hall. Partners for this session include CLEAR. Each training session will be unique.
- b. *Land Use Lunch and Learn Update* – Ms. Villalba said a land use lunch and learn about planning for warehouse and distribution uses was held on May 10 at NVCOG.
- c. *Land Use Planning Update* – Ms. Villalba said NVCOG's land use division is undergoing a renewed effort to find ways to support municipalities and their staff through capacity building. She has thus far met with municipal staff in approximately half of the towns in the NVCOG region. She would like to focus lunch and learns on issues the municipalities are facing. A land use newsletter has also been created and will be issued quarterly. Ms. Villalba said she is available to meet with land use staff for special land use assistance.

8. Other

Bob Chatfield said he would like information from the utility companies as to why it takes so long to replace telephone poles, especially at intersections where the pole is on the roadside next to the broken pole and obscures driver sightlines. This concerns both state and local roads. Ed St. John said Middlebury is experiencing the same problem. Daniel Davis of Eversource said that nine times out of ten, the utility poles do not belong to Eversource, however, if there are any concerns and the poles do belong to Eversource, he asked the CEOs to contact him.

Christine O'Neill introduced Heidy Coronel, NVCOG's new communications associate.

9. Adjournment

At 11:20 a.m., on a motion by Ed Mone, seconded by Pete Hess, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by
Lauren Rizzo, Administrative Assistant
for
Pete Hess, Secretary



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METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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RESOLUTION 2023-17

**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

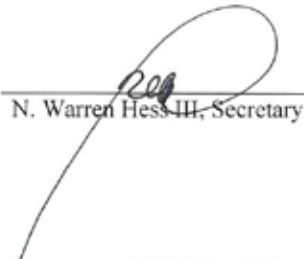
WHEREAS, the proposed projects do not necessitate a new Air Quality Conformity Determination; and

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 May 19, 2023.

I do hereby certify that the resolution adopted by the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO at a public meeting held on May 19, 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

May 19, 2023
Date



RESOLUTION 2023-18

**RESOLUTION FOR ENDORSEMENT OF TARGETS FOR VARIOUS
PERFORMANCE MEASURES ESTABLISHED BY CTDOT**

WHEREAS, the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) responsible, together with the State, for the comprehensive, continuing, and cooperative transportation planning process for the Central Naugatuck Valley Planning Region; and

WHEREAS the National Performance Management Measures final rule (23 CFR Part 490) requires States to set targets for performance measures in the areas of Infrastructure Condition, heretofore referred to as “PM2” and Highway System Performance, Freight Movement, and Congestion and Air Quality, heretofore referred to as “PM3,” by December 16, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) has established targets for ten performance measures, including:

- (1) the “Percentage of pavements of the Interstate System in Good condition,”
- (2) the “Percentage of pavements of the Interstate System in Poor condition,”
- (3) the “Percentage of pavements of the non-Interstate NHS (National Highway System) in Good condition,”
- (4) the “Percentage of pavements of the non-Interstate NHS in Poor condition,”
- (5) the “Percentage of National Highway System Bridges Classified as in Good condition,”
- (6) the “Percentage of National Highway System Bridges Classified as in Poor condition,”
- (7) the “Percent of Person-Miles Traveled on the Interstate that are reliable,”
- (8) the “Percent of person-miles traveled on the non-Interstate NHS that are reliable,”
- (9) the “Truck Travel Time Reliability Index,”
- (10) the “Total Emissions Reduction;” and

WHEREAS, the CTDOT also set unified targets with all applicable state DOTs and MPOs for two congestion measures specific to each of six (6) applicable urbanized areas as determined by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the two measures being:

- (11) the "Peak Hour Excessive Delay" and
- (12) the "Percent of Non-Single Occupancy Vehicle (non-SOV) Travel;" and

WHEREAS, the CTDOT coordinated to the maximum extent practicable the establishment of these targets with the 8 Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in Connecticut throughout 2022 at COG Coordination meetings and specific meetings with applicable MPOs and state DOTs for the congestion measures; and

WHEREAS the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO may establish 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 targets;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the CNVMPO Policy Board has agreed to support CTDOT's 2022 targets for all performance targets as attached herein; and

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

This resolution shall become effective as of May 19, 2023.

I do hereby certify that the resolution adopted by the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO at a public meeting held on May 19, 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

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RESOLUTION 2023-19

**ADOPTION
FY 2024-2025 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM
CENTRAL NAUGATUCK VALLEY MPO**

WHEREAS, the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) responsible, together with the State, for the comprehensive, continuing, and cooperative transportation planning process for the Central Naugatuck Valley Planning Region; and

WHEREAS, the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO is required to conduct the federal metropolitan transportation planning process in accordance with US Department of Transportation and related federal requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments is the designated host agency for the Central Naugatuck Valley MPO and has prepared the *FY 2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program* in accordance with the federal planning guidelines and in cooperation with the CTDOT; and

WHEREAS, the draft UPWP lists and describes the planning tasks to be completed over the next two fiscal years and has developed task allocation budgets to accomplish such tasks;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Central Naugatuck Valley MPO approves, endorses and authorizes the *Unified Planning Work Program*, as prepared by NVCOG and negotiated with the State Department of Transportation, as the CNVMPO's Transportation Work Plan for FY 2024 and FY 2025.

This resolution shall become effective as of May 19, 2023.

I do hereby certify that the resolution adopted by the CNVMPO at a public meeting held on May 19, 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

May 19, 2023

Date

RESOLUTION 2023-22
Authorization for the Executive Director to Enter Contract
With EcoInteractive for TIP Management Software

WHEREAS, the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments is charged under the IJA and related US Department of Transportation rules and regulations to maintain the Transportation Improvement Programs for the 19 town NVCOG region; and,

WHEREAS, the NVCOG is authorized by the State of Connecticut to administer funds within the Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP); and,

WHEREAS, EcoInteractive offers the ProjectTracker SaaS platform designed to fulfill federal requirements for TIP management, including various approval stages, detailed records, and an enhanced public engagement platform;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments authorizes that its Executive Director, Rick Dunne, be empowered to sign any and all documents required in the execution of contract with EcoInteractive for the ProjectTracker SaaS platform.

This resolution shall become effective as of May 19, 2023.

I do hereby certify that the resolution was adopted by the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments at a public meeting held on May 19, 2023, at which a quorum was present and that the same is a correct and true transcript from the original thereof.



N. Warren Hess, Secretary, III



Date



NVCOG RESOLUTION 2023-25

CHAIRMAN'S CERTIFICATE/RESOLUTION

I, Neil O'Leary Chairman of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments, an organization (the "Organization") existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut, certify that the following are true and complete resolutions which were adopted at a duly called and held meeting of the governing body of the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments on June 16, 2023, and that such resolutions have not been amended or modified and continue to be in full force and effect:

RESOLVED, that the Organization execute and deliver to the State of Connecticut a Notice of Grant Award (the "Agreement") for the 2024 Regional Services Grant.

RESOLVED, that Rick Dunne as Executive Director of the Organization, is directed to execute and deliver the Agreement on behalf of the Organization and to do all things necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of the Agreement, including executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by the Agreement.

I further certify that Rick Dunne now holds the office of Executive Director and that he/she has held that office since January 3, 2015.

I am signing this certificate on June 16, 2023.

Neil O'Leary, Chairman, NVCOG



June 16, 2023

MEMORANDUM: 06162023-CPRG-01

To: NVCOG Chief Elected Officials
From: Christine O'Neill, Environmental Planner II
Subject: Climate Pollution Reduction Grants

The Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) are a five billion dollar program, created under the Inflation Reduction Act and administered through the EPA, to help state and regional governments reduce greenhouse gases. The first phase involves noncompetitive planning grants that are presumptively allocated to each state, and then to particular Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) based on a somewhat cumbersome formula. In the case of Connecticut, the three MSAs that will receive one million dollar planning grants are (1) Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, (2) New Haven-Milford, and (3) Hartford-East Hartford-Middletown.

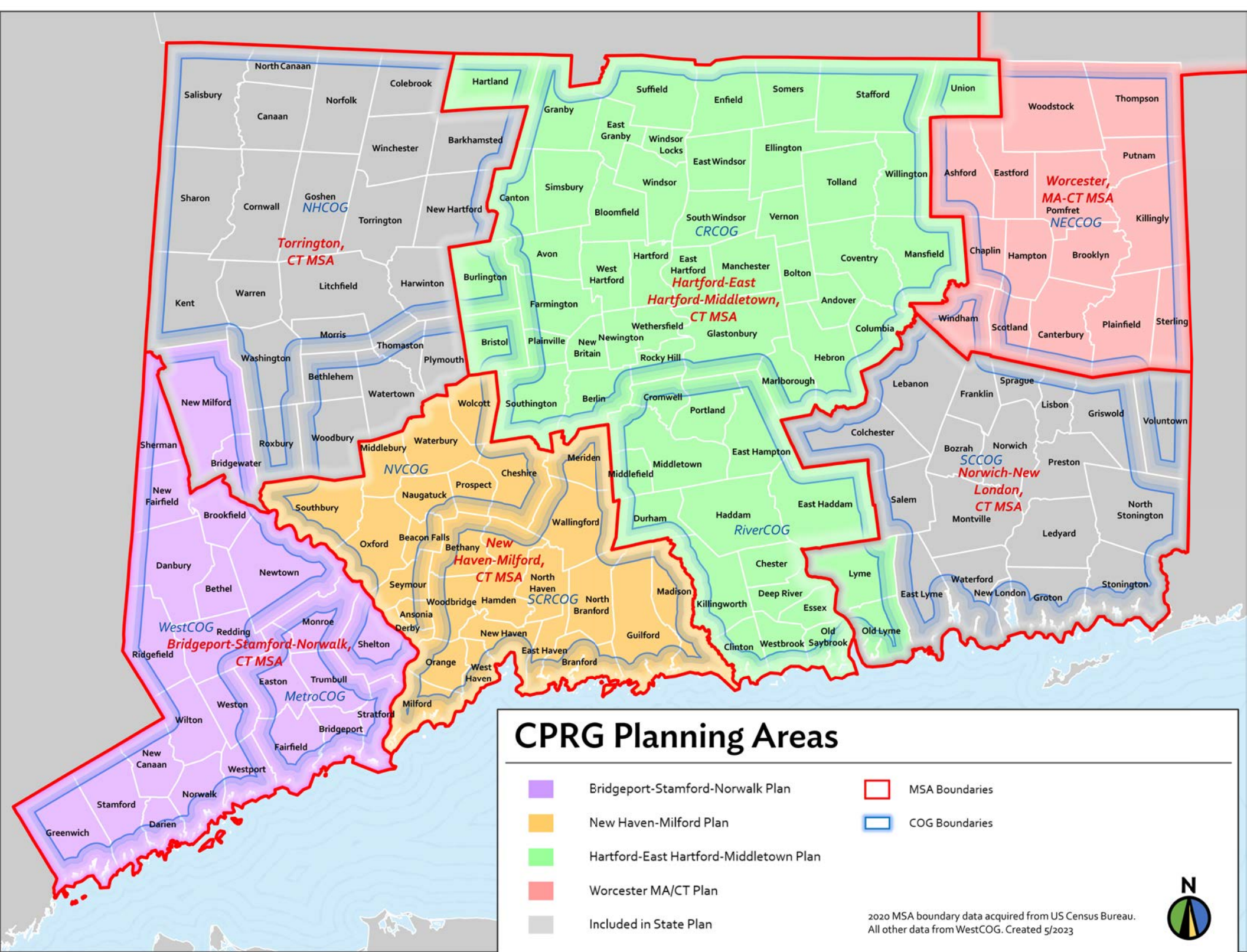
NVCOG's municipalities are split among these three MSAs as such:

- Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk – Shelton
- New Haven-Milford – Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Cheshire, Derby, Middlebury, Oxford, Prospect, Seymour, Southbury, Waterbury, and Wolcott
- Hartford-East Hartford-Middletown – Bristol
- The remaining municipalities of Bethlehem, Plymouth, Thomaston, Watertown, and Woodbury fall outside the funded MSAs and will instead be covered by the State's planning grant.

For a clearer visualization of municipalities, COGs, and MSAs, refer to the map on the subsequent page, produced by SCRCOG.

NVCOG staff have been working closely with WestCOG, MetroCOG, and CRCOG to ensure our municipalities and stakeholder groups are represented in the planning process. We will provide brief updates on these efforts as necessary at our monthly meetings. The most recent milestone was submitting Work Plans, which all three of the MSAs and the State of Connecticut have completed. The next steps will involve conducting greenhouse gas inventories as part of Priority Climate Action Plans.

The [EPA's CPRG webpage](#) contains more information and resources on these grants. Should you have any questions, please reach out to Christine O'Neill at coneill@nvcogct.gov or Mark Nielsen at mnielsen@nvcogct.gov.





MEMORANDUM: 20230616-GRANT APPLICATIONS

To: NVCOG Board Members and Alternates

From: Rich Donovan, Transportation Planning Director

Subject: Safe Streets for All Discretionary Grant Program and Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program Grant Program/Neighborhood Equity and Access Grant Program

Date: June 16, 2023

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA, also referred to as BIL) provides discretionary grant funds to Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) through the USDOT. Notices of Funding Opportunity have been or are expected to be released this summer. The NVCOG intends to develop and submit applications under these NOFOs. The two programs under consideration are: 1) Safe Streets for All (SS4A) and 2) Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program (RCCP).

Safe Streets for All

This program provides regions and communities with either planning or construction dollars to implement high impact safety improvements focused on all roadway users, especially pedestrians and cyclists. The NVCOG submitted an application for construction funds under the FY 2023 solicitation. The application proposed implementation of specific project actions and non-defined, systemic actions that would be implemented throughout the region. While it was highly recommended by USDOT, the application was not awarded. During the debrief with USDOT, the NVCOG staff determined what changes to the proposal were needed to make a better candidate for award.

The proposed grant application under this year's solicitation will request safety planning funds, instead of an implementation grant. The purpose will be to undertake a comprehensive analysis of safety and incidence of crashes throughout the region and complete an update and revision to the Regional Transportation Safety Plan. The revised plan will identify specific actions needed to improve safety and reduce the incidence of fatal and serious injury crashes. The proposed projects will be directly related to crash data and needed to address identified safety problems. Emphasis will be on crashes involving vulnerable users. The estimated cost of the planning project is \$400,000.

The deadline for submitting the application is July 10, 2023.

Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program (RCCP) and Neighborhood Equity and Access (NEA) Program

The RCCP was established under the IIJA to address the negative impacts to communities from the construction of transportation facilities. The primary focus is on how the construction of

limited access highways split and destroyed neighborhoods, limited access between the areas disconnected by the highways, and contributed to the deterioration of downtown areas. The intent of the program is to identify strategies and actions that will reconnect communities and help reverse the deleterious effects of the transportation facility on the fabric of the community.

Subsequent to the passage of the IIJA, Congress passed the Inflation Reduction Act. Under this bill, the Neighborhood Equity and Access Program was established. The purpose and intent of this program is the same as the RCPP and USDOT has encouraged MPOs to consider how the two programs can be accessed to improve opportunities to reconnect communities.

The NVCOG submitted an application under the FY 2023 solicitation of the RCPP to conduct a multi-regional planning study on the Route 8 expressway corridor. NVCOG coordinated with the CT Metropolitan COG and the Northwest Hill COG to devise an application that would look at the full length of Route 8, from the interchange with Interstate 95 in the south to the interchange with Route 44 in the north. While it was highly recommended by USDOT, the application was not awarded. During the debrief with USDOT, the NVCOG staff determined what changes to the proposal were needed to make a better candidate for award.

The application will be refined to focus on the areas most impacted by the construction of the Route 8 expressway, specifically in Derby, Seymour, Beacon Falls, Naugatuck and Waterbury, and look at mitigation activities to reduce the visual and physical barrier created through these communities. The project will identify specific actions to reconnect neighborhoods and develop a toolkit of possible actions that can be used by any city or town impacted by a transportation facility.

Based on the previous application and the reduced scope of the revised application, the cost of this project is estimated at \$1.0 million.

The NOFO for the RCPP and NEA programs have not been released but they are expected to be issued this summer. The NVCOG will decide which program provides the best opportunity for award.

Recommendation:

MOTION: To adopt NVCOG Resolution 2023-23 endorsing the NVCOG's application for planning grant funds under the US DOT's Safe Streets for All program and to adopt NVCOG Resolution 2023-24 endorsing the NVCOG's application for planning grant funds under the US DOT's Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program as established by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and/or planning grant funds under the Neighborhood Equity and Access program as established by the Inflation Reduction Act



RESOLUTION 2023-23

**SUPPORT OF THE NAUGATUCK VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
SUBMITTING A REGIONAL APPLICATION FOR THE
SAFE STREETS FOR ALL GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the USDOT has published a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for \$1 billion in grant funding through the second round *Safe Streets for All Program*; and,

WHEREAS, the NVCOG is an eligible applicant as a unit of regional government to develop a plan for all nineteen member municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, the region aims to develop a data-driven, prioritized list of safety issues, including both systemic safety enhancements and individual improvement projects;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments endorses the NVCOG’s Vision Zero Implementation Plan and authorizes NVCOG staff to apply to the US Department of Transportation under the Safe Streets for All discretionary program, and further authorizes the Executive Director to submit any other documents required for the program and execute any and all agreements necessary, if funding is awarded.

This resolution shall become effective as of June 16, 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.

N. Warren Hess, Secretary

June 16, 2023

Date



RESOLUTION 2023-24

**SUPPORT OF THE NAUGATUCK VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
SUBMITTING A MULTI-REGIONAL APPLICATION FOR THE
RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES PILOT PROGRAM/NEIGHBORHOOD
EQUITY AND ACCESS PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the USDOT is expected to publish the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the second round of the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program, expected to offer \$50 Million in planning and \$145 Million in construction grants; and,

WHEREAS, the USDOT is similarly expected to release the first round of the Neighborhood Equity and Access program, a substantially similar program authorized under the Inflation Reduction Act of 2023; and,

WHEREAS, the NVCOG was not selected in the 2022 solicitation for the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program for its submitted study of the Route 8 corridor and its impacts to the region’s municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, the NVCOG has edited the 2022 submission based on comments from the USDOT, CTDOT, and regional partners; and,

WHEREAS, the NVCOG will continue to coordinate with the CT Metropolitan COG and the Northwest Hills COG to determine whether to resubmit a multi-regional application; and,

WHEREAS, this study will coordinate with the work the CTDOT is currently planning for the interchange of CT Route 8 and Interstate 84, known as the MixMaster, in Waterbury; and,

WHEREAS, the study will focus on mitigating the impact that CT Route 8 has had within our communities, separating neighborhoods and dividing cities;

BE IT RESOLVED that Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments supports the planning effort and authorizes the Executive Director and NVCOG staff to submit a completed application to either or both programs, further authorizing the Executive Director to provide any required materials and sign documentation should the grant be awarded.

This resolution shall become effective as of June 16, 2023.

I do hereby certify that the resolution 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.

N. Warren Hess, Secretary

June 16, 2023

Date

Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments
Brownfields Project Status
June 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:

- EPA has selected NVCOG for supplemental RLF funding in the amount of \$3 million dollars. This award will have a 50% grant to 50% loan split. An official solicitation requesting cleanup projects will go live this summer.
- Last RLF meeting(s): 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 were 70 North Street, Torrington, and 501 East Main Street, Ansonia. All subaward agreements have been executed for grants; 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 will 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, site 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 are being 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 as well as capping. The project is anticipated to be completed at the end of Summer 2023.

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. All required

permits for the O'Sullivan's Island Fishing Pier have been approved. NVCOG has secured the final design plans from HRP. A contractor for the construction of the pier has almost completed the framing of the pier. The project will consist of a handicap-accessible fishing pier with viewing benches overlooking the Housatonic River. The Fishing pier is expected to open to the public by the end of Summer 2023.

EPA Assessment Grant:

1. 1 Main Street, Berlin: The Regional Brownfield Partnership awarded the town of Berlin \$46,800 in means to close out environmental data gaps currently open on site. Fuss & O'Neill is the preferred selected environmental firm selected for the project. Environmental activities have wrapped up on-site and reports were made available to the Town. Data obtained will assist the town secure a developer in which 14-residential condos have been proposed. The final step is for F&O to develop the verification report.
2. 526 North Main Street, Waterbury: The Regional Brownfield Partnership has awarded the Neighborhood Housing Services of Waterbury a \$100,000 sub-grant for environmental assessment activities at 526 North Main Street, Waterbury. Data will be used to determine the level of remediation (if any) needed on site. The proposed redevelopment of this former industrial site consists of a 100+ unit apartment building with commercial space on the first two floors. NVCOG's portion of environmental testing is complete, however the Neighborhood Housing Services of Waterbury have decided to privately fund supplemental testing to closeout data gaps. Elevated levels of PCBs, PAHs, and asbestos have been identified. Data on groundwater has been collected. A meeting with the site owner, developer, and LEP has been scheduled to discuss the next steps.
3. 300 Broad Street, Bristol: The Regional Brownfield Partnership has awarded 300 Broad Street Properties LLC. \$83,000 in petroleum assessment funds to conduct environmental assessments activities within the vicinity of the interior of the building/proximity of exterior footprint. SLR, the selected environmental firm, has finalized environmental work on site and has provided all required reports.
4. 143 Wolcott Road, Wolcott: NVCOG has assisted the town of Wolcott in obtaining a Phase I environmental site assessment of the property. Site access was secured. DTE, the environmental firm, has completed the Phase I report.

EPA Revolving Loan Fund

1. 130 Freight Street, Waterbury: The Revolving Loan Fund Committee of the NVCOG has 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 assessment, cleanup planning and environmental professional services on site. 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. A portion of the site will be maintained as green space. Environmental activities have commenced on site. The City has secured additional funding for the demolition of the neighboring building which will be considered a separate project.

2. Brass City Harvest – 359 Mill Street, Waterbury: The Revolving Loan Fund Committee of the NVCOG has awarded the Waterbury Development Corporation a subgrant of \$285,000 to assist with State remedial closeout requirements on site. 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. Steps towards providing the required “closeout verification work” have been completed. Groundwater monitoring is complete. As part of the next steps, WDC has secured the environmental firm to complete Phase II of the project which includes remedial design as well as soil and groundwater remediation on Lot #19 and 777 South Main Street. The proposed area will be the future home of several greenhouses.
3. Anamet – 698 South Main Street, Waterbury: The Revolving Loan Fund Committee of NVCOG has awarded the Waterbury Development Corporation a supplemental subgrant in the amount 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 multiuse trail will provide opportunities for exercise, active transportation, and recreation while raising property values and connecting regional economic corridors. Environmental assessment activities have been completed 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 has been completed, review in process.
4. 113,0,123,93 Canal Street, Shelton – The Revolving Loan Fund Committee of NVCOG has awarded the City of Shelton a \$400,000 subgrant for remedial activities on site. The project is expected to yield around 90+ residential apartment units within Shelton’s downtown district. The subaward agreement is currently being reviewed by City officials.
5. Former Naugatuck Recycling Center – 226 Rubber Avenue, Naugatuck: The Borough of Naugatuck was sub-granted \$45,000 for assessment activities on site. Environmental data collected on site will help the Borough determine redevelopment options for future reuse. Environmental site assessment activities have been completed and environmental reports have been submitted to the Borough for their review.
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 B.O.N. is working with SLR to conduct procurement of remedial contractors. Once this step is complete remediation will commence.
7. 67-71 Minerva Street, Derby: Remaining data gaps were closed out early 2022 with assistance from NVCOG’s FY16 and CTBLB’s FY19 assessment grants. Remediation - The Revolving Loan Fund Committee of NVCOG awarded the City of Derby \$293,000 for the

remediation of the former autobody shop. Remedial activities are anticipated to commence in the Summer of 2023. The City of Derby has gone through the process of selecting the preferred developer where the proposed redevelopment plans consist of transforming this abandoned brownfield into residential with parking spaces underneath the building. BL Companies has submitted a letter requesting the parking garage be considered part of the building to CT DEEP, this request has been approved. This approval has minimized the cost of remediation for the project. With the recent \$650K award from DECD, the project will move forward as anticipated.

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 assessment activities in means of closing data gaps currently on site. These funds are meant to supplement remedial and construction funds granted to the City of Waterbury from the State. The proposed redevelopment of the site is a Base Ball Park for the local community. Environmental work commenced October 19th, 2022, and is nearly complete.
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.

Connecticut Brownfield Land Bank:

1. Anamet – 698 South Main Street, Waterbury: The CTBLB board has approved sub-granting \$20,500 to the Waterbury Development Corporation for assessment activities at the former Anamet site. Funds have been allocated for assessment work in proximity to the High Bay building. Assessment work is completed, and remedial activities have commenced under DECD and NVCOG (EPA) funding.
2. 300 Broad Street, Bristol: The CTBLB board has approved awarding 300 Broad Street Properties LLC. hazardous and petroleum funding to close out data gaps currently open on site. Environmental activities are complete. The data collected has assisted the new owners determine the best reuse options. The site is being proposed as warehouse space with a large portion returning a manufacturing. CTBLB staff has helped in submitting a Round 17 response to DECD. A determination by DECD is anticipated to be made mid-June.
3. Beaton & Corbin – 318 North Main Street, Southington: The CTBLB is working with their legal team to facilitate property transfer.
4. White Oak – 63 West Main Street, Plainville: The CTBLB is assisting the town of Plainville with assessment and remedial oversight of the White Oak project. The town has completed finalizing the DECD financial agreement and is working on wrapping up the LDA with the developer. CTBLB has already assisted with procurement of an LEP, Tighe & Bond. Environmental work has commenced on site.
5. 67-71 Minerva Street, Derby: DECD has awarded the CTBLB their request for remediation assistance in the amount of \$650K. A kick-off meeting was held on Jan. 12th. Legal documentation has been reviewed and work will begin in Summer 2023.

CTBLB projects completed to date: 40 West Street, Bristol; 304 Seymour Avenue, Derby; 1 Watrous Street, East Hampton; 67-71 Minerva Street, Derby; 698 South Main Street, Waterbury.



May 16, 2023

Memorandum: 05162023-OS

To: NVCOG CEOs, RPC, Town Planners, Open Space Partners

From: Christine O'Neill, Environmental Planner II

Subject: **CT DEEP Open Space Grant Opportunities – Deadline October 2, 2023**

Funding Opportunity Details

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP) is currently accepting applications from municipalities, non-profit land conservation organizations, and water companies for two competitive grant programs:

- The Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program (OSWA) provides funds to municipalities and nonprofit land conservation organizations to acquire land for open space, and to water companies to acquire land to be classified as a Class I or Class II water supply property. [Click here for a link to the info page.](#)
- The Urban Green & Community Garden Initiative Grant Program is open to municipalities with the designation of [Targeted Investment Communities or Distressed Municipalities](#) to develop or enhance urban open spaces for public enjoyment and/or environmental education on publicly-owned land. Ansonia, Bristol, Derby, Thomaston, and Waterbury are eligible in our region. [Click here for a link to the info page.](#)

Public access to the subject property is a requirement of both grants. These funds cannot be used for “intensive development” or commercial activities.

Match Requirements

- The Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program (OSWA) requires matching funds that vary based on the circumstances. Details can be found in [the program FAQ](#).
- The Urban Green & Community Garden Initiative Grant Program requires a 50% local match, which may include in-kind professional services or volunteer hours.

Submission Deadline

The deadline for submissions to both grant programs is October 2, 2023.

Support from NVCOG

Municipalities or organizations that wish to include a regional letter of support with their application should send a request to COG staff no later than Friday, September 1, 2023. COG staff can also provide technical assistance with grant applications including mapping, provided adequate lead time is given.

If you have questions or would like to request assistance with your applications, please contact Christine O'Neill at 203-489-0351 or coneill@nvcogct.gov.