

TO: CRCOG REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
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SUBJECT: BACKGROUND ON SEPTEMBER 14TH RPC MEETING
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At the upcoming Regional Planning Commission meeting, we will hold a public hearing – one of a series of hearings being held across the state – on the *2018-2023 Conservation and Development Policies: The Plan for Connecticut* (State C&D Plan) which can be found here: <http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=2990&Q=587532&PM=1>.

As you may be aware, the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM) has been working over the past year, on updating the plan and Locational Guide Map (LGM (which can also be found at the link above)) in compliance with an every 5-year update cycle. As required by state statute (CGS Sec. 16a-24 thru Sec. 16a-33), the State C&D Plan is developed by OPM, adopted by the General Assembly, and implemented by state agencies.

In cooperation with OPM, CRCOG held a Locational Guide Map Workshop for municipal officials on August 29th at the Windsor Town Hall at which municipal staff heard an explanation of the development and applicability of the new draft LGM, were able to ask technical questions pertaining to the LGM and its underlying data layers, and to share their ideas and feedback on ways to improve the LGM.

The public hearing to take place at the upcoming Regional Planning Commission Meeting will be more focused on the Draft Plan document which, as mentioned and posted above can be found on the OPM website. The hearing presents an opportunity for OPM staff to hear comments on this draft for incorporation into a more final version of the plan that will be presented to the state legislature's continuing committee in early 2018.

We will be inviting a broader audience to this meeting in an effort to provide an opportunity for comment to as many municipal representatives from the CRCOG region as possible. A brief presentation will be provided to offer more context on the state planning process and this plan update to those in attendance.

We look forward to seeing you on May 18th. If you have any questions in advance of the meeting, please feel free to contact me at 860-522-2217 ext. 219 or ehultquist@crcog.org.