

Comment Date	Chapter	Page	Summarized Comments	Commentator	Responses
8/31/2009	General		The draft Plan is not inconsistent with the Conservation and Development Policies Plan for Connecticut, 2005-2010.	Tyler Kleykamp, CT OPM	No Response Necessary
9/10/2009		51, 56	The draft Plan "embraces smart growth and sustainable community objectives around the central core of the region as it should. ... However, the outer ring municipalities need opportunities to achieve smart growth and sustainable community success as the inner core of the region does. It is important the language of the Regional Plan does not diminish small/rural municipalities opportunities for seeking State funding for various projects." Negative statements such as "Discourage the extension of ..." should be revised to identify in a positive manner the municipal focus areas in small/rural towns so that their requests for state infrastructure assistance can be determined to be in compliance with the Plan.	Peter Hughes, Marlborough	Eliminated word "rural" in policy A2 in Chapter 7; Added "as well as rural" in policy B3 in Chapter 7; Added language to "Statement of Purpose" section of Chapter 5, Page 33
9/15/2009	1) Introduction	2	<b>Table 1.1, Selected Characteristics of the Region:</b> Why don't education levels add up to 100%?	Jennifer Cassidy, Hartford	Will respond to state that several categories "Some College," "No Degree" and "Associates Degree" were omitted (this is also explained in table 2.1 on page 8.
9/21/2009		1	<b>Six Major Themes of Plan:</b> Reword second bullet to state "Support efforts to revitalize the Capitol Region's core cities and towns"	Mike Sedar, RPC Member, West Hartford	Will respond to state that we need to highlight Hartford as the Capitol City and core of the region and that including "other urbanized areas" is intended to address towns as well as the urban core of Hartford
9/21/2009	2) Regional Strengths and Demographics: Trends and Implications	3	<b>Regional Strengths:</b> Not all of the workforce is highly educated and skilled - enforce the need to provide job opportunities for workers with lower skill levels	Mike Sedar, RPC Member, West Hartford	Will respond by stating that this concept is covered in the Economic Development Chapter, Policy Recommendation D3; Added language to this effect within text of Economic Development Chapter
9/14/2009	3) Natural Resource Conservation	23	<b>Natural Resources Features - Restraints to Development Map:</b> Wetland soils in the Town of Vernon appear to be under mapped	Marina Rodriquez, Vernon	Downloaded new layer as well as new Aquifer Protection layer; Incorporated new information into Natural Diversity & Open Space Focus Area Map will work to incorporate into appropriate tables.

9/11/2009		23	<b>Natural Resources Features - Restraints to Development Map:</b> The most recent CT DEP Natural Diversity Database Areas map shows more extensive areas in Canton than what is shown here.	Neil Pade, Canton	Incorporated new Natural Diversity Database information from DEP into relevant maps and tables. In addition incorporated most recent Aquifer protection layer into maps and tables
9/10/2009	<b>4) Watersheds and Water Quality</b>	26	Add that the Salmon River Watershed is one of the most undisturbed watersheds in the state and that towns in the watershed are currently working with the The Nature Conservancy to develop stormwater management guidelines, land use regulations and public works practices to maintain and improve the water quality of the watershed.	Peter Hughes, Marlborough	Added sentence to this effect in "Current Issues" section.
9/14/2009		26	<b>Combined Sewer Overflows</b> - Vernon has separated its CSOs and this is an accomplishment worth noting	Chip Bellows, Vernon PZC	Will respond to state that we will not be listing specific towns.
9/14/2009		28	<b>Goals &amp; Policy Recommendations C: Reduce Nonpoint Source Pollution</b> - Add a recommendation regarding the role municipalities can play through street and road design	Jennifer Cassidy, Hartford	Added recommendation C6.
9/14/2009		29	<b>Goals &amp; Policy Recommendations D: ...CSO and Point Source Pollution...</b> - Add a recommendation to encourage use of green cleaning products in homes, institutions and commercial/ industrial enterprises.	Marina Rodriquez, Vernon	Added recommendation D5.
9/10/2009		29	<b>Goals &amp; Policy Recommendations E: Use Innovative Wastewater Treatment...</b> - Add a recommendation to include working with the CT DPH and DEP to facilitate more timely issuance of on-site system permits because of the negative impacts that time delays and uncertainty of state approval have on development investments.	Peter Hughes, Marlborough	Added recommendation C6 in Chapter 8, Page 57.
9/14/2009	<b>5) Open Space and Farmland Preservation</b>		CRCOG should adopt a common definition for open space and what is included in it.	Chip Bellows, Vernon PZC	Is already addressed in "notes" on land use policy map and land use policy matrix
9/14/2009		34	<b>Table 5.1,</b> Simsbury may have more than 123.2 acres of farmland that are either municipally or land trust preserved.	John Loomis, Simsbury	Included new numbers in tables 5.1 & 5.3

9/11/2009		34 and 36	<b>Tables 5.1 and 5.3</b> - 0.0 acres of preserved farmland in Canton is not accurate (will provide more accurate information).	Neil Pade, Canton	Included new numbers in tables 5.1 & 5.3
9/14/2009		35	Is Connecticut still a leader in mushroom production since Franklin Mushroom moved out of state?	Jennifer Cassidy, Hartford	Researched relevant data and eliminated mushrooms as a key state product
9/14/2009		37	<b>Goals &amp; Policy Recommendation B: Encourage Preservation of Farmland ...</b> - Add a recommendation (similar to the one in A. Support Protection of Open Space), to encourage retention of existing farmland through public and nonprofit acquisition.	John Loomis, Simsbury	Added new recommendation
9/11/2009		39	<b>Open Space and Protected Farmland Map</b> - remove The Shoppes at Farmington Valley (110 Albany Turnpike, shown as Municipal Scale and State Open Space land)from the map. The former golf course is no longer at this site.	Neil Pade, Canton	Made change on Open Space and Farmland Map, Land Use Policy Map and Conservation Focus Area Map
9/15/2009	<b>6) Food System</b>	43	<b>Waste Management</b> - Why is the reference to techniques and benefits of composting food wastes limited to rural locations? When San Francisco began composting their waste volume dropped dramatically.	Jennifer Cassidy, Hartford	Reworded sentence to include other areas
9/21/2009		43	<b>Goals &amp; Policy Recommendation B: Improve Regional Resident's Access to Food Resources</b> - include supporting the increase of urban residents access to urban gardens	Mike Sedar, RPC Memembr, West Hartford	Will include policy recommendation to this effect
9/14/2009	<b>7) Land Use and Zoning</b>	46	Are the land use figures in <b>Table 7.1</b> correct?	Chip Bellows, Vernon PZC	This data is correct; Made modifications to table to make reading data easier
9/10/2009		51	<b>Goals &amp; Policy Recommendations A: Guide Growth ...</b> - Restate policy recommendation #2 in the affirmative: Encourage residential and commercial development in rural areas that is in scale relative to the character and capacity of those areas.	Peter Hughes, Marlborough	Eliminated word "rural" in policy A2

9/10/2009		51	<b>Goals &amp; Policy Recommendations B: Increase Redevelopment...</b> Revise policy recommendation #3 to include rural areas as well as urbanized areas where infrastructure exists and in areas shown on the Municipal Focus Area Map	Peter Hughes, Marlborough	Added "as well as rural" in policy B3
9/11/2009		53	<b>General Zoning Categories and Residential Housing Unit Density Map</b> identifies 110 Albany Turnpike (The Shoppes at Farmington Valley) as "Residentially-Zoned Land"... "0.1-1 (Low Density). This area should be identified as "Commercial Zone".	Neil Pade, Canton	Will include recently finished new zoning layer in zoning map in the Land Use and Zoning Chapter
9/10/2009	<b>8) Public Sewer and Water Service</b>	55	<b>Public Water Service</b> - Revise text to state that the ESA is not obligated to extend water service and may assess each property owner upfront for 90% of the construction costs.	Peter Hughes, Marlborough	Updated information and included all towns not designated to an ESA
9/10/2009		56	<b>Goal &amp; Policy Recommendation A. Ensure ... Water Supply</b> - Because towns may not control ESAs, policy recommendation #2 should be revised to state that the ESA provider should work with small/rural towns to provide water service in the locations desired by the towns.	Peter Hughes, Marlborough	Added language to this effect in "Public Water Service" section, Page 55; updated towns currently unassigned to an ESA.
9/11/2009		56	Include discussions of decentralized sewer systems; the effects on a town's ability to grow due to limitations on phosphorous discharge from wastewater treatment plants; and the relationship between plant capacity and pipeline capacity.	Neil Pade, Canton	Added Policy Recommendation C2 and Policy Recommendation C3
9/10/2009		57	<b>Goal &amp; Policy Recommendation C. Use Existing ... Infrastructure ...</b> - Revise policy recommendation #4 to discourage extensions into areas where the municipalities have not planned public utility service areas by encouraging each town to develop and adopt a public service area map for public water and sewer. Discuss the need to extend utilities into polluted areas.	Peter Hughes, Marlborough	Added new policy recommendation C5; Added language to policy C description.

9/10/2009		57	<b>Goal &amp; Policy Recommendation C. Use Existing ... Infrastructure ...</b> - Revise policy recommendation #5 to include working with DEP and DPH on issuing permits for smaller on-site wastewater treatment systems in a more timely fashion.	Peter Hughes, Marlborough	Added new policy recommendation C7
9/15/2009	<b>9) Transportation</b>	62	Mass Transit - Why is there no mention of the effort for a cross town (N/S) bus?	Jennifer Cassidy, Hartford	Will respond by stating that the N/S bus is important to downtown circulation, it is not one of the specific project initiative in the regional transit strategy, but downtown circulation in general is highlighted in the plan.
9/15/2009		66	Goals & Policy Recommendation A. Provide a Range of ... Transportation Options ... Revise policy recommendations to include the following: "Support the Hartford Transportation pathways strategy Project which is a plan of regional impact aiming to integrate many transportation and pedestrian improvements and transit-oriented development (TOD) initiatives in the area around Hartford's Union Station."	Stephanie Krueel, Hartford	Added policy recommendation D5
9/15/2009	<b>10) Housing</b>	82	<b>Special Housing Needs.</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> column, paragraph that begins 'Once the structural factors are in place, personal factors... Why is there no mention of the people released from prisons that are dropped off in Hartford on a weekly basis? Certainly housing is just one of the challenges this population faces	Jennifer Cassidy, Hartford	Added language to this effect in "Special Housing Needs" section within the sentence mentioned
9/15/2009		82	Also, this section should address the population that is supported by half-way houses which continue to be concentrated in Hartford	Jennifer Cassidy, Hartford	Added language to this effect in "Special Housing Needs" section
8/27/2009	<b>11) Economic Development</b>	89	Call out the "core industries which provide a solid foundation for economic growth."	John Shemo, MetroHartford Alliance	Revised table 11.1 and language to this effect
8/27/2009		89	Include a discussion of the current recession and how well we have faired.	John Shemo, MetroHartford Alliance	Added language to this effect under The City and the Region section
8/27/2009			Discuss educational services and health care which are growing or important sectors in the region.	John Shemo, MetroHartford Alliance	Revised table 11.1 and added language to this effect
8/27/2009		89	revise "urban core" to include the decline seen in inner ring suburbs.	John Shemo, MetroHartford Alliance	Added language to this effect

8/27/2009		90	Revise the 1st sentence to state that "Rentschler Field became the home field of the University of Connecticut Huskies football program and Cabela's in 2007.	John Shemo, MetroHartford Alliance	Added language to this effect in "The City and The Region" section
9/15/2009		90	The <b>Key Competitive Advantages</b> box highlights "educated, skilled & productive workforce" but the <b>Barriers to Global Competition</b> box highlights, "A mismatch between the skills of the residents and the workforce needs of businesses." This is confusing - how can it be both?	Jennifer Cassidy, Hartford	Left as is - these challenges and advantages came from the Metro-Hartford millenium project
8/27/2009		90	<b>Strengths and Weaknesses</b> - Information is outdated; update using CEDS.	Rebecca Nolan, MetroHartford Alliance	Respond by stating that this section does tie older CEDS document to 2006 CEDS
8/27/2009		90	Change "MetroHartford Alliance and its predecessor organizations" to " ... organization."	John Shemo, MetroHartford Alliance	Made change
8/27/2009		90	Last paragraph: Change "efforts are underway" to "efforts have been in place"	John Shemo, MetroHartford Alliance	Made change
8/27/2009		91	Revise last sentence to note that the Hartford-Springfield Economic partnership "has come together and has marketed the region."	Rebecca Nolan, MetroHartford Alliance	Revised language to this effect
8/27/2009		91 +	Use "New England's Knowledge Corridor" throughout.	Rebecca Nolan, MetroHartford Alliance	Made change
8/27/2009		91	Include education and health services among the growth sectors	John Shemo, MetroHartford Alliance	Revised table 11.1 and added language to this effect
8/27/2009		92	<b>Table 11.1: Employment by Industry...</b> - Add Education, Health Services and Leisure sectors	John Shemo, MetroHartford Alliance	Revised table 11.1 and added language to this effect
8/27/2009		92	<b>Alternative Budget Sources</b> - Consider discussing the ongoing testimony on EDDs.	Rebecca Nolan, MetroHartford Alliance	Revised table 11.1 and added language to this effect
8/27/2009		93	First paragrapgh - revise 3rd sentence to state that Connecticut Science Center <b>opened</b> in spring of 2009 (Add 1st months attendance?)	John Shemo and Rebecca Nolan, MetroHartford Alliance	Added language to this effect
8/27/2009		93	Replace photograph of Bulkley Bridge with one of Science Center.	Rebecca Nolan, MetroHartford Alliance	Added photo of Connecticut Science Center
8/27/2009		93	<b>Goals &amp; Policy Recommendations A. Revitalize Hartford ...</b> Revise policy recommendation #3 to include testimony for EDD.	Rebecca Nolan, MetroHartford Alliance	Added language to this effect under Municipal Tax Issues section; Replaced word "intermunicipal with "regional" in Policy Recommendation E2 and E5

8/27/2009		93	<b>Goals &amp; Policy Recommendations A. Revitalize Hartford</b> ... Revise policy recommendation #4 to read, "Support public relations and media campaigns to promote tourism and industry in Hartford and Capitol Region."	John Shemo, MetroHartford Alliance	Added language to this effect
8/27/2009		94	<b>Goals &amp; Policy Recommendations C. ... Regional Identity</b> - Remove reference to Hartford Image Project and Rising Star graphic . Instead, state that MetroHartford Alliance continues to promote the region's assests to encourage business development.	John Shemo and Rebecca Nolan, MetroHartford Alliance	Removed "Hartford, New England's Rising Star" image; Added language to this effect
8/27/2009		94	<b>Goals &amp; Policy Recommendations C. ... Regional Identity</b> - Revise last sentence to read: " It is believed that this identity and the partnership across the Connecticut-Massachusetts border is fostering a region ... "	John Shemo and Rebecca Nolan, MetroHartford Alliance	Added language to this effect
8/27/2009		94	<b>Goals &amp; Policy Recommendations D. ...Workforce Development</b> - Contains outdated information. Because regional data are no longer available, revise introductory paragraph to include more current rankings for the state such as those provided in the 2008 State New Economy Index.	John Shemo and Rebecca Nolan, MetroHartford Alliance	Revised description of policy D to reflect new information
8/27/2009		95	<b>Goals &amp; Policy Recommendations D. ...Workforce Development</b> - Mention efforts made such as Hartford Inc., magnet schools, associate degree programs. Under the policy recommendation #1, include efforts to support demand driven education. Under policy recommendation #2, mention HYPE. Under policy recommendation #5, define technology training. Add a policy recommendation #9: Support intern programs.	John Shemo, MetroHartford Alliance	Added language under description of policy D; Added language to policy recommendation D1; Added language to policy recommendation D2;
8/27/2009		95	<b>Footnote:</b> Should the term cluster be used?	Rebecca Nolan, MetroHartford Alliance	Determined that term cluster would still be used based upon its current use in other publications
8/27/2009		95	Consider discussing MetroHartford Alliance's Health Care Initiative.	Rebecca Nolan, MetroHartford Alliance	Added policy goal E

8/27/2009		96	<b>Goals &amp; Policy Recommendations E. Support ... Business Development ...</b> - Revise policy recommendation #2 to state, " Support regional efforts to attract, retain and expand business particularly in insurance, health care, financial service, aerospace, precision machining, distribution and logistics, and information technology industries.	John Shemo, MetroHartford Alliance	Added language to this effect, page 95
8/27/2009		95	<b>Goals &amp; Policy Recommendations E. Support ... Business Development ...</b> - Replace "intermunicipal" with "regional" in policy recommendation #5.	John Shemo, MetroHartford Alliance	Made change
9/21/2009		91	<b>Municipal Tax Issues and Zoning Connections</b> - Add language on encouraging local governments to collaborate on development	Mike Sedar, RPC Member, West Hartford	Will respond by stating that this concept is addressed in Chapter 11 under Municipal Tax Issues and Zoning Connections and in Policy Recommendation E5
9/21/2009		93	<b>Goals &amp; Policy Recommendations B. Coordinate and Promote Regional Land Use, Infrastructure, and Fiscal Policies for Economic Development</b> - Include supporting municipal use of enterprise zones and industry tax credits	Mike Sedar, RPC Member, West Hartford	Included language to this effect in policy recommendation E2
	<b>12) Achieving the Balance: A Guide to the Region's Future</b>				
	<b>Appendix: Municipal Focus Areas</b>				
9/14/2009	Land Use Policy Map	Maps	Vernon - Add Talcottville Historic District to be consistent with the focus area matrix and narrative	Marina Rodriquez, Vernon	Added area to map
9/11/2009		Maps & 39	Canton - Change 110 Albany Turnpike (The Shoppes at Farmington Valley) from Existing Open Space to Middle Intensity Development Area - 2	Neil Pade, Canton	Made change to Land Use Policy Map; will change Conservation Focus Areas Map and Open Space & Farmland Preservation Map

9/11/2009		33,37	Avon - some undeveloped lands shown as Priority Conservation Areas may not be able to be conserved, or conserved in their entirety, due to various factors (including current zoning designation, private ownership, high land value, location along planned sewer extensions). The designation as Priority Conservation Area in the Plan and the potential it has to be incorporated into the State Plan of Conservation and Development raises concerns about the town's ability to service these properties in the future.	Steven Kusher and Richard Hines, Avon	Added language to "Statement of Purpose" section in Chapter 5, Page 33; Added language to policy A description, Chapter 5, Page 37; Added language to policy recommendation A1, Page 37
9/15/2009		Maps	Hartford - many of the properties designated as open space are schools and senior centers. These should be changed to reflect the land uses of adjacent properties.	Stephanie Krueel, Hartford	Will change land use designation of school properties from open space to development intensity category that primarily surrounds the each property.
9/16/2009		112	Wethersfield - Add the following as Municipal Focus Areas: the Berlin Turnpike in its entirety; the Silas Deane Highway, in its entirety; Millwoods Park; 176 Cumberland Avenue and the adjoining properties to the east and west. Expand the Wethersfield Historic district Municipal Focus Area to follow the boundary of the Historic District.	Peter Gillespie and PZC, Wethersfield	Added language on municipal focus areas to narrative in Appendix, Page 112
	Land Use Policy Matrix				
9/14/2009	Conservation Focus Areas	Maps	Vernon - Add Talcottville Historic District to be consistent with the focus area matrix and narrative	Marina Rodriquez, Vernon	Added area on Land Use Policy Map and Conservation Focus Area Map
9/11/2009		Maps, 105	Canton - Add areas identified on most recent CT DEP NDDB map and the Avon Water Company Secret Lake Well Field aquifer protection area in the southeast part of Canton to the sensitive areas layer.	Neil Pade, Canton	Added area on Municipal Focus Areas Map; add area to Municipal Focus Area Narrative; will download and incorporated updates to NDDB layer
9/16/2009		Maps	Wethersfield - the Balf property in the northwest part of town is shown as a Priority Conservation Area but is located in the Business Park zone and was noted in the town's POCD as one of three major industrially zoned parcels available for future development.	Peter Gillespie and PZC, Wethersfield	Added area on map to reflect higher development intensity priority instead of CRCOG Priority Conservation Area designation
9/14/2009	Economic Development Areas of Regional Significance	Map	Sewer & Water Service Areas are on the legend but do not show on the map.	Marina Rodriquez, Vernon	Made color darker for sewer and water services areas

9/11/2009	Municipal Focus Area Map	Maps, Matrix, 105	Canton - Add Collinsville as a Village Green; add the Dyer Avenue neighborhood south of Route 44 as a Traditional Neighborhood Development; add other open space areas in the northwest part of town; consider showing the entirety of the Farmington Valley Rail Trail in all the towns it passes through.	Neil Pade, Canton	Added Canton Green, Northwest open space and Dyer Neighborhood to Municipal Focus Area Map; Towns show areas where they are actively focusing on development and conservation efforts which may be the reason why the entire Farmington Valley trail is not shown; Added TND symbol on Municipal Focus Area Matrix
9/16/2009		Maps, 113	Wethersfield - Add the following as Municipal Focus Areas: the Berlin Turnpike in its entirety; the Silas Deane Highway, in its entirety; Millwoods Park; 176 Cumberland Avenue and the adjoining properties to the east and west. Expand the Wethersfield Historic district Municipal Focus Area to follow the boundary of the Historic District.	Peter Gillespie and PZC, Wethersfield	Added two new municipal focus areas to narrative; made corrections to text for other focus areas; Added two new municipal focus areas to municipal focus area map
9/17/2009		Maps, 104	Avon - Add Old Farms Road, Thompson Road and Scoville Road Project as an area of municipal focus	Steve Kushner, Avon	Added this area of focus
9/17/2009		Maps, 104	Avon - Add Avon Old Farms School as an area of municipal focus	Steve Kushner, Avon	Added this area of focus
9/14/2009	Municipal Focus Area Town Narratives	108	For Hartford, under the transit-oriented development discussion (3rd paragraph), there should be a mention of the HUB of Hartford effort.	Jennifer Cassidy, Hartford	Will respond by stating that while the plan does not mention this specific initiative, it does cover many other important transit and land use planning initiatives in the city
9/9/2009		110	For Simsbury, Weatogue is misspelled (2nd paragraph).	Hiram Peck, Simsbury	Corrected spelling error
9/14/2009		111	For Vernon, Rockville should be described as the downtown area with mixed uses such as retail, business, office, institutional and residential.	Marina Rodriquez, Vernon	Added language to Municipal Focus Area narrative for Vernon
9/14/2009		Maps, Matrix 111	For Vernon, add the following economic development target area: Planned Development Zone - Gerber Farm Area	Marina Rodriquez and Chip Bellows, Vernon	Added this area to Municipal Focus Area Narrative in Appendix, Page 111; Added area to Municipal Focus Area Map and Municipal Focus Area layer on Land Use Policy Map and Conservation Focus Area Map; Added mixed use symbol on Municipal Focus Area Matrix
9/14/2009		Maps, Matrix 111	For Vernon, add the following economic development target area: Planned Development Zone - Exit 67 Area.	Marina Rodriquez, Vernon	Added this area to Municipal Focus Area Narrative in Appendix, Page 111; Added area to Municipal Focus Area Map and Municipal Focus Area layer on Land Use Policy Map and Conservation Focus Area Map; Added mixed use symbol on Municipal Focus Area Matrix