

Branford Citizens for Responsible Development

Dear Friend:

You have heard a lot about the new Plan of Conservation and Development, which by state statute the Town must adopt this year. The draft plan has been released and is available on the Town website, branford-ct.gov. The link is on the lower left corner of the home page. If you want a paper copy, there is one on file at the Planning and Zoning office, but if you want your own, you should call (203) 488-1255 and prepare yourself for a substantial charge.

There will be a public information meeting Wednesday, June 13, 7:00-9:00 p.m., at the Blackstone Library. As far as we can tell, this will be the next to last chance for public input! A formal public hearing will be held later in the summer, but if you have concerns, the sooner they are voiced, the more likely they will be considered or incorporated. To ensure that everyone gets a chance to talk, there might be time limits at the meeting, so plan to be brief. If you have a lot to say, you can submit it writing. If you can't make it to the meeting, you can **send comments to pocd@branford-ct.gov before June 13.**

The draft plan addresses many issues: sea level rise, open space conservation, economic development, zoning, housing, the town center, Route One development, pedestrian and bicycle safety, and more. In some respects, it might seem too vague to offer support for improving the quality of development in Branford; in other respects, there are some encouraging themes. We urge you to read it, form your own reactions, and voice your opinions. Keep in mind what you would like Branford to be like in the next ten years and whether the plan steers us in that direction.

Thank you for your interest!

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