



STEERING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION SC04-2012 – REVISED GOALS AND MILESTONES

WHEREAS, Section 5.3.2 of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) states that the Steering Committee is responsible for drafting overarching goals and major milestones for the Planning Program, providing an opportunity for public review of and comment on the draft goals and milestones, and recommending a final set of goals and milestones to the Consortium principal representatives for adoption; and

WHEREAS, Resolution CS06 -2011, adopted by the Steering Committee on September 16, 2011, established draft overarching goals and major milestones for the Planning program; and

WHEREAS, the draft overarching goals and major milestones were publicly reviewed during the first round of town hall meetings held from November 2011 through March 2012 and comments were received and reviewed by the Steering Committee; and

WHEREAS, based on the comments received during this public review, the Steering Committee has revised the draft overarching goals and major milestones.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Steering Committee recommends that the revised overarching goals and major milestones which appear in Attachment 1 of this resolution be adopted by the Consortium principals.

ADOPTED: June 8, 2012

“I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of Steering Committee Resolution SC04-2012, Revised Goals and Milestones, and was motioned by Floyd Lapp, representing the Southwestern Regional Planning Agency and was second by Alanna Kabel, representing the City of Bridgeport. This resolution was adopted and passed unanimously by the Steering Committee on the above mentioned date.”

Chris Jones, Steering Committee Secretary

ATTACHMENT 1

NEW YORK-CONNECTICUT SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING PROGRAM

REVISED OVERARCHING GOALS AND MAJOR MILESTONES

GOAL 1: ALIGN THE EXISTING REGIONAL PLANS OF THE CONSORTIUM MEMBERS WITH EACH OTHER AND WITH THE FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL POLICIES THAT ARE ESSENTIAL TO THEIR IMPLEMENTATION.

Objectives for Goal 1:

- a. Identify specific gaps between the elements of existing sustainability plans and the regional goals represented by the livability principles of providing more transportation choices, promoting equitable, affordable housing, enhancing economic competitiveness, supporting existing communities, coordinating policies, leveraging investments and supporting existing communities.
- b. Integrate and enhance existing sustainability plans.
- c. Promote more efficient regulatory processes
- d. Create a coordinated planning process that more fully engages all members of the communities.
- e. Adopt an Execution Plan for Regional Sustainable Development.

Major Milestone for Goal 1: Adopt an Execution Plan for Regional Sustainable Development by December 2013.

GOAL 2: CREATE A NETWORK OF ENGAGED GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, CIVIC AND COMMUNITY LEADERS, BUSINESS LEADERS, ENTREPRENEURS, PLANNERS AND PRIVATE CITIZENS THAT CUTS ACROSS GEOGRAPHIC, RACIAL, ETHNIC, INCOME AND PROGRAMMATIC BOUNDARIES.

Objectives for Goal 2:

- a. Create effective communication tools.
- b. Develop and maintain active committees of diverse stakeholders.

- c. Effectively engage residents in determining desired outcomes, collaborating in project planning and implementing recommendations.

Major Milestone for Goal 2: Conduct initial regional town meetings by December 2011 and second round by December 2012.

GOAL 3: PROVIDE ANALYSIS THAT WILL HELP CONNECT FAIR HOUSING POLICY TO PLACE-BASED, TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

Objectives for Goal 3:

- a. Increase availability of affordable housing in transit-supportive locations.
- b. Reduce regional impediments to access affordable housing.
- c. Provide information and data that can be applied to county and municipal analyses of impediments.
- d. Develop and begin to implement a Fair Share Housing Action Strategy for Long Island.

Major Milestones for Goal 3: Produce Regional Fair Housing and Equity Assessment by May 2013.

GOAL 4: DEVELOP STRATEGIES AND TOOLS TO IMPROVE RESILIENCE WITH REGARD TO SEVERE STORMS AND COASTAL FLOODING IN AREAS MOST VULNERABLE TO THE EFFECTS OF PROJECTED CLIMATE CHANGE AND SEA LEVEL RISE.

Objectives for Goal 4:

- a. Define guidance and design standards for critical infrastructure to help inform protection needs for unique large facilities such as power plants and wastewater treatment facilities.
- b. Develop an information base and process for risk-based cost-benefit assessment to help prioritize policy and investment decisions.
- c. Launch a community engagement process that will bring together multiple community stakeholders to assess vulnerabilities to climate risks and inform local planning efforts.
- d. Advance new zoning and/or building code regulations to improve climate resilience.
- e. Disseminate best practices to coastal communities throughout the region.

Major Milestone for Goal 4: Identify and document best practices that can be adopted by other Consortium members, and draft recommendations

for the Execution Plan for Regional Sustainable Development by May 2013.

GOAL 5: THROUGH “PLACE-BASED” AND CORRIDOR-LEVEL PLANNING PROJECTS, DEVELOP NEW CENTERS OF MIXED INCOME HOUSING AND JOBS IN TRANSIT-ACCESSIBLE AND ENERGY-EFFICIENT LOCATIONS CONSISTENT WITH EXISTING REGIONAL PLANS AND ULTIMATELY REFLECTED IN THE EXECUTION PLAN FOR REGIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.

Objectives for Goal 5:

- a. In the state of Connecticut, undertake “place-based” planning projects along the New Haven Line in the cities of New Haven, Bridgeport, Norwalk and Stamford.
- b. In the state of New York, undertake “place-based” planning projects along the New Haven Line in the City of New Rochelle and the borough of the Bronx and along the Long Island Rail Road Main Line in the borough of Brooklyn and the counties of Nassau and Suffolk.
- c. In the state of New York, undertake corridor-level issues scans and/or corridor profiles in the lower Hudson valley along the Cross County Parkway Corridor and Tappan Zee Bridge/Interstate 287 Corridor.
- d. Consistent with the livability principles of the Sustainable Communities Partnership, these planning projects will seek to maximize and balance the following outcomes:
 - Create jobs and small business opportunities
 - Promote housing choices that are affordable to a broad range of incomes and that are accessible to job centers, quality schools, health care, retail and services
 - Improve pedestrian environments and public safety
 - Benefit existing residents and businesses and minimize displacement
 - Respect private property rights
 - Increase transit options
 - Involve local officials and residents
 - Encourage more regional collaboration
 - Promote an appropriate level of density in places served by existing infrastructure

Major Milestone for Goal 5: Completion of all “place-based” and corridor-level planning projects by October 2013.