



Draft Steering Committee Resolution SC06-2011 – Draft Planning Program Overarching Goals and Major Milestones

WHEREAS, Section 5.3.2 of the Memorandum of Agreement between the members of the New York-Connecticut Sustainable Communities Consortium states that, among its first activities, the Steering Committee will undertake the “drafting [of] overarching goals and major milestones for the [Sustainable Communities] 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, the Steering Committee wishes to begin to fill this responsibility by issuing draft overarching goals and milestones for the Planning Program for public review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Steering Committee adopts the attached draft overarching goals and major milestones for the Sustainable Communities Planning Program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Steering Committee will undertake a public comment period for the draft overarching goals and major milestones and will consider input received prior to recommending a final set of overarching goals and major milestones to the Consortium principal representatives for adoption. This review period will include an initial set of regional town hall meetings to be scheduled for the fall of 2012.

ADOPTED: September 16, 2011

“I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of Steering Committee Resolution SC06-2011, Advisory Subcommittees and was motioned by Gerry Bogacz representing the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council and was second by Brian Bidolli, representing Greater Bridgeport Regional Council. This resolution was adopted and passed unanimously by the Steering Committee on the above mentioned date.”

Chris Jones, Steering Committee Secretary

NEW YORK-CONNECTICUT SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLANNING PROGRAM

DRAFT 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. Create a coordinated planning process that more fully engages all members of the communities.
- d. 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.

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 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.

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