



Plan of Conservation  
and Development  
Advisory Committee  
Meeting #5  
April 10th, 2025

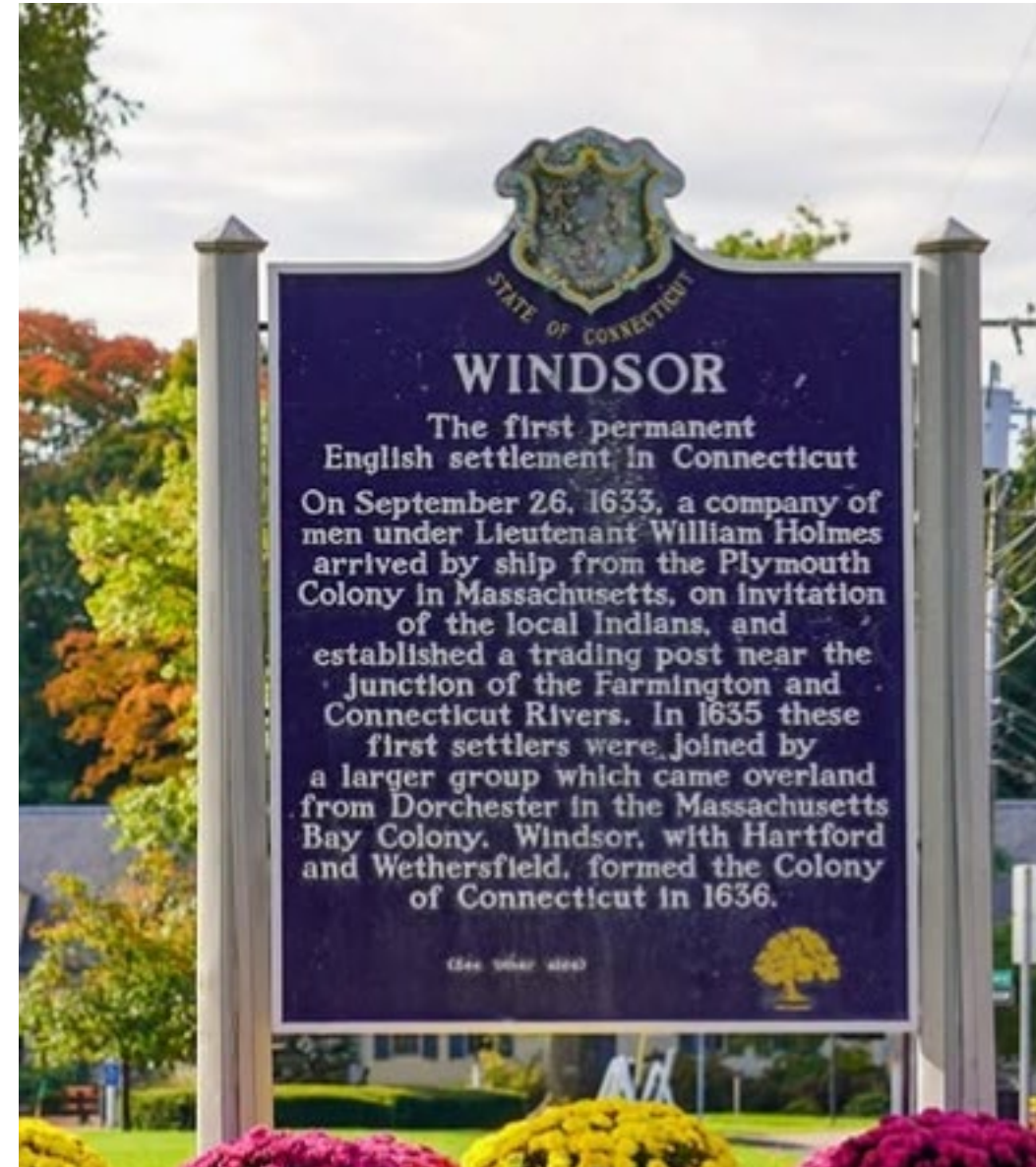




# Agenda

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1. Engagement Update
2. Review and Discussion of Mobility and Infrastructure
3. Review and Discussion of Quality of Life
4. Next Steps



# Engagement Update



# Online Survey is Live!

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- Targeted questions highlighting demographics, trends, and plan topics
- Anonymous input from residents who may not otherwise take part in the planning process
- 400 responses to date



## **Windsor 2035 Plan of Conservation and Development**

Welcome to the Windsor 2035 Community Survey!

The purpose of this survey is to collect information to assist the Town with its update to the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD), known as Windsor 2035. The plan covers areas such as economic development, housing, transportation, infrastructure, open space, environment, and municipal services.

The Town would like your thoughts on how Windsor should grow and change in the future. Your response to this survey will help in updating the POCD. This is an opportunity for everyone in the community to decide how to guide change over the coming decade. By participating in this survey, you will be contributing to this effort. The survey should take approximately 5-10 minutes to complete. Thank you!



# Focus Groups and Stakeholder Interviews

- In the process of scheduling Focus Group Meetings
  - Tentative dates in May and early June
- We will schedule virtual stakeholder interviews after Focus Group Meetings are scheduled
  - Town Council Representatives (1 or 2 would be good, probably not all)
  - DPW
  - Police Department
  - Fire Department, Emergency Services
  - Board of Ed/ Superintendent
  - CRCOG
  - Housing Authority
  - Emergency Services/Social Services
  - State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)



# Developing the Plan

Review of  
Plans and  
Studies

Review of  
Trends and  
Conditions

Community  
Input

## Vision

- Windsor's values
- What the Town will strive toward
- Desires and aspirations of the community

## Goals

- Commitments towards achieving the vision
- Desired outcomes

## Strategies

- Methods for achieving goals

## Actions

- Specific steps taken as part of a larger strategy

*Windsor is committed to building a thriving, inclusive community that blends its rich history with sustainable growth. We will expand affordable housing options for seniors and families, improve home quality, and prioritize energy efficiency. Our streets will be safer and more accessible, with better sidewalks, bike paths, and public transit connections. A vibrant town center will support local businesses, celebrate arts and culture, and offer engaging public events. By preserving historic charm, protecting natural resources, and promoting environmental sustainability, Windsor will remain a welcoming place where residents of all ages can live, work, and thrive.*

# Mobility and Infrastructure Discussion

A paved path leads through a wooded area with autumn foliage. The path is dark and smooth, curving slightly to the right. On the left side of the path, there is a wooden guardrail. The trees and bushes are covered in yellow, orange, and brown leaves, indicating it is autumn. The sky is blue with some white clouds. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

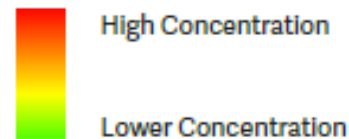


# Mobility and Infrastructure

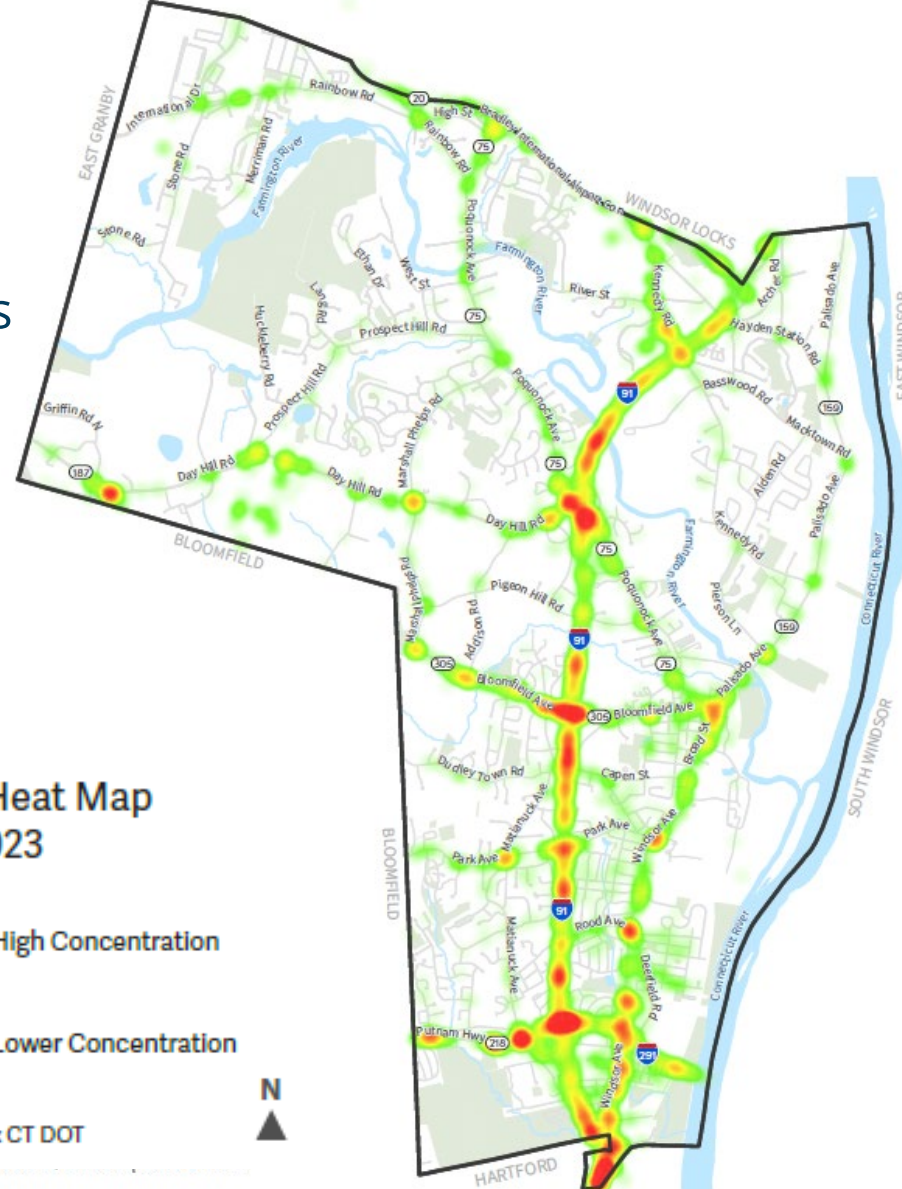
## Crash Activity Hot Spots

- I-91 and On/Off Ramps
- State Roadways and Major Roads
  - RT 75 – Poquonock Ave
  - RT 159 – Palisado Ave
  - RT 305 – Bloomfield Ave
  - RT 218 - Putnam Hwy
  - Day Hill Road
- Intersections

Crash Heat Map  
2019-2023



Data Source: CT DOT



# Mobility and Infrastructure

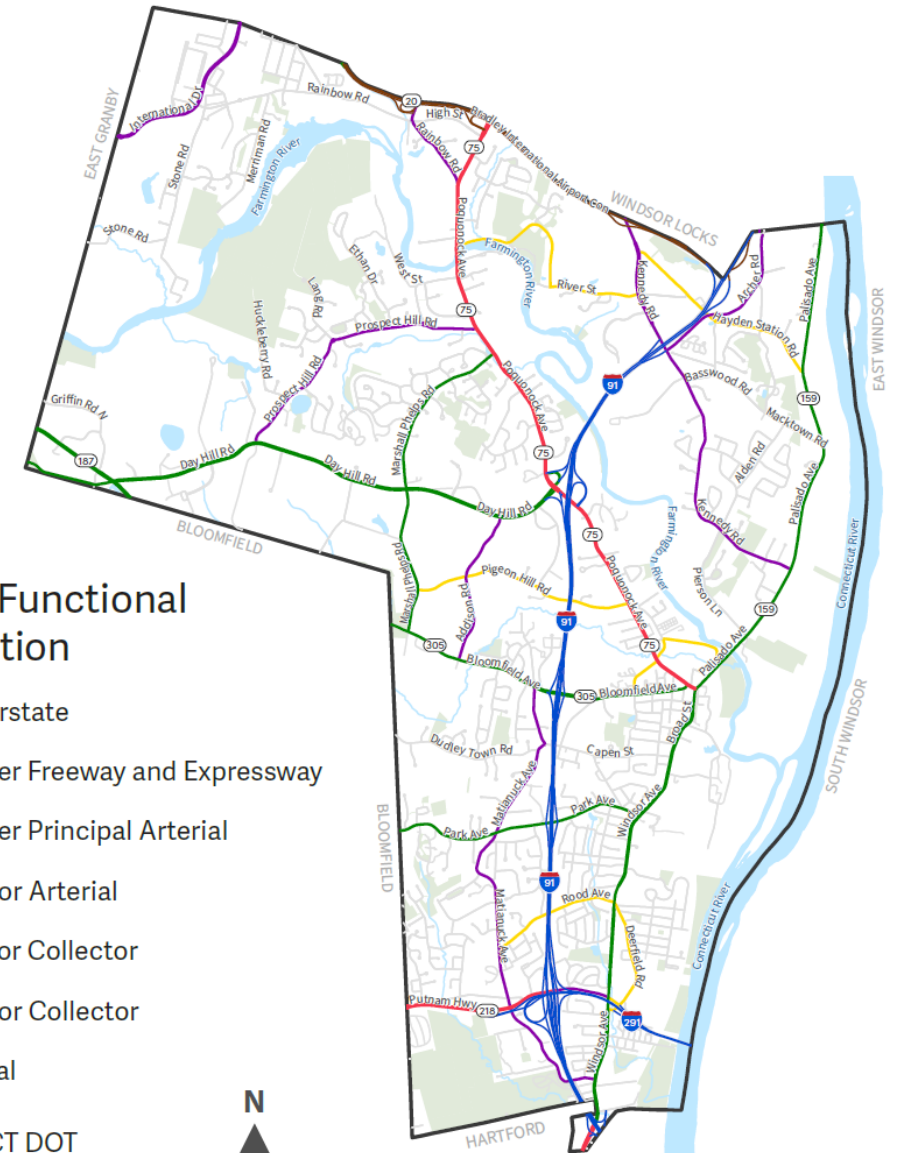
## Roadway Classifications

- **Arterials:** provide the highest level of mobility, connecting major urban centers and facilitating long-distance travel. These include Interstates and principal arterials.
- **Collectors:** serve as links between local roads and arterials, balancing access and mobility. They collect traffic from local roads and channel it to the arterial system.
- **Local Roads:** prioritize access to adjacent land over mobility, serving residential areas, small businesses, and local trips.

### Roadway Functional Classification

- Interstate
- Other Freeway and Expressway
- Other Principal Arterial
- Minor Arterial
- Major Collector
- Minor Collector
- Local

Data Source: CT DOT



# Average Daily Traffic

## High Traffic Volumes on:

- After I-91 and I-291, Route 20 (Bradley International Airport Connector) carries the most traffic in Town.

## Moderate Volumes on:

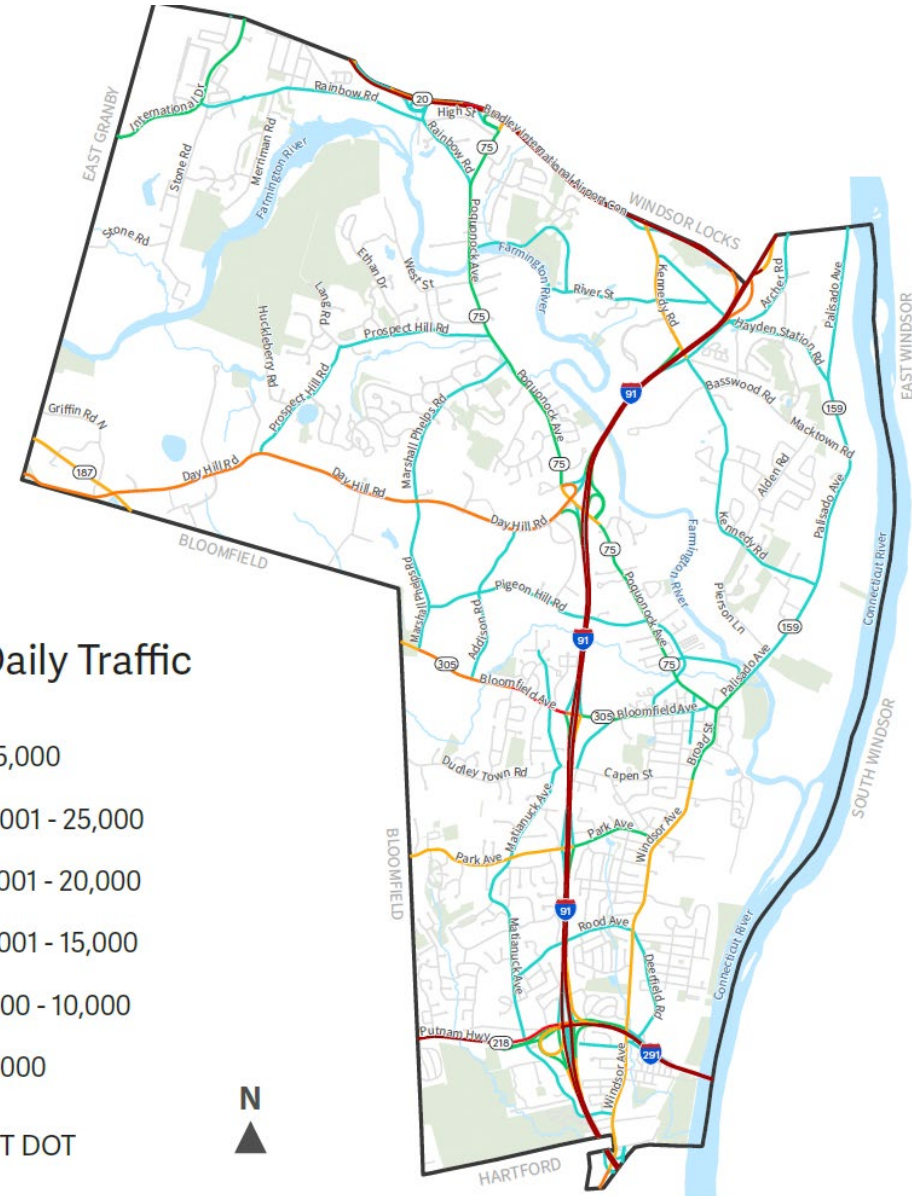
- Day Hill Road
- Park Avenue
- Windsor Avenue
- Bloomfield Avenue – RT 305
- Putnam Hwy – RT 218

## Low Traffic Volumes on local roads

### Average Daily Traffic



Data Source: CT DOT





# Transit Mobility

## CTtransit Routes

- Route 24 – Windsor-Bradley Int'l Airport
- Route 30 – Bradley Flyer
- Route 32 – Windsor Avenue
- Route 34 – Kennedy Road
- Route 36 – Windsor-Day Hill Road
- Route 40 – Wilson Park and Ride
- Route 905 – Enfield-Windsor Locks Express

## Windsor Senior Transportation

- Dial-a-Ride Service



## Commuting and Mobility

- Mean commute time is below the State’s
- Amtrak, Hartford Line Train Service
- *CTtransit* service
- Windsor Center River Trail
- Northwest Park Trails
- Windsor Meadows State Park

### Access

ACS, 2019–2023

Mean Commute Time \*  
No Access to a Car  
No Internet Access

WindsorState

21 min26 min

534

9%

7%

### Commute Mode

Public Transport  
Walking or Cycling  
Driving  
Working From Home \*

233

3%

3%

78

80%

14

14%

### Public Transit

*CTtransit* Service  
Other Public Bus Operations  
Train Service

Hartford metro, Express  
-  
Amtrak, Hartford Line

\* 5 year estimates include pre-pandemic data

2025 Town Profile

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## Windsor, Connecticut

### Labor Force

CT Department of Labor, 2024

Windsor

State

Employed

16,046

1,842,285

Unemployed

567

67,181

Unemployment Rate

3

4%

Self-Employment Rate\*

7

10%

\*ACS, 2019–2023

### Catchment Areas of 15mi, 30mi, and 60mi



# Community Feedback

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## Key Themes:

### **Safety & Accessibility**

- Address speeding concerns to improve roadway safety
- Enhance ADA accessibility to ensure equitable mobility for all users
- Implement traffic calming measures in high-risk areas
- Improve truck traffic safety, especially around Day Hill

### **Pedestrian & Bicycle Infrastructure**

- Fill sidewalk gaps to create a continuous pedestrian network
- Add more crosswalks and enhance visibility at crossings
- Develop protected bike lanes to encourage safe cycling

### **Transit & Multimodal Options**

- Expand micro transit and circulator bus services for local connectivity
- Improve train frequency and CT Transit routing for better regional access
- Promote carpooling options to reduce congestion

### **Sustainable Transportation**

- Install solar canopies over parking lots to generate clean energy
- Add EV charging stations and transition to an electric vehicle fleet

### **Parking & Downtown Access**

- Address parking availability and management issues in the Downtown



*Expand transportation options and infrastructure to improve mobility and accessibility for all residents. Prioritize upgrades to transportation networks, utilities, and public facilities to create a resilient, sustainable community capable of meeting both current and future needs.*

## Strategy 1: Encourage transportation infrastructure improvements that improve the accessibility and safety for all users and enhance transportation sustainability.

1. Develop a comprehensive plan to evaluate the pedestrian access network throughout the Town and complete segments of missing sidewalks.
2. Provide improvements to pedestrian crossings as needed including crosswalk markings, signage, signal enhancements, and lighting enhancements.
3. Implement traffic calming measures and continue enforcement to reduce speeding.
4. Provide appropriate bicycle facilities (shared roadway, bicycle lanes, etc.), as feasible, when road improvements (such as resurfacing) are undertaken.
5. Set aside funds for the establishment of bicycle routes, where appropriate (with pavement markings and signage as needed).
6. Ensure that sidewalks and pedestrian crossings are ADA accessible and remove any barriers to accessibility through ongoing maintenance.
7. Continue to foster strong partnerships with CT DOT, DECD, CRCOG, and other local and regional partners to implement a well-balanced and sustainable multimodal transportation system.
8. Consider developing a Complete Streets Policy to guide transportation improvements.
9. Parking considerations?

## Strategy 2: Support the expansion and improvement of transit services across Windsor and the region.



1. Work with CTtransit to identify improvements to increase accessibility and service on intra- and inter-town transit routes.
2. Upgrade bus shelters through CTDOT's bus stop enhancement program.
3. Coordinate with CTtransit to maintain and expand transit and paratransit services and access, particularly to older adults and disabled population in the town.
4. Action related to the train station?



# Strategy 3: Reduce dependency on fossil fuels in transportation and support sustainable forms of transportation.

1. Continue to transition the municipal fleet to electric vehicles.
2. Continue to pursue grant opportunities for installing electric vehicle charging stations at municipal sites and commercial areas.
3. Work with major employers in the Town to avoid the use of single occupancy vehicles through carpooling, ride sharing, biking/walking to work, and using transit service.

# Strategy 4: Maintain and Enhance Utility Infrastructure

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1. Continue to work with the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) to improve and expand public water supply and public sewer service to residents and businesses.
2. Explore potential for placement of powerlines underground when opportunities present themselves.

# Strategy 5: Reduce flooding along the Town's major roadways and in neighborhoods and commercial areas



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1. Continue ongoing maintenance and clean-outs of municipal catch basins.
2. Address the drainage needs through infrastructure improvements and better planning for future drainage needs.
3. Perform engineering studies to determine the best way to protect infrastructure subject to extreme flooding and allocate funding to implement the recommendations.
4. Implement the Best Management Practices of the 2017 Windsor Stormwater Management Plan.



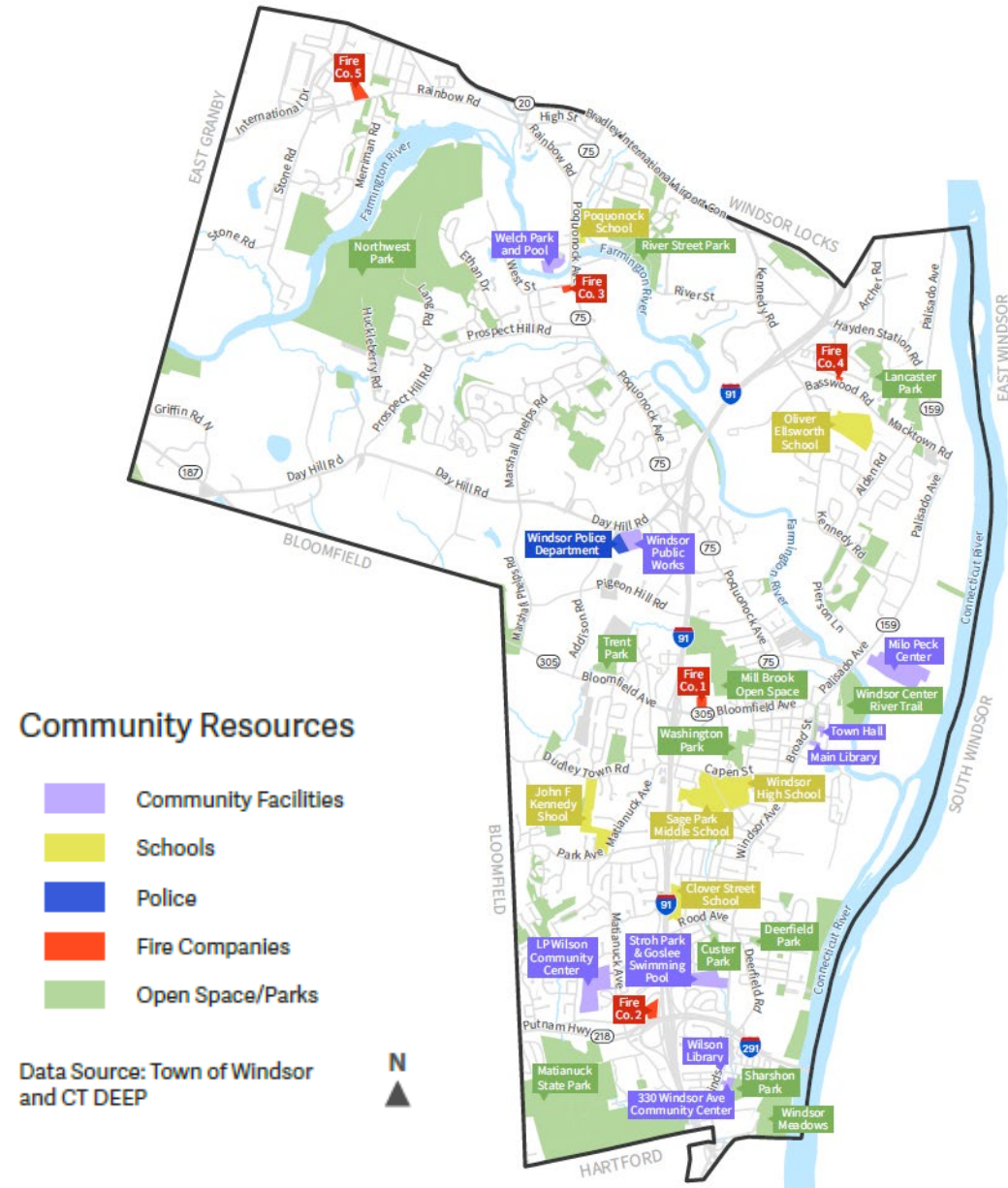
# Quality of Life



# Public Facilities

## Many Facilities!

- Community Facilities
- Schools
- Police, Fire, and Emergency Services
- Open Space and Parks





# Community Resources

## Milo Peck Child Development Center

This facility is home to the Windsor Montessori School, which is an accredited program serving children 18 months to 6 years old. The Town also has a Parent Resource Center in this building.

## Windsor Food Bank:

The Windsor Food Bank operates at the L.P. Wilson Community Center and assists Windsor residents who are experiencing a crisis or who have a limited income.

## Senior Services:

Windsor's Senior Center is located in the L.P. Wilson Community Center. The Town offers a variety of recreation, preventative care, social and transportation programs, as well as a lunch program for seniors.

## Adult Education Program:

The Adult Education program serves the educational needs of adult Windsor residents through several evening programs offered each spring and fall at Windsor High School and the L.P. Wilson Community Center.

## Community Centers:

Windsor is home to The L.P. Wilson Community Center on Matianuck Avenue as well as the Community Center at 330 Windsor Avenue. The L.P. Wilson Community Center performing arts, ceramics and senior citizen programs, and provides meeting rooms. The Community Center at 330 Windsor Avenue hosts many recreation programs, the Police Athletic League and the Caring Connection Adult Day Health Center.

## Shad Derby:

The Shad Derby is an annual festival sponsored by the Windsor Shad Fest Bureau in May on the Town Green.



Annual Shad Derby



Event at Town Hall Green



Volunteering at Washington Park



Windsor Food and Fuel Bank



# Community Feedback

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## Key Themes:

### **Community Identity & Character**

- Concerns about losing the small-town feel and character
- Civic pride and promoting Windsor as the heart of the community
- Emphasizing historic architecture as a town highlight

### **Town Center & Economic Vitality**

- Addressing vacancies in the Town Center
- Need for more retail and local shops in the Town Center
- More employment opportunities for youth and local residents

### **Family & Youth Services**

- Need for more daycare and childcare options
- More resources and programs for kids and students

- Programs and facilities for teens
- Access to pools and other recreational spaces

### **Senior Housing & Affordable Housing**

- Need for more senior affordable housing

### **Town Services & Infrastructure**

- Great library, EMS services, and town facilities
- Evaluate community spaces and identify needs
- Need for more parking at town facilities
- Make the town website more user-friendly and ensure the public events calendar is up to date

### **Community Engagement & Events**

- More activities and public events to foster community interaction
- Promoting the excellent school district as an asset

*Deliver high-quality, fiscally responsible community services and facilities that adapt to the evolving needs of residents, supporting individuals and families at every stage of life. Prioritize accessible resources for children, teens, seniors, and families, while fostering a vibrant, inclusive Town Center and promoting civic pride.*

# Strategy 1: Ensure that Windsor continues to adequately serve its residents, property owners, and businesses with community services.

1. Continue to monitor the evolving needs of the community and seek input on desired services that could benefit Windsor's residents.
2. Develop a plan to address the emerging needs of an aging population (i.e. housing, adult daycare and additional services for older adults).
3. Continue to support the Windsor Fire Department and Windsor Police Department through the continued support of the Windsor Police Cadets program.
4. Address accessibility needs of the population in utilizing Town Facilities and Services.
5. Regularly evaluate and prioritize community facility needs in order to address needs in an efficient and economical way.
6. Develop a maintenance schedule to assure that all Town buildings and properties undergo regular repairs and maintenance to minimize the dramatically high costs brought on by years of postponed repairs.
7. Collaborate with neighboring and regional municipalities and organizations to consolidate duplicate services where feasible.

## Strategy 2: Promote events and activities that contribute to community pride and spirit.

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1. Continue to promote community events throughout all of Windsor to support community cohesion and vibrancy across the Town.
2. Continue to update the Town's website to ensure that residents have access to community information.
3. Promote and encourage volunteerism.
4. Continue to develop partnerships for sponsoring community events.



## Strategy 3: Prioritize improvements to the Town's facilities to meet diverse program needs.

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1. Conduct a Town facilities assessment to assess current and future needs, find ways to improve energy efficiency, and explore options for consolidating and reusing facilities.
2. Address accessibility needs of the physically disabled population in utilizing Town facilities and services.
3. Increase the capital budget funding to meet the maintenance needs of the Town's facilities.

## Strategy 4: Promote Sustainability and Resiliency

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1. Continue to make improvements and conduct activities as recommended by the Town's Stormwater Management Plan.
2. Promote the adoption of best management practices (such as rain barrels, green roofs, etc.), and the use of green infrastructure (such as bio-swales and rain gardens) as a means of reducing the impacts from stormwater runoff.
3. Review and evaluate the development of Low Impact Development (LID) standards within the Town's zoning and subdivision regulations, and inland wetlands and watercourses regulations.
4. Continue to participate in the Sustainable CT program and strive to achieve the highest certification standard possible through the voluntary implementation of various actions aimed at sustainability.
5. Partner in regional and state-wide initiatives to address borderless climate change issues.

# Next Steps





# Next Steps

- Continue to promote online survey
- Focus Group Meetings in May
- Schedule and conduct stakeholder interviews with Town Department Heads
- Attend the Shad Derby!
- Continue existing conditions review
- Next AC meeting on Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>\* - This might coincide with Focus Group Meetings, if that is the case, we will cancel our May meeting and meeting in June





# Questions?

