



Making Great Communities Happen
**Connecticut Chapter of the
American Planning Association**

WHO WE ARE

The Connecticut Chapter of the American Planning Association has over 450 members who are governmental and consulting planners, land use attorneys, citizen planners, and other professionals engaged in planning and managing land use, economic development, housing, transportation, and conservation for local, regional, and State governments and for private businesses and other entities. The Chapter has long been committed to assisting the legislature and State agencies with developing and furthering responsible growth management principles. The American Planning Association is an independent, not-for-profit, national educational organization that provides leadership in the development of vital communities.

OUR LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

In Connecticut, CCAPA has a long history of providing expert professional assistance to the efforts of the General Assembly and State agencies in providing effective planning for the State and its towns. We have participated in and supported recent efforts to modernize Connecticut's statutes in recognition of the changing and increasingly important role of growth management and the coordination of planning across all levels of government.

CCAPA provides analysis and comments on specific bills addressing guidelines, requirements, and procedures that apply to the statutory responsibilities of municipal planners and land use regulators, particularly in Title 8 and Title 22a. These statutes significantly influence the work not only of government agencies but also of private developers and business that drive Connecticut's economy. CCAPA participates on task forces, workgroups, informational hearings, and informal meetings with legislative leaders and other interested parties on matters pertaining to conservation and development in Connecticut. CCAPA's primary goal in such activities is to provide objective, professional guidance on these issues to decision makers in State government.

OUR CURRENT LEGISLATIVE FOCUS

In addition to review and analysis of specific bills, and filing of position statements when appropriate, CCAPA has been working with the Office of Policy and Management on its development of the next State Conservation and Development Policies Plan. We continue to advocate for the integration of consistent planning principles to improve the coordination of State, regional, and local plans. We also cooperate with the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities, the Home Builders Association, the Connecticut Association of Municipal Attorneys, and other interests to identify opportunities to improve land use controls and growth management tools.

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