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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – February 27, 2015

**POSITION STATEMENT ON RAISED BILL 880
AN ACT CONCERNING RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT.**

INTRODUCTION

The Connecticut Chapter of the American Planning Association has over 400 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, private businesses and other entities.

OVERVIEW

Raised Bill 880 would require the Office of Policy and Management to study responsible development.

ANALYSIS

CCAPA supports legislative actions that encourage regional cooperation and coordination on land use issues and smart growth efforts, including the revitalization of urban centers, the protection of natural resources, the optimization of infrastructure investments, and the promotion of long-term economic development.

CCAPA POSITION ON RAISED BILL 880

CCAPA supports the proposal to have the Office of Policy and Management study responsible development.



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**POSITION STATEMENT ON RAISED BILL 6853
AN ACT CONCERNING GRANTS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE INTERTOWN CAPITAL EQUIPMENT
PURCHASE INCENTIVE PROGRAM.**

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OVERVIEW

Raised Bill 6853 would encourage municipal participation in the inter-town capital equipment purchase incentive program by reducing the local match requirement for grant funds.

ANALYSIS

The capital equipment purchase program has helped municipalities provide a higher level of service by allowing for the purchase of equipment that individual municipalities may not have been able to purchase on their own. Often, this is specialized equipment that is not needed on a daily basis, meaning that municipalities can share it after determining a program for maintenance, storage, and use frequency. Councils of Government have been helpful in facilitating this capital equipment sharing. The need for cooperation and efficient service delivery grows especially in light of new requirements for the protection of clean water and maintenance of municipal infrastructure.

CCAPA POSITION ON RAISED BILL 6853

CCAPA supports the proposal to encourage municipal participation in the inter-town capital equipment purchase incentive program by reducing the local match requirement for grant funds.



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**POSITION STATEMENT ON RAISED BILL 5092
AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISCONTINUANCE OF HIGHWAYS AND PRIVATE WAYS BY
MUNICIPALITIES.**

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OVERVIEW

Raised Bill 5092 would require town selectmen to notify abutting property owners when the selectmen propose to discontinue all or part of a highway or private way, or land dedicated for such use.

ANALYSIS

Discontinuance of public roads and land dedicated for this purpose has impacts on adjacent property owners whether their land is developed or not. For this reason, most often municipal authorities choose to contact adjacent property owners when they are considering such an action.

CCAPA POSITION ON RAISED BILL 5090

CCAPA supports the proposal to require town selectmen to notify abutting property owners when the selectmen propose to discontinue all or part of a highway or private way, or land dedicated for such use.