

# CCDF MODEL CODE WORKING GROUP

*2/6/2023*

Presentation to the Connecticut Commission on  
Development and Future

# AGENDA

- Working Group Charge
- Broad Recommendations
- Presentation of Smart Code Concepts
- Presentation of Street Design Concepts

# WORKING GROUP CHARGE

- Per Public Act 21-29:
  - 1. Identify common architectural and site design features of building types used in urban, suburban and rural communities throughout the state;
  - 2. Create a catalogue of common building types, particularly those typically associated with housing;
  - 3. Establish reasonable and cost-effective code review standards for approval of common building types, accounting for topography, geology, climate change and infrastructure capacity;
  - 4. Establish procedures for expediting the approval of buildings and streets that satisfy such code review standards, whether for zoning or subdivision regulations;
  - 5. Create a code manual for context-appropriate streets that complement common building types.

# BROAD RECOMMENDATIONS

- Provide funding to engage a consultant or multiple consultants to develop model code guidelines for municipalities
- Enhance land use planning capacity at the state level and provide sufficient resources to better integrate statewide objectives and local land use decisions. The Office of Responsible Growth (ORG) within the Office of Policy and Management should develop support and incentives to help improve planning practice in Connecticut, including the adoption of model code guidelines by local governments.
  - Facilitate sharing of land use best practices
  - Facilitate incorporation of best practices into municipal regulations, standards and processes
  - Improve coordination to support effective and efficient plan implementation

# PRESENTATIONS

- Smart Code 9.2 – presented by Leslie Creane, AICP City Planner for the City of Groton
- Street Design Concepts – Francis Pickering, Executive Director WestCOG