

## Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments

### REGIONAL PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

The SCCOG is beginning the process of updating its 1997 Regional Plan of Conservation & Development. An important component of this process is identifying issues of regional concern. To that end, we are requesting your assistance by completing this questionnaire. Please **FAX (889-1222)** the completed questionnaire to the COG office by February 28, 2006.

	If sprawl is defined as dispersed, auto-dependent development, outside of compact urban and village centers, then:			
1.	Is sprawl a concern in your town?	Yes	No	Not sure
2.	How important is it for your community to control sprawl?	Very Important	Somewhat important	Not important
3.	Do you feel sprawl is a problem in the S.E. region?	Yes	No	Not sure
4.	How important is it for the region to address sprawl?	Very Important	Somewhat important	Not important
5.	Is the rate of residential growth burdening your towns' services?	Yes	No	Not sure
6.	Is the rate of commercial/industrial growth burdening your towns' services?	Yes	No	Not sure
7.	Is it important in your community that commercial development reflect traditional New England character?	Yes	No	Not sure
8.	Should your community adopt additional regulatory controls to protect:			
	Undeveloped woodlands?	Yes	No	Not sure
	Farm Land?	Yes	No	Not sure
	Other special natural resources?	Yes	No	Not sure
9.	Would you support the use of local tax dollars to protect:			
	Undeveloped woodlands?	Yes	No	Not sure
	Farm Land?	Yes	No	Not sure
	Other special natural resources?	Yes	No	Not sure
10.	Would you support the use of a regulatory fee on all new development to protect:			
	Undeveloped woodlands?	Yes	No	Not sure
	Farm Land?	Yes	No	Not sure
	Other special natural resources?	Yes	No	Not sure
11.	Should towns adopt a program to acquire undeveloped parcels for future development such as:			
	Open Space?	Yes	No	Not sure
	Economic Development?	Yes	No	Not sure
	Municipal Use?	Yes	No	Not sure
	Other? (Write in)			
12.	Would your community support the expansion of public utilities (water, sewer ) in areas not designated for such expansion in anyone of the following documents?			
	Municipal Plan of C&D?	Yes	No	Not sure
	Regional Plan of C&D?	Yes	No	Not sure
	the State Plan of C&D?	Yes	No	Not sure
	only when described in all of the above?	Yes	No	Not sure

13.	In your opinion are there enough affordable owner-occupied housing units in your community?	Yes	No	Not sure
14.	In your opinion are there enough affordable residential rental units in your community?	Yes	No	Not sure
15.	Would you support requiring all new housing developments to include a percentage of homes for moderate and low-income families?	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Do Not Support
16.	If the cost of educating children could be isolated from residential development, would your community be more active in supporting affordable housing?	Yes	No	Not sure
17.	Do you think public transit in southeastern Connecticut, even at higher levels of service, is practical for most people except those without cars?	Yes	No	Not sure
18.	Would you support spending more taxpayer money on improving public mass transportation rather than building new roads?	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Do Not Support
19.	Do you feel your community has adequate public transit?	Yes	No	Not sure
20.	How do you rate the road system in your community?	Very Good	Good	Fair
21.	Is traffic congestion a problem in your town on:			
	Local Roads?	Yes	No	Not sure
	State Roads?	Yes	No	Not sure
	State Highways?	Yes	No	None in town
22.	In your opinion, should large-scale development proposals require some form of inter-municipal approval?	Yes	No	Not sure
23.	In your opinion, should a regional agency, such as the COG/RPC, share in the regulatory control for large-scale development proposals in order to promote a regionally coordinated development pattern in southeastern Connecticut?	Yes	No	Not sure

Please rank the following topics on a scale of 1 to 10, with **1 meaning not important for your municipality** and **10 meaning extremely important for your municipality**, please tell us how important it is for the Regional Plan of C&D to address each of the following:

**Extremely Important - - - - - Important - - - - - Not Important**

24.	Attracting new businesses?	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
25.	Preserving the physical character of your community?	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
26.	Reducing traffic congestion?	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
27.	Protecting undeveloped areas?	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
28.	Encouraging non-residential development?	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
29.	Encouraging residential development?	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

Additional Comments:

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Thank you for your response. (1/19/06)