



# NAUGATUCK VALLEY COUNCIL of GOVERNMENTS

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## AGENDA

### Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments

#### Regional Planning Commission

Virtual Video Conference Meeting

6:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 6, 2022

1. Commencement of Meeting
  - a. Pledge of Allegiance
  - b. Roll Call
  - c. Public Comment
2. Administrative Items
  - a. Adoption of October 4, 2022 Meeting Minutes (motion)
  - b. Adoption of regular meeting schedule for 2023 (motion)
  - c. Referrals Report (*Joanna Rogalski*)
  - d. Correspondence
3. Roundtable – Discussion of local activities and municipal land use processes.
4. NVCOG Updates
  - a. Regional Plan of Conservation and Development (RPOCD) (*Joanna Rogalski*)
  - b. Metropolitan Transportation Plan (*Rich Donovan*)
  - c. Route 8 & Waterbury Branch Line Corridor/Alternative Modes Study (*Rich Donovan*)
  - d. Housing Program (*Savannah-Nicole Villalba*)
  - e. Cannabis zoning (*Josh Lecar*)
  - f. Waste Crisis Storymap (*Christine O’Neill*)
  - g. Funding opportunities
    - i. Section 319 Clean Water grant, due 2/9/23
    - ii. Aquatic Invasive Species grant, due 1/6/23
5. Adjournment

Called by

David White, Chair, NVCOG Regional Planning Commission

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- Your name, address and any professional affiliation (for the public record)
- Your phone number (only if you are using the phone dial-in option)
- The item number on the agenda you plan to address in your comments

Your information must be received by 4:30 p.m. on the day before the meeting. Because of the need for stable meetings and public security, anyone who does not provide the above information cannot be admitted to our online meetings.



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## PROPOSED 2023 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

### Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments (NVCOG) Regional Planning Commission (RPC)

#### **Option A – Six meetings**

Meets the first Tuesday every other month at 6:30 p.m. The default location is online.

February 7, 2023  
April 4, 2023  
June 6, 2023  
August 8, 2023  
October 3, 2023  
December 5, 2023

#### **Option B – Four meetings**

Meets the first Tuesday every third month at 6:30 p.m. The default location is online.

March 7, 2023  
June 6, 2023  
September 12, 2023 (second Tuesday)  
December 5, 2023

**Summary of Zoning, Subdivision & POCD Referrals Received**  
**October 4, 2022 - November 28, 2022**

NVCOG Ref #	Municipality	Date Rec'd	Type	Adjacent Muni's/COG's	Regionally Significant	Description of Referral	Public Hearing Date	Date Response Sent
MONR-25-100422-Z	Monroe	10/4/2022	Z	Trumbull, Shelton, Oxford, Newtown, Easton	No	The Town of Monroe Planning and Zoning Commission is considering a draft zoning text amendment for accessory dwelling units.	10/20/2022	10/13/2022
WDBG-26-100422-S	Woodbridge	10/4/2022	Z	Orange, New Haven, Hamden, Bethany, Seymour, Asonia, Derby	No	The Woodbridge Town Plan and Zoning Commission has received an application for a three-lot subdivision with open space for property located at 356 Rimmon Road, Woodbridge.	11/7/2022	10/28/2022
PLAI-27-101422-Z	Plainville	10/14/2022	Z	Southington, New Britain, Farmington, Bristol	No	The Plainville Planning and Zoning Commission is proposing a number of zoning text amendments. Many of the revisions are to comply with statutory changes while several are staff recommendations.	11/8/2022	10/28/2022
OXFO-28-101722-Z	Oxford	10/17/2022	Z	Shelton, Seymour, Beacon Falls, Naugatuck, Middlebury, Southbury, Newtown, Monroe	No	The Town of Oxford has received a proposal for a text amendment to the Oxford Zoning Regulations from 8 Pheasant Run, LLC as owner, and Vesta Modular as applicant, to add a new use in the industrial zone, permitted by special exception. The proposed zoning regulation text amendments would see the addition of Article 2, Section 2.13a and the addition of Article 9, Section 9.3.23, to allow a Commercial/Industrial modular storage and repair facility.	11/1/2022	10/28/2022
NAUG-29-102022-Z	Naugatuck	10/20/2022	Z	Beacon Falls, Bethany, Prospect, Waterbury, Middlebury, Oxford	No	The Borough of Naugatuck has initiated a proposed zone change for six properties along Maple Street and Elm Street. The proposed zone change is for these properties to be changed from a I-1 designation to the SDD-1 Special Development District #1 in the Naugatuck Land Use Regulations.	11/9/2022	10/28/2022
NAUG-30-102022-Z	Naugatuck	10/20/2022	Z	Beacon Falls, Bethany, Prospect, Waterbury, Middlebury, Oxford	No	The Borough of Naugatuck has brought an application before the Naugatuck Zoning Commission for a proposed Text Change amendment to Section 59 Special Development District #1 (SDD-1) of the Naugatuck Zoning Land Use Regulations.	11/16/2022	11/7/2022
WTTN-31-110322-Z	Watertown	11/3/2022	Z	Middlebury, Waterbury, Thomaston, Litchfield, Morris, Bethlehem, Woodbury	No	The Town of Watertown Planning & Zoning Commission has received a proposal for an amendment to the Watertown Zoning Regulations from Attorney Franklin Pilicy acting on behalf of the property owner Renaissance Galleria, LLC, as follows: Petition to amend the Zoning Regulations at Section 2, Definitions, to add "Planned Development District (PDD)."	12/7/2022	11/10/2022
WTTN-32-110322-Z	Watertown	11/3/2022	Z	Middlebury, Waterbury, Thomaston, Litchfield, Morris, Bethlehem, Woodbury	No	The Town of Watertown Planning & Zoning Commission has received a proposal for an amendment to the Watertown Zoning Regulations from Attorney Franklin Pilicy acting on behalf of the property owner Renaissance Galleria, LLC, as follows: Petition to amend the Zoning Regulations at Section 34.14, Drive-through Facilities.	12/7/2022	11/10/2022
WTTN-33-110322-Z	Watertown	11/3/2022	Z	Middlebury, Waterbury, Thomaston, Litchfield, Morris, Bethlehem, Woodbury	No	The Town of Watertown Planning & Zoning Commission has received a proposal for an amendment to the Watertown Zoning Regulations from Attorney Franklin Pilicy acting on behalf of the property owner Renaissance Galleria, LLC, as follows: Petition to amend the Zoning Regulations to establish the Sealy Oakville Center Planned Development District (SOCPDD).	12/7/2022	11/10/2022

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BRIS-34-110322-Z	Bristol	11/3/2022	Z	Southington, Plainville, Farmington, Burlington, Plymouth, Wolcott	No	The City of Bristol Zoning Commission is proposing an amendment to the Bristol Zoning Regulations at Section V.A.3.i to add a density limit where none existed before. The proposed density limit is 4 units per acre. (Application #AZR 22-2.)	12/12/2022	11/10/2022
CHES-35-110922-Z	Cheshire	11/9/2022	Z	Hamden, Wallingford, Meriden, Southington, Wolcott, Waterbury, Prospect, Bethany	No	The Town of Cheshire Planning and Zoning Commission has received an application from John Torello for a Zone Text change to the Cheshire Zoning Regulations at Section 30 23, Schedule A, Permitted Uses, to add Subsection D.	12/12/2022	11/17/2022
MIDD-36-111522-Z	Middlebury	11/15/2022	Z	Oxford, Naugatuck, Waterbury, Watertown, Woodbury, Southbury	No	The Town of Middlebury Planning and Zoning Commission is proposing to opt out of CGS Section 8-1bb, Temporary Health Care Structures.	12/5/2022	11/17/2022
MIDD-37-111522-Z	Middlebury	11/15/2022	Z	Oxford, Naugatuck, Waterbury, Watertown, Woodbury, Southbury	No	The Town of Middlebury Planning and Zoning Commission is proposing to opt out of CGS Section 8-2o, zoning regulations for accessory apartments.	12/5/2022	11/17/2022
MIDD-38-111522-Z	Middlebury	11/15/2022	Z	Oxford, Naugatuck, Waterbury, Watertown, Woodbury, Southbury	No	The Town of Middlebury Planning and Zoning Commission is proposing to opt out of CGS Section 8-2p, dwelling unit parking space limitations.	12/5/2022	11/17/2022
WTBY-39-111822-Z	Waterbury	11/18/2022	Z	Naugatuck, Prospect, Cheshire, Wolcott, Plymouth, Thomaston, Watertown, Middlebury	No	The City of Waterbury Zoning Commission is proposing an amendment to the Waterbury Zoning Regulations to extend an existing limited and temporary moratorium on Cannabis establishments that is set to expire on 2/9/23. The proposal seeks to extend the moratorium on Cannabis Establishments for an additional time period not to exceed six months (8/9/23).	Not listed	11/18/2022
PROS-40-112122-Z	Prospect	11/21/2022	Z	Bethany, Cheshire, Waterbury, Naugatuck	No	The Town of Prospect Planning and Zoning Commission is proposing a text amendment to the Prospect Zoning Regulations at Article 3, District Regulations, to amend Section 3.1 Uses by District of the Zoning Regulations, to opt-out of the requirement for the allowance of accessory living units aka accessory apartments, pursuant to Public Act 21-29, Section 6.	12/7/2022	11/22/2022
PROS-41-112122-Z	Prospect	11/21/2022	Z	Bethany, Cheshire, Waterbury, Naugatuck	No	The Town of Prospect Planning and Zoning Commission is proposing an amendment to the Prospect Zoning Regulations at Article 5, Accessory Use in Residential Zones, Section 5.2.2 Private Garages, Detached, Section 5.2.2.2, to change the 24-foot maximum height to be measured from the floor elevation of the garage floor instead of the garage door.	12/7/2022	11/22/2022
PROS-42-112122-Z	Prospect	11/21/2022	Z	Bethany, Cheshire, Waterbury, Naugatuck	No	The Town of Prospect Planning and Zoning Commission is proposing an amendment to The Prospect Zoning Regulations, Article 2, General Provisions, Section 2.2, Definitions, concerning building height and the exclusion of cupolas under certain conditions	12/7/2022	11/22/2022
WOLC-43-112322-Z	Wolcott	11/23/2022	Z	Cheshire, Southington, Bristol, Plymouth, Waterbury	No	The Wolcott Zoning Commission is proposing a text amendment to the Town of Wolcott Zoning regulations pertaining to cannabis and micro-cultivators.	12/21/2022	11/28/2022
CHES-44-112322-Z	Cheshire	11/23/2022	Z	Hamden, Wallingford, Meriden, Southington, Wolcott, Waterbury, Prospect, Bethany	No	The Cheshire Planning and Zoning Commission is proposing a zone text change to the Town of Cheshire Zoning Regulations to extend the Temporary and Limited Moratorium on Cannabis Establishments for an additional six months.	12/12/2022	11/28/2022



November 28, 2022

**MEMORANDUM: 11282022-ENV**

To: NVCOG CEOs, RPC, Municipal Planners, Environmental Partners, Grant Writers  
From: Christine O’Neill, Regional Environmental Planner  
Subject: **CTDEEP “Control of Aquatic Invasive Species” Grant Opportunity – Deadline 1/6/23**

**Grant Program**

The Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (CTDEEP) has announced a funding opportunity for “Control of Aquatic Invasive Species,” open to state agencies, municipalities, and nonprofit organizations. The purpose is to fund control/management projects, research projects, and education and outreach projects related to aquatic invasive species and cyanobacteria. Total available funding is \$400,000 with award amounts ranging from \$10,000 - \$75,000. [The full grant RFP is available here.](#)

The deadline for this grant is January 6, 2023.

**Eligible Activities**

Eligible project proposals include conducting projects to restore an inland water body of the state through the control and management of a population of aquatic invasive species; research projects to enhance understanding and knowledge of aquatic invasive species and/or cyanobacteria blooms (must have direct practical applicability to lakes, ponds and rivers in Connecticut); and education and outreach projects intended to enhance public awareness of aquatic invasive species and/or harmful algal blooms in Connecticut and/or promote good practices to prevent the further spread of aquatic invasive species in Connecticut’s lakes, ponds and rivers.

See [Attachment A of the grant RFP](#) for a complete list of eligible target species.

**Evaluation Criteria**

CTDEEP has identified the following criteria to evaluate the merits of each proposal:

- Degree of public access
- Degree and imminence of threat
- Ecological benefits (including impacts to rare/endangered/threatened/species of concern)
- Recreational benefits
- Watershed benefits & coordination with other projects
- Cost effectiveness
- Appropriate timeline
- Relationship to past work or grant-funded activities
- Additional criteria specific to the type of project (control, research, or education).

**NVCOG Support**

COG staff are happy to provide technical assistance for your grant applications. If you would like a letter of support or assistance, kindly let us know by December 9, 2022. Contact Christine O’Neill at [coneill@nvcogct.gov](mailto:coneill@nvcogct.gov) or 203-489-0351 with your request.



November 18, 2022

**MEMORANDUM: 1182022-ENV**

To: NVCOG CEOs, RPC, Municipal Planners, Environmental Partners  
From: Christine O’Neill, Regional Environmental Planner  
Subject: **CTDEEP Clean Water Act Section 319 Nonpoint Source Program Grant Opportunity –  
Deadline 2/9/23**

**Nonpoint Source Program**

The Section 319 program is a federally funded grant opportunity authorized by the 1987 Amendments to the Clean Waters Act. The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CTDEEP) administers the Section 319 program in Connecticut. Priority projects include new or updated Watershed Based Plans and implementation projects outlined in existing Watershed Based Plans.

**Project Priorities**

CTDEEP will prioritize implementation projects in watersheds that have approved Watershed Based Plans (WBP) and lead to targeted pollutant load reductions or restoring impaired waters. Such implementation projects may include but are not limited to: habitat improvements, dam removal, improved stormwater runoff management, and improved agricultural practices.

Additionally, CTDEEP will focus on WBP development for impaired waters which are prioritized in DEEP’s [Integrated Water Resource Management \(IWRM\)](#).

Finally, CTDEEP may consider implementation projects not linked to a WBP, but they must target impaired waters. Projects intended to meet mandated requirements of stormwater permits are not eligible for Section 319 grants.

**Request for Proposals**

On November 15, CTDEEP announced a Request for Proposals for the program, [which can be accessed here](#). Below are a few of the major points:

- **The deadline for this grant is February 9, 2023.**
- Towns, local conservation groups, and “any interested public or private organization” are eligible.
- Requires a 40% non-federal match (financial or in-kind) for each awarded grant. There is a possibility that this match requirement may be waived, depending on actions from the EPA.
- Generally a two-year project duration.
- DEEP recommends that applicants contact the appropriate DEEP Watershed Manager with any questions: Susan Peterson, [susan.peterson@ct.gov](mailto:susan.peterson@ct.gov).

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# NVCOG's Waste Crisis Storymap

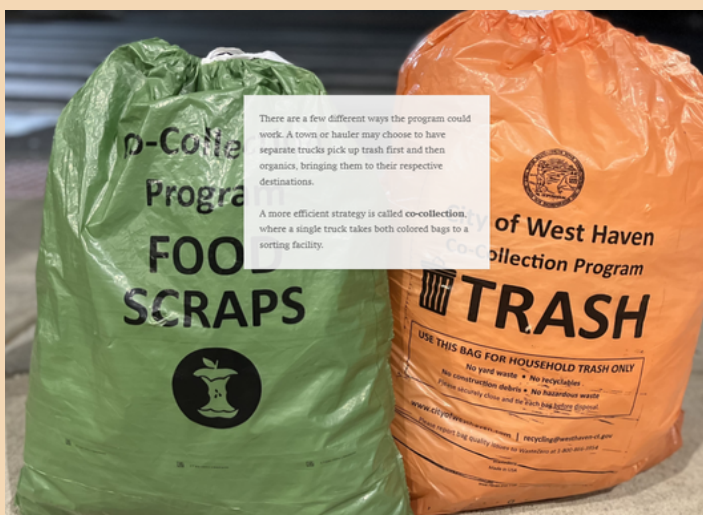
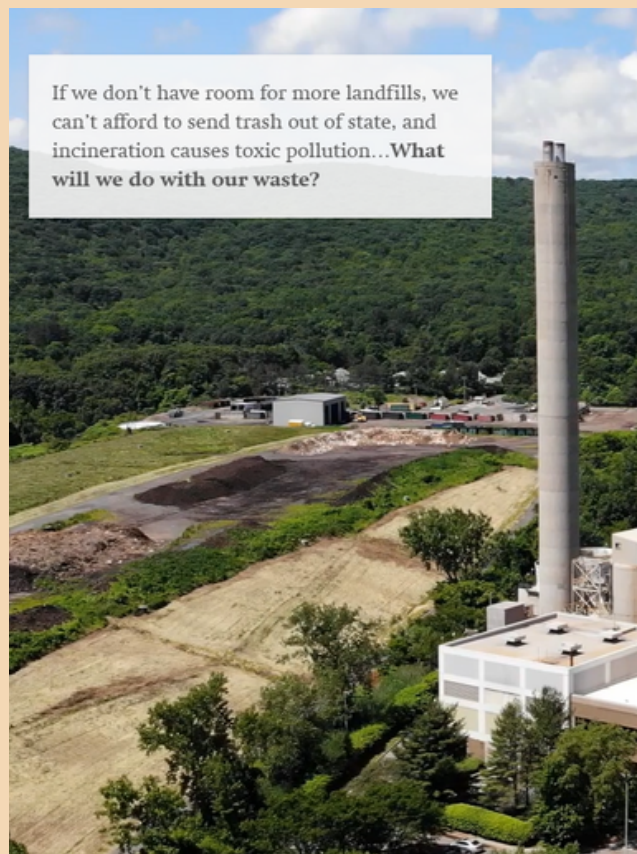
Engaging, visual storytelling that sheds light on Connecticut's waste crisis

## What's a storymap?

A storymap is an online form of storytelling that combines text with maps, images, and videos. It is best viewed on a computer. This one should take about ten minutes to read start-to-finish, although tabs allow the user to skip to a given section.

## What information does it cover?

- An explanation of the waste crisis
- Unit-based pricing of trash as a solution
- Organics/food scraps diversion as a solution
- CT DEEP's Sustainable Materials Management grant program
- NVCOG's other waste reduction efforts
- A timeline of waste management in Connecticut



## Where & how do I share it?

Use the URL or the QR code below to share this storymap with anyone who could benefit from learning more about the waste crisis - municipal staff, business owners, local nonprofits, residents, etc. We also highly encourage you to share our social media posts directing users to the storymap. Follow us at @NVCOGct on Facebook and Twitter!

Access the Storymap with this URL:

**<https://bit.ly/3GPx75B>**

Or scan the QR code on the right.

