



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6647

January Session, 2023



AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 16a-27 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) The secretary, after consultation with all appropriate state,
4 regional and local agencies and other appropriate persons, shall [, prior
5 to March 1, 2012, complete a revision of the existing plan and enlarge it
6 to include, but not be limited to, policies relating to transportation,
7 energy and air. Any revision made after July 1, 1995, shall take into
8 consideration the conservation and development of greenways that
9 have been designated by municipalities and shall recommend that state
10 agencies coordinate their efforts to support the development of a state-
11 wide greenways system. The Commissioner of Energy and
12 Environmental Protection shall identify state-owned land for inclusion
13 in the plan as potential components of a state greenways system] revise
14 the plan to establish the state's long-term goals for sustainable
15 conservation and development. The revised plan shall (1) identify goals,
16 priorities and objectives for the physical, social and economic
17 development of the state for the next five years and promote equity in
18 such goals, priorities and objectives, (2) consider existing conditions and

19 emerging developments and the cumulative impact of plans, policies
20 and programs implemented by state agencies on sustainable
21 conservation and development, in order to establish coordinated and
22 measurable objectives for state investment and action, (3) establish
23 guidelines for intergovernmental coordination between the state and
24 regional councils of governments and municipalities in the
25 implementation of plans, policies, programs and projects consistent
26 with such goals, priorities and objectives, (4) establish guidelines for the
27 prioritization and allocation of state and federal funds consistent with
28 such goals, priorities and objectives, and (5) promote economic and
29 environmental resiliency in planning for and responding to the effects
30 of climate change. As used in this subsection, "equity" means (A) the
31 identification and remediation of patterns of discrimination and
32 inequality against and disparities in outcomes for any class protected in
33 chapter 814c, (B) ensuring that such patterns and disparities are not
34 reinforced or perpetuated, and (C) preventing the emergence of
35 foreseeable future patterns of discrimination and inequality against and
36 disparities in outcomes for such classes.

37 [(b) Any revision made after August 20, 2003, shall take into account
38 (1) economic and community development needs and patterns of
39 commerce, and (2) linkages of affordable housing objectives and land
40 use objectives with transportation systems.

41 (c) Any revision made after March 1, 2006, shall (1) take into
42 consideration risks associated with natural hazards, including, but not
43 limited to, flooding, high winds and wildfires; (2) identify the potential
44 impacts of natural hazards on infrastructure and property; and (3) make
45 recommendations for the siting of future infrastructure and property
46 development to minimize the use of areas prone to natural hazards,
47 including, but not limited to, flooding, high winds and wildfires.

48 (d) Any revision made after July 1, 2005, shall describe the progress
49 towards achievement of the goals and objectives established in the
50 previously adopted state plan of conservation and development and
51 shall identify (1) areas where it is prudent and feasible (A) to have

52 compact, transit accessible, pedestrian-oriented mixed-use
53 development patterns and land reuse, and (B) to promote such
54 development patterns and land reuse, (2) priority funding areas
55 designated under section 16a-35c, and (3) corridor management areas
56 on either side of a limited access highway or a rail line. In designating
57 corridor management areas, the secretary shall make recommendations
58 that (A) promote land use and transportation options to reduce the
59 growth of traffic congestion; (B) connect infrastructure and other
60 development decisions; (C) promote development that minimizes the
61 cost of new infrastructure facilities and maximizes the use of existing
62 infrastructure facilities; and (D) increase intermunicipal and regional
63 cooperation.

64 (e) Any revision made after October 1, 2008, shall (1) for each policy
65 recommended (A) assign a priority; (B) estimate funding for
66 implementation and identify potential funding sources; (C) identify
67 each entity responsible for implementation; and (D) establish a schedule
68 for implementation; and (2) for each growth management principle,
69 determine three benchmarks to measure progress in implementation of
70 the principles, one of which shall be a financial benchmark.

71 (f) Any revision made after October 1, 2009, shall take into
72 consideration the protection and preservation of Connecticut Heritage
73 Areas.

74 (g) Any revision made after December 1, 2011, shall take into
75 consideration (1) the state water supply and resource policies
76 established in sections 22a-380 and 25-33c, and (2) the list prepared by
77 the Commissioner of Public Health pursuant to section 25-33q.

78 (h) Any revision made after October 1, 2019, shall (1) take into
79 consideration risks associated with increased coastal flooding and
80 erosion, depending on site topography, as anticipated in the most recent
81 sea level change scenario updated pursuant to subsection (b) of section
82 25-68o, (2) identify the impacts of such increased flooding and erosion
83 on infrastructure and natural resources, (3) make recommendations for

84 the siting of future infrastructure and property development to
85 minimize the use of areas prone to such flooding and erosion, and (4)
86 take into consideration the state's greenhouse gas reduction goals
87 established pursuant to section 22a-200a.

88 (i) Any revision made after October 1, 2016, shall take into
89 consideration the need for technology infrastructure in the
90 municipality.]

91 [(j) Thereafter on] (b) On or before [March] May first in each revision
92 year, the secretary shall complete a revision of the plan of conservation
93 and development, provided no revision year may be later than four
94 years subsequent to the year in which the plan was last adopted in
95 accordance with the process established in this chapter.

96 Sec. 2. Section 16a-28 of the general statutes is repealed and the
97 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

98 (a) The secretary shall present a draft of the revised plan of
99 conservation and development for preliminary review to the continuing
100 legislative committee on state planning and development prior to
101 [September] December first in 2023 and prior to [September] December
102 first in each prerevision year thereafter.

103 (b) After [December] February first in [2023] 2024 and after
104 [December] February first in each [prerevision] revision year thereafter,
105 the secretary shall [proceed with such further revisions of the] revise
106 such draft [of the revised plan of conservation and development as he]
107 as the secretary deems appropriate. The secretary shall [, by whatever
108 means he deems advisable, publish said plan] publish such draft in a
109 form and manner determined by the secretary, and disseminate it to the
110 public on or before [March] May first in revision years. The secretary
111 shall post [the plan] such draft on the Internet web site of the [state]
112 Office of Policy and Management.

113 (c) Not later than [five] three months after publication of [said revised
114 plan] such draft pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, the secretary

115 shall [hold public hearings, in cooperation with regional councils of
116 governments,] (1) submit such draft to each regional council of
117 governments to solicit comments on [said plan] such draft, and (2)
118 request public comment on such draft in a form and manner determined
119 by the secretary.

120 Sec. 3. Section 16a-29 of the general statutes is repealed and the
121 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

122 The secretary shall consider the comments received [at the public
123 hearings and shall] in accordance with the provisions of section 16a-28,
124 as amended by this act, and make any necessary or desirable revisions
125 to [said plan and within three months of completion of the public
126 hearings] the draft of the revised plan of conservation and development
127 and, not later than six months after publication of such draft pursuant
128 to section 16a-28, as amended by this act, submit [the plan] such draft to
129 the continuing legislative committee on state planning and
130 development for its approval, revision or disapproval, in whole or in
131 part. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the secretary shall
132 submit the state Conservation and Development Policies Plan, 2025-
133 2030, to said committee on or before December 1, 2024.

134 Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 16a-30 of the general statutes is
135 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
136 *passage*):

137 (a) The continuing legislative committee on state planning and
138 development shall not later than forty-five days after the convening of
139 the next regularly scheduled session of the General Assembly conduct a
140 public hearing on the plan. Not later than forty-five days after
141 completion of such public hearing, the committee shall submit the plan
142 with its recommendation for approval or disapproval to the General
143 Assembly. The plan shall become effective when [adopted by the
144 General Assembly as the plan of conservation and development for the
145 state] approved by majority vote of each chamber of the General
146 Assembly.

147 Sec. 5. Subsection (f) of section 8-23 of the general statutes is repealed
148 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

149 (f) Such plan may show the commission's and any special
150 committee's recommendation for (1) conservation and preservation of
151 traprock and other ridgelines, (2) airports, parks, playgrounds and other
152 public grounds, (3) the general location, relocation and improvement of
153 schools and other public buildings, (4) the general location and extent
154 of public utilities and terminals, whether publicly or privately owned,
155 for water, light, power, transit and other purposes, (5) the extent and
156 location of public housing projects, (6) programs for the implementation
157 of the plan, including (A) a schedule, (B) a budget for public capital
158 projects, (C) a program for enactment and enforcement of zoning and
159 subdivision controls, building and housing codes and safety
160 regulations, (D) plans for implementation of affordable housing, (E)
161 plans for open space acquisition and greenways protection and
162 development, and (F) plans for corridor management areas along
163 limited access highways or rail lines, [designated under section 16a-27,]
164 (7) proposed priority funding areas, and (8) any other recommendations
165 as will, in the commission's or any special committee's judgment, be
166 beneficial to the municipality. The plan may include any necessary and
167 related maps, explanatory material, photographs, charts or other
168 pertinent data and information relative to the past, present and future
169 trends of the municipality.

170 Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 23-81 of the general statutes is
171 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
172 *passage*):

173 (a) As used in this section [,] and section 23-81a, [and section 16a-27,]
174 "Connecticut Heritage Area" means a place within the state that has
175 been identified by the General Assembly as having significant historic,
176 recreational, cultural, natural and scenic resources that form an
177 important part of the state's heritage.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	16a-27
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	16a-28
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	16a-29
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	16a-30(a)
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	8-23(f)
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	23-81(a)

PD *Joint Favorable Subst.*