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Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:
(PD)

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 Section 16a-27 of the general statutes is repealed and the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 vision for sustainable
15 development and conservation. The plan shall (1) identify priorities,

16 goals and objectives for the physical, social and economic development
17 of the state for the next five years, (2) consider existing conditions and
18 trends and the cumulative impact of policies and programs
19 implemented by state agencies on such development, in order to
20 establish coordinated and measurable objectives for state investment
21 and action, (3) establish guidelines for intergovernmental coordination
22 between the state and regional councils of governments and
23 municipalities in the implementation of plans, policies, programs and
24 projects consistent with the plan, and (4) establish guidelines for the
25 prioritization and allocation of state and federal funds consistent with
26 the plan.

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

31 (c) Any revision made after March 1, 2006, shall (1) take into
32 consideration risks associated with natural hazards, including, but not
33 limited to, flooding, high winds and wildfires; (2) identify the potential
34 impacts of natural hazards on infrastructure and property; and (3) make
35 recommendations for the siting of future infrastructure and property
36 development to minimize the use of areas prone to natural hazards,
37 including, but not limited to, flooding, high winds and wildfires.

38 (d) Any revision made after July 1, 2005, shall describe the progress
39 towards achievement of the goals and objectives established in the
40 previously adopted state plan of conservation and development and
41 shall identify (1) areas where it is prudent and feasible (A) to have
42 compact, transit accessible, pedestrian-oriented mixed-use
43 development patterns and land reuse, and (B) to promote such
44 development patterns and land reuse, (2) priority funding areas
45 designated under section 16a-35c, and (3) corridor management areas
46 on either side of a limited access highway or a rail line. In designating
47 corridor management areas, the secretary shall make recommendations
48 that (A) promote land use and transportation options to reduce the

49 growth of traffic congestion; (B) connect infrastructure and other
50 development decisions; (C) promote development that minimizes the
51 cost of new infrastructure facilities and maximizes the use of existing
52 infrastructure facilities; and (D) increase intermunicipal and regional
53 cooperation.

54 (e) Any revision made after October 1, 2008, shall (1) for each policy
55 recommended (A) assign a priority; (B) estimate funding for
56 implementation and identify potential funding sources; (C) identify
57 each entity responsible for implementation; and (D) establish a schedule
58 for implementation; and (2) for each growth management principle,
59 determine three benchmarks to measure progress in implementation of
60 the principles, one of which shall be a financial benchmark.

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

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

68 (h) Any revision made after October 1, 2019, shall (1) take into
69 consideration risks associated with increased coastal flooding and
70 erosion, depending on site topography, as anticipated in the most recent
71 sea level change scenario updated pursuant to subsection (b) of section
72 25-68o, (2) identify the impacts of such increased flooding and erosion
73 on infrastructure and natural resources, (3) make recommendations for
74 the siting of future infrastructure and property development to
75 minimize the use of areas prone to such flooding and erosion, and (4)
76 take into consideration the state's greenhouse gas reduction goals
77 established pursuant to section 22a-200a.

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

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

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

88 (a) The secretary shall present a draft of the revised plan of
89 conservation and development for preliminary review to the continuing
90 legislative committee on state planning and development prior to
91 [September] December first in 2023 and prior to [September] December
92 first in each prerevision year thereafter.

93 (b) After [December] February first in [2023] 2024 and after
94 [December] February first in each [prerevision] revision year thereafter,
95 the secretary shall [proceed with such further revisions of the] revise
96 such draft [of the revised plan of conservation and development as he]
97 as the secretary deems appropriate. The secretary shall, by whatever
98 means [he] the secretary deems advisable, publish [said plan] such draft
99 and disseminate it to the public on or before [March] May first in
100 revision years. The secretary shall post [the plan] such draft on the
101 Internet web site of the [state] Office of Policy and Management.

102 (c) Not later than [five] three months after publication of [said revised
103 plan] such draft pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, the secretary
104 shall [hold public hearings, in cooperation with regional councils of
105 governments,] (1) submit such draft to each regional council of
106 governments to solicit comments on [said plan] such draft, and (2)
107 request public comment on such draft by whatever means the secretary
108 deems advisable.

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

111 The secretary shall consider the comments received [at the public

112 hearings and shall] in accordance with the provisions of section 16a-28,
113 as amended by this act, and make any necessary or desirable revisions
114 to [said plan and within three months of completion of the public
115 hearings] the draft of the revised plan of conservation and development,
116 and not later than six months after publication of such draft pursuant to
117 section 16a-28, as amended by this act, submit [the plan] such draft to
118 the continuing legislative committee on state planning and
119 development for its approval, revision or disapproval, in whole or in
120 part. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the secretary shall
121 submit the state Conservation and Development Policies Plan, 2025-
122 2030, to said committee on or before December 1, 2024.

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

126 (a) The continuing legislative committee on state planning and
127 development shall not later than forty-five days after the convening of
128 the next regularly scheduled session of the General Assembly conduct a
129 public hearing on the plan. Not later than forty-five days after
130 completion of such public hearing, the committee shall submit the plan
131 with its recommendation for approval or disapproval to the General
132 Assembly. The plan shall become effective [when adopted by the
133 General Assembly as the plan of conservation and development for the
134 state] (1) if approved, by majority vote of each chamber of the General
135 Assembly, or (2) one hundred twenty days after submission of such
136 plan, if the General Assembly has taken no action to approve or
137 disapprove such plan.

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

140 (f) Such plan may show the commission's and any special
141 committee's recommendation for (1) conservation and preservation of
142 traprock and other ridgelines, (2) airports, parks, playgrounds and other
143 public grounds, (3) the general location, relocation and improvement of

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

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

164 (a) As used in this section [] and section 23-81a, [and section 16a-27,]
 165 "Connecticut Heritage Area" means a place within the state that has
 166 been identified by the General Assembly as having significant historic,
 167 recreational, cultural, natural and scenic resources that form an
 168 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)

Statement of Purpose:

To amend certain requirements concerning the state plan of conservation and development.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]