



April 2021

Regular Meeting

April 23, 2021

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Killingly, Plainfield, Pomfret, Putnam, Scotland, Sterling,
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April 23, 2021 - 8:30 am - Remote Meeting
Remote Link: Zoom -

Agenda

1. Open Meeting - Tracey Hanson, Chair

- a. Welcoming Remarks
- b. Previous Meeting Minutes
- c. Public Participation (2 minute limit per speaker)
- d. Other Agenda Items

3. Director’s Report - John Filchak, Executive Director

- a. Transit Activities and Potential New Funding
- b. Animal Services Program
- c. Paramedic Intercept Program
- d. Regional REVAL Program
- e. Transportation Projects and Planning
- f. Housing Plan Status
- g. COVID Recovery Efforts
- h. 2021 Legislation Review/Update
- i. COG County Equivalency
- j. Potential Change to “Urban” Definition
- k. Crumbling Foundations
- l. Member Town Assistance Status

4. Discussion and Action Items

- a. Executive Committee Recommendation on Legislative Procedures
- b. Regional Referrals
- c. STIP Amendments/Actions
- d. 2021-22 Work Plan and Budget - Initial Discussion
- e. Designation of the Executive Committee to Develop a Contract Recommendation for the Executive Director
- f. Other Business (if designated)
- g. CEO Roundtable

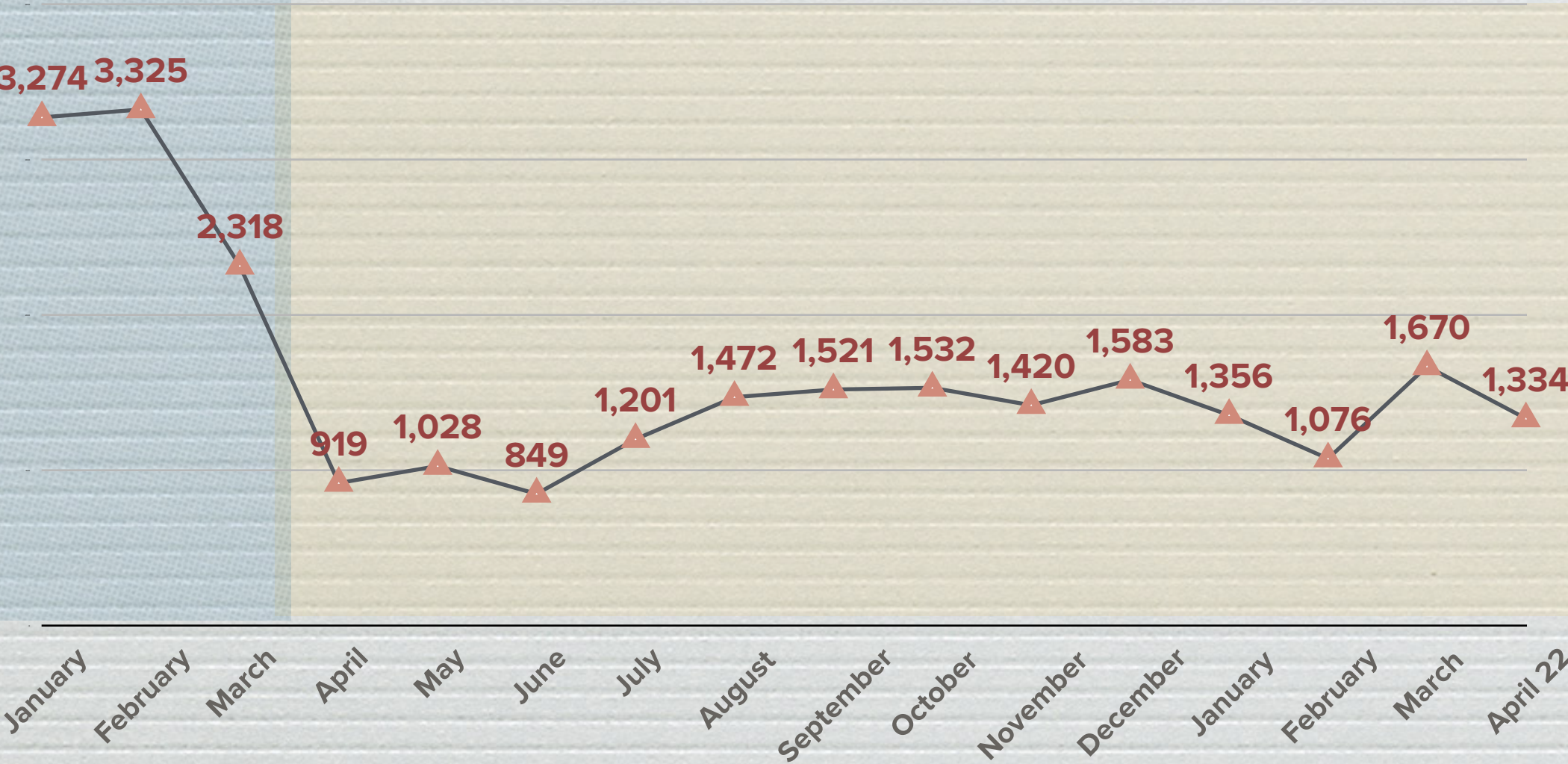
5. Adjourn

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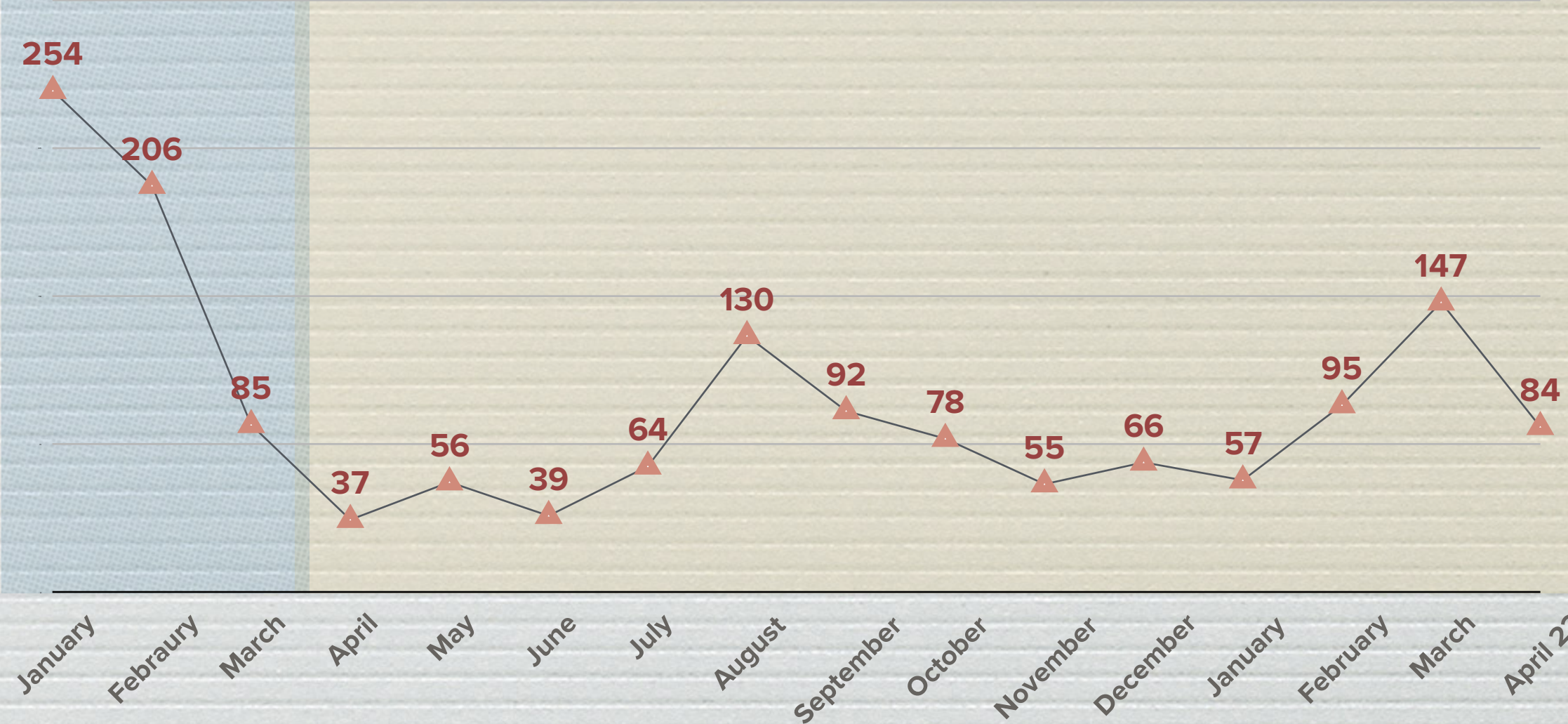
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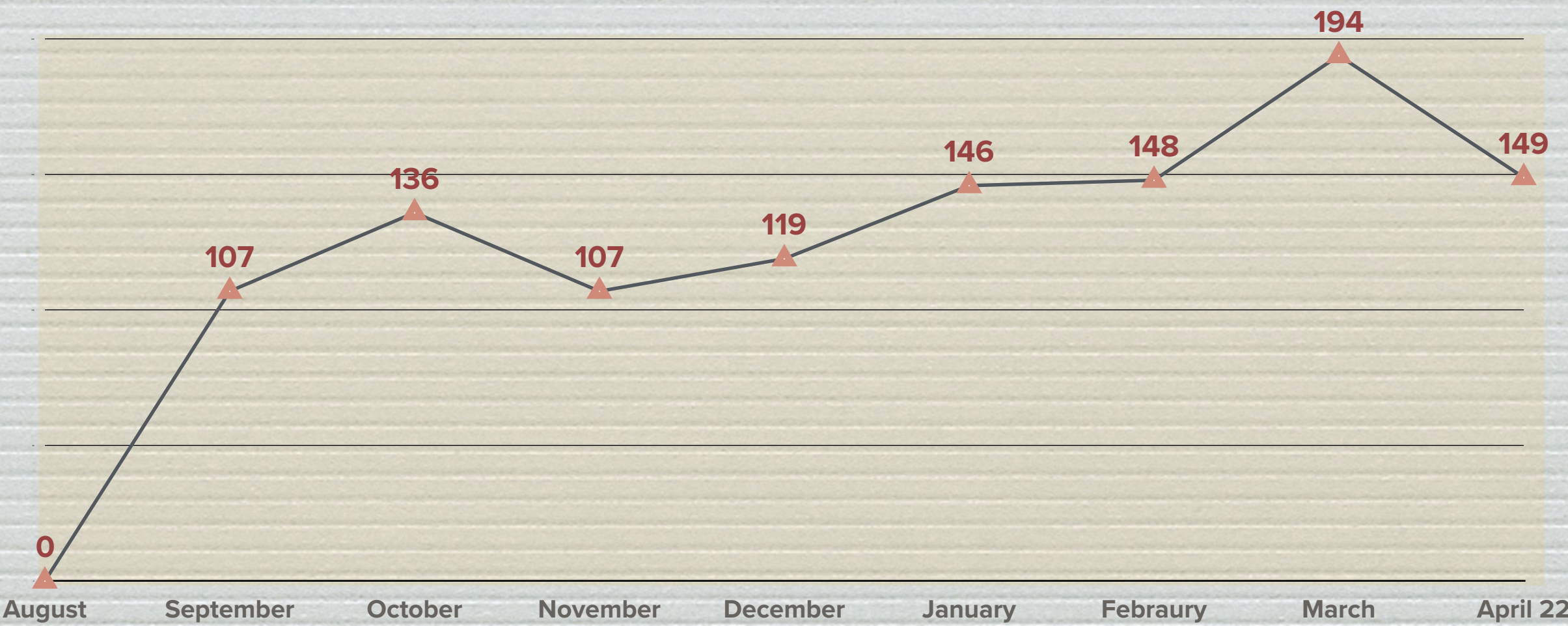
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Elderly Disabled Ridership



Plainfield Bus Service (began September 8, 2020)



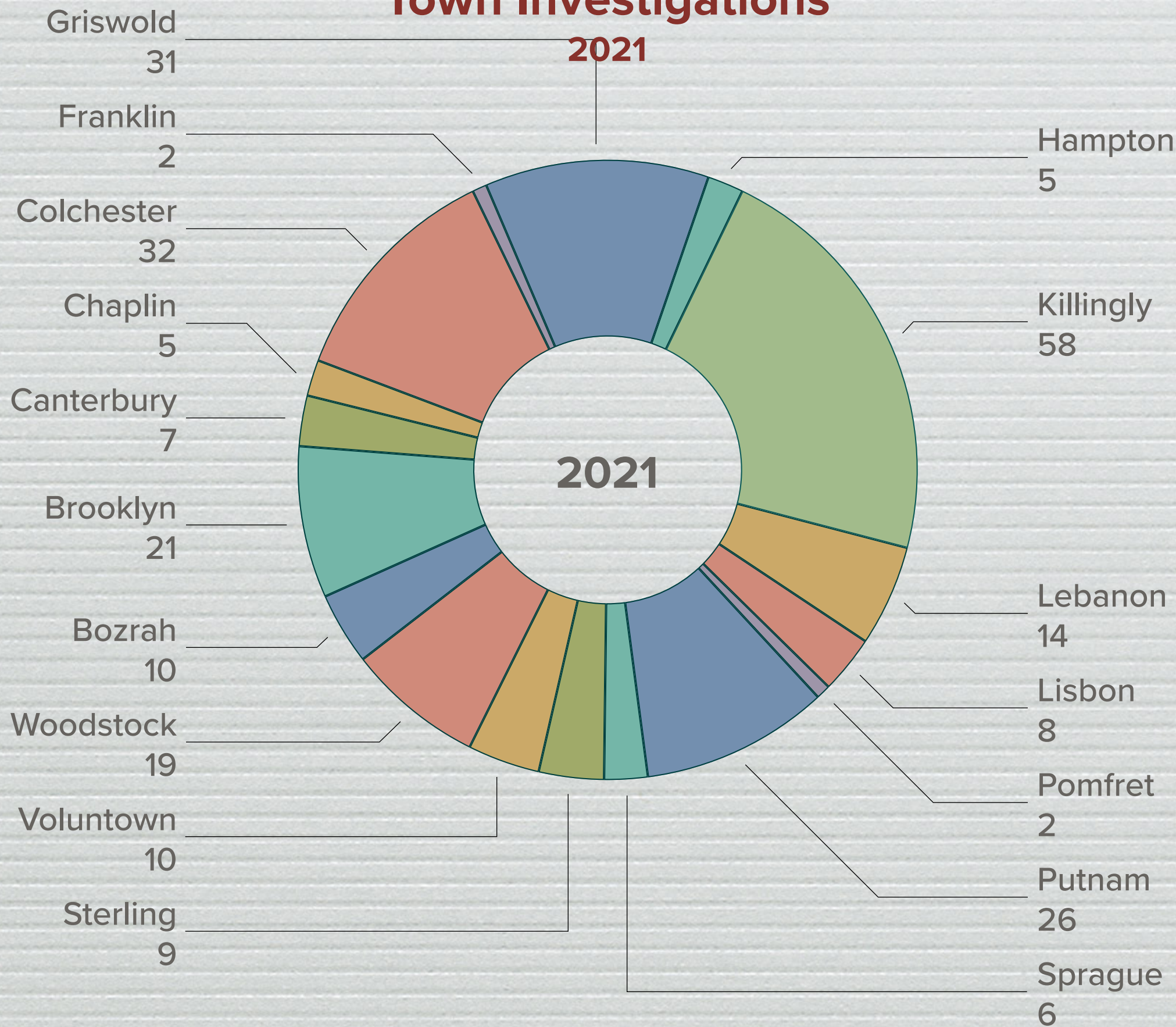
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Animal Services Program

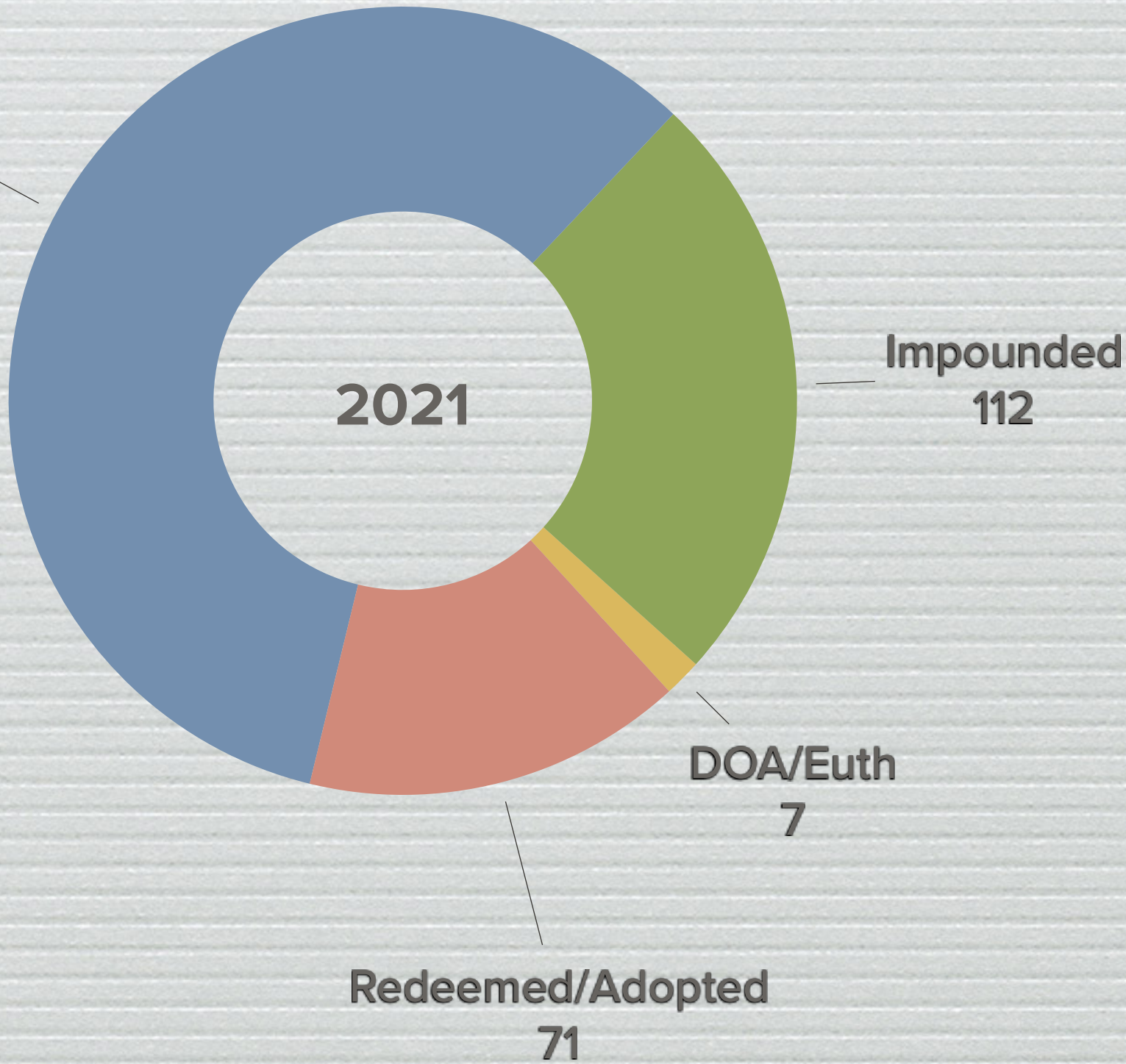
Town Investigations

2021



Total Activity

Investigations
265

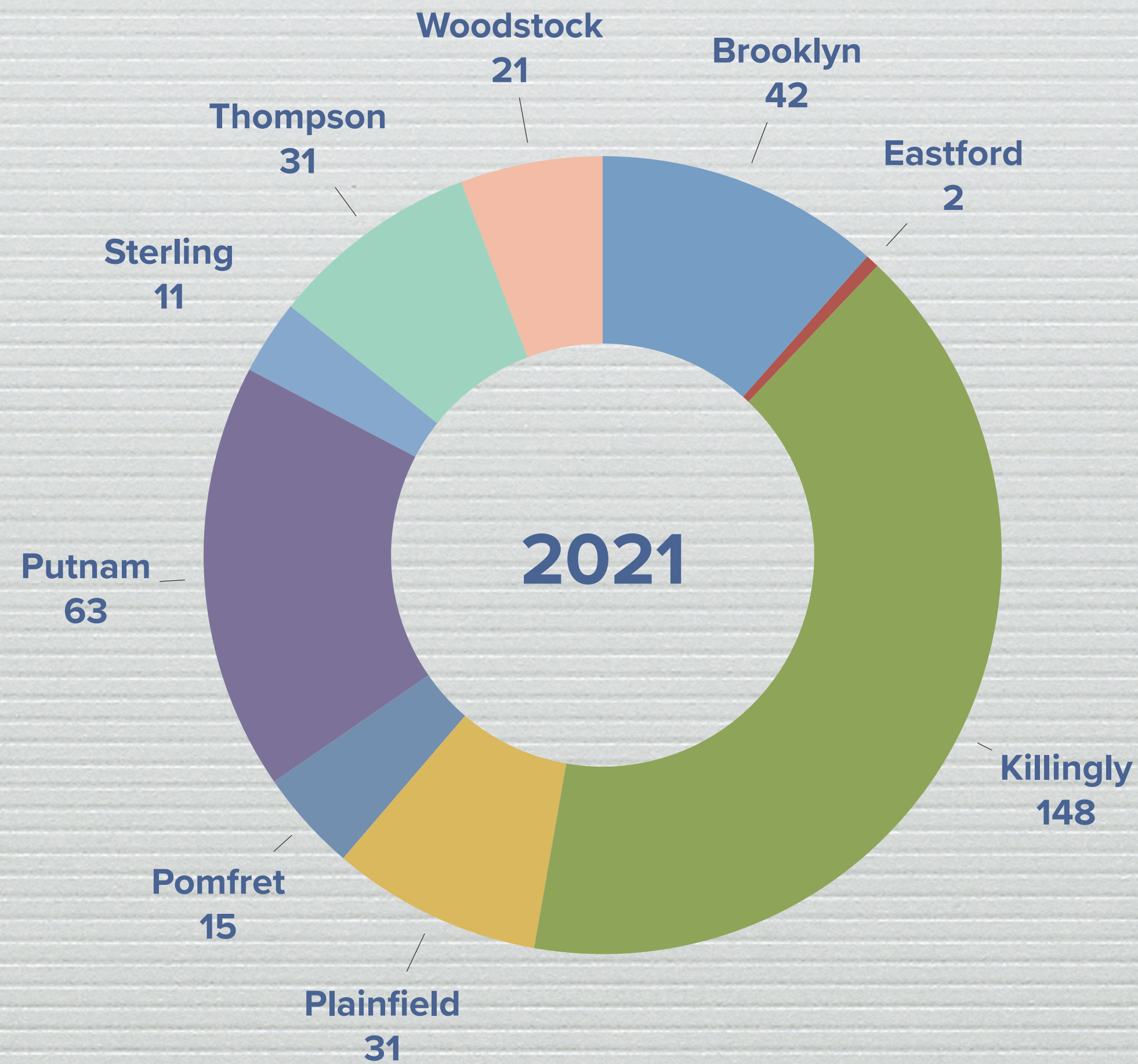


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Regional Paramedic Intercept Program Activity

January and February

364 - Total Transports



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■ **HB 6448, File 542 - AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT, THE MODERNIZATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, REGIONAL COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT AND THE PROVISION OF OUTDOOR DINING**

- Requires public agencies to make their meetings that are subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (including in-person meetings) accessible to the public through electronic equipment.
- Requires that agencies conduct all votes at a meeting by roll call if at least one member participates in the meeting electronically
- Expands the information that public agencies must make available before a regular meeting (whether electronic or in-person). It requires public agencies with a website to post public documents - at least 24 hours in advance. Allows public agencies to electronically send meeting notices to interested parties.
- Allows voters attending a town meeting using electronic equipment to cast a vote using electronic equipment
- Changes the funding calculation for grants to COGs.
 - \$185,500 plus 68 cents per capita
- Amends RPIP
 - Requires a COG's member municipalities to affirmatively vote to approve the COG's regional service provision and administration and specifies that an interlocal agreement is not required for these regional services



■ **SB 870, File 556 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT**

- Under the bill, the OPM secretary must use the state's nine COG boundaries to designate five revaluation zones.
- Municipalities in each zone will conduct their revaluations in the same year as other municipalities in the zone.
- Beginning with the October 1, 2022, assessment year, municipalities must conduct their revaluations pursuant to this OPM-designated revaluation schedule. The bill requires certain municipalities that delayed implementing a revaluation during the 2003, 2004, or 2005 assessment year to implement future revaluations pursuant to OPM's regional revaluation schedule.
- As is the case under existing law, revaluations must be conducted every five years. The bill retains provisions in existing law governing revaluation methods, processes, and other requirements.
- Existing law, unchanged by the bill, allows municipalities to enter into agreements to establish regional revaluation schedules, subject to OPM's approval (CGS § 12-62q).



■ **HB 6646, File 550 - AN ACT CONCERNING CRUMBLING CONCRETE FOUNDATIONS**

- This bill makes the Connecticut Foundation Solutions Indemnity Company (CFSIC) permanent by eliminating the current June 30, 2022, termination date.
- Allows the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA) to make loans to CFSIC so that it may pay claims - authorizing CHFA to issue up to \$100 million in revenue bonds to fund the loans and secures the bonds with a portion of Healthy Homes surcharge revenue.
- Extends the Healthy Homes insurance surcharge sunset date by 12 years, until December 31, 2041. Under current law, the surcharge sunsets on December 31, 2029.
- Requires the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) commissioner to adopt regulations establishing standards for aggregate testing
- Eliminates the five-year cap on reduced assessments for properties made with defective concrete - allowing property owners to benefit from a reduced assessment until their foundation is repaired or replaced
- Requires CFSIC to study the extent of pyrrhotite-related foundation damage in nonresidential buildings and appropriates \$175,000 from the Healthy Homes fund for it to do so



■ **HB 6641, File 547 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE REMOTE AND ONLINE PROVISION OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

See also SB 183, File 441 - AN ACT CONCERNING REMOTE MEETINGS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

- Makes numerous changes allowing municipal entities and other public agencies to conduct business electronically. Generally, the changes allow specified (1) notices and applications to be sent electronically and (2) hearings or meetings to be held using electronic equipment
- Allows public agencies to hold meetings remotely under the FOIA through conference call, videoconference, or other technology
- Allows municipalities to hold town meetings and budget adoption proceedings using electronic equipment
- Allows towns, cities, and boroughs, whenever they are required by the law or a charter to advertise a legal notice in a newspaper, to instead post the notice on their websites
- Requires town clerks to designate a website for paying recording fees and accept payments for these fees through the website in a manner they prescribe. It similarly imposes these requirements on registrars of vital statistics for vital records fees



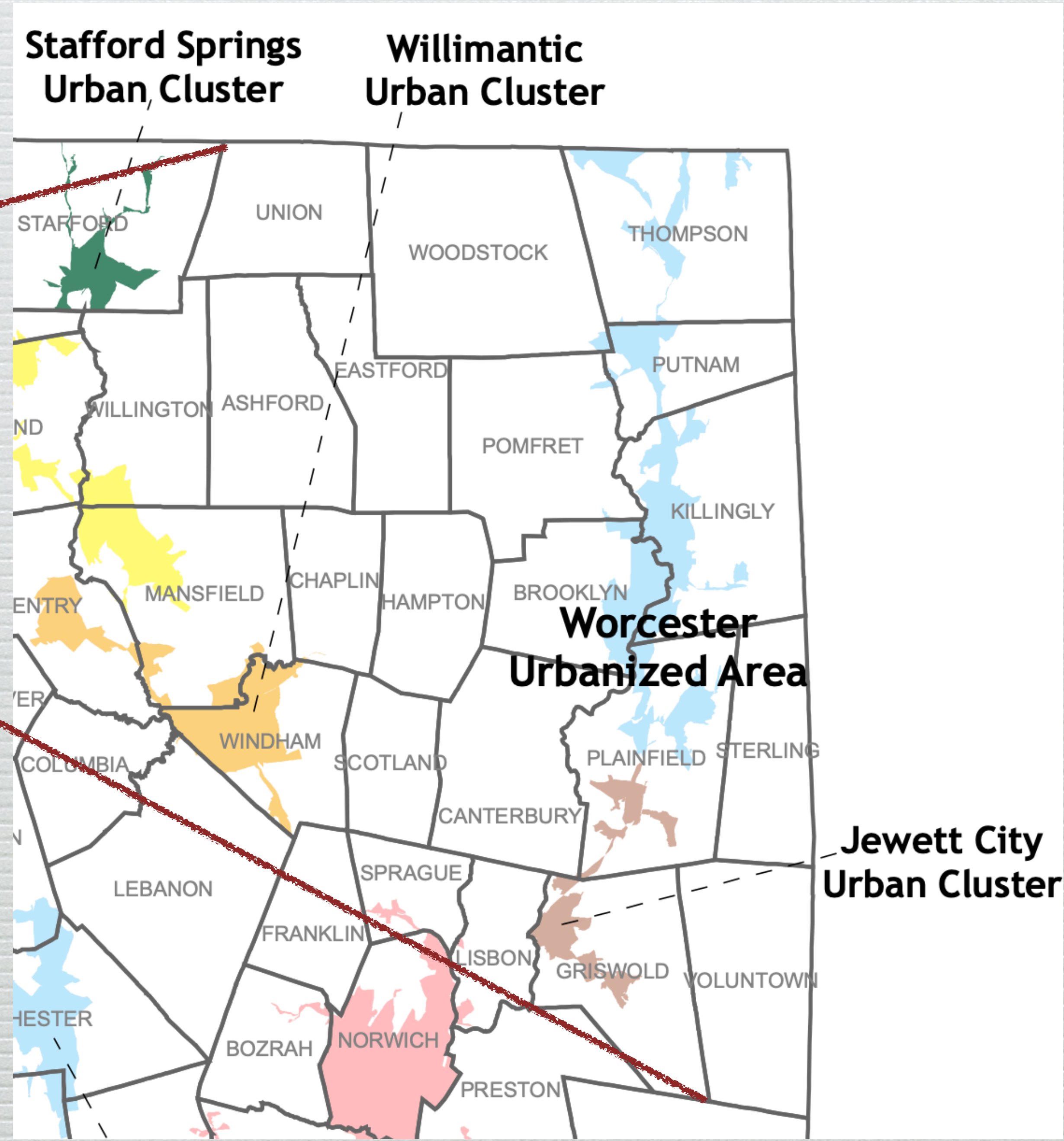
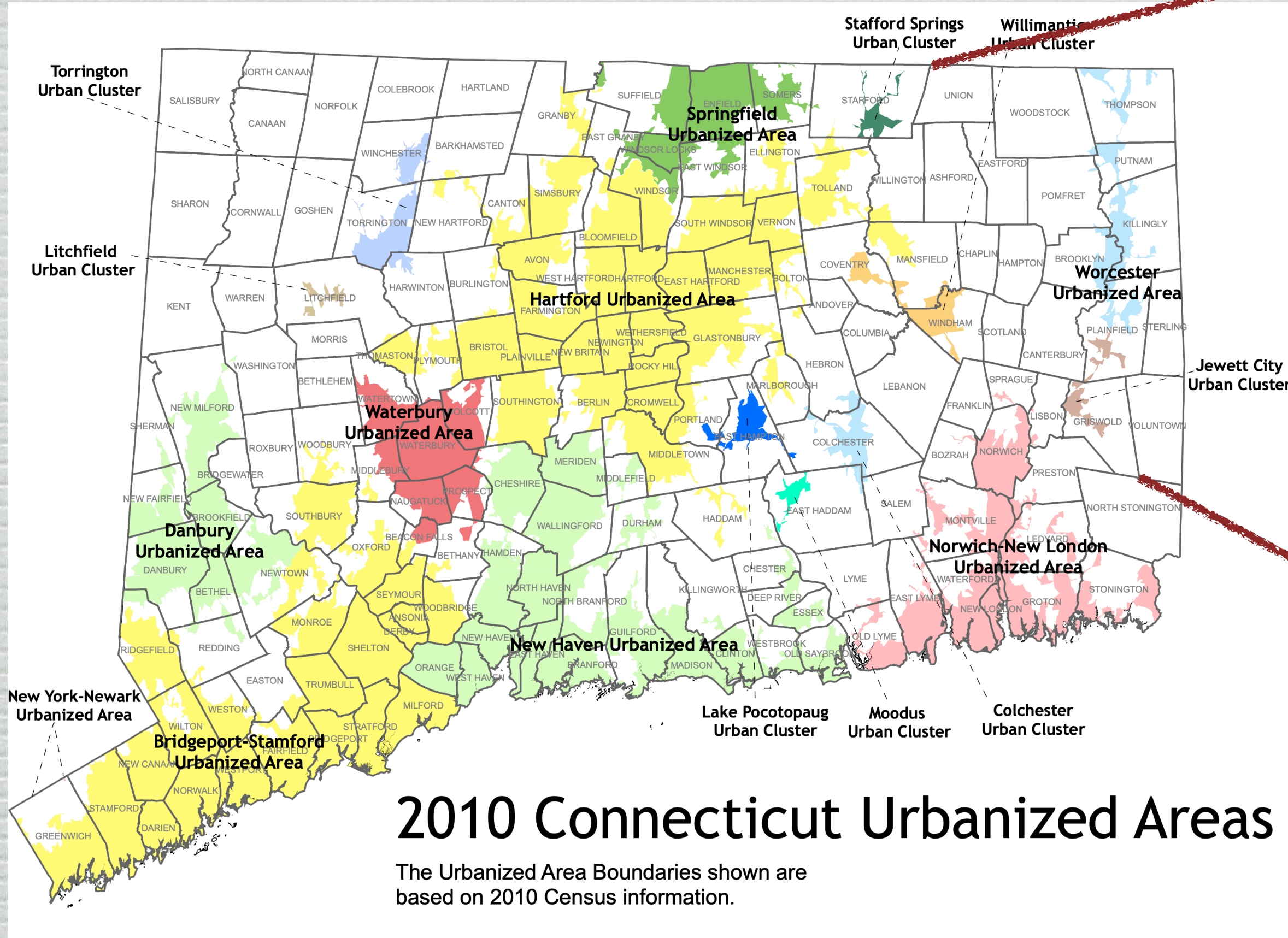
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■ **SB 1016, File 456 - AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL ETHICS**

- Requires each municipality to adopt and maintain a code of ethics by October 1, 2022
- Requires OSE, in consultation with the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities and Connecticut Council of Small Towns, to (1) develop a model municipal ethics code that municipalities may adopt and (2) publish this code on its website by January 1, 2022



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- CFSIC has **33 registered claimants** in 27 months
- Of this number, 7 are Pending claimants
- CFSIC has paid \$1,486,715 in foundation remediation and reimbursement claims
- CFSIC has **completed 10 foundations in Ashford for a total value of \$1,469,215.** (This results in an average replacement value for allowable costs of \$146,921, which is approximately \$7,000 lower per foundation replacement than CFSIC's current total replacement average across the entire affected area.)
- **Estimated value of all Pendings** currently registered with us from Ashford is **\$1,079,652**
- If CFSIC's sunset date is not moved to a minimum of 2030, **at least 80% of our known 7 Pending claimants will be left behind**



County American Rescue Act Funds

- Environmental Depot
- Pre-Hospital Emergency Care
- Regional Tree Hazard Mitigation Program
- Regional Animal Shelter - Full Renovation
- Value-Added Agricultural Center
- Town Administrative Services Pilot
- Added GIS Layers - Town Boundaries, Structures, Digital Ortho Data, Trails and More
- Land Record Modernization
- Shared Road Maintenance Equipment - Mobile Pot-Hole/Road Crack Repairer
- Broadband



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Coronavirus (COVID-19) Grant Opportunities and Guidance

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2021 - 2022

Work Plan and Budget

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Programs and Projects

■ COVID-19 Response and Recovery

- COVID-19 Response - General
- Economic Recovery and Resilience Plan integrated into the Regional CEDS (new)
- Disaster Recovery Support for Region IV (new)
- Entrepreneurial Enhancement (new)
- On-Line Presence to Assist in the Economic Recovery (new)

■ General

- Intergovernmental Relations
- Town Administrative Services Pilot (new)
- Town Technical Assistance
- Crumbling Foundations
- Regional Property Revaluation Program
- Regional Elections Monitor
- Broadband Infrastructure (new)

■ GIS Services

- Regional Viewer
- Assessor Property Viewer/Updates
- General Mapping Services
- Asset Management Pilot (new)

■ Public Safety

- Paramedic Intercept Program
- Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Implementation
- DEMHS Region IV Emergency Planning
- Tier II Viewer (new)

■ Natural Hazard Mitigation and Resource Protection

- Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Environmental Depot (New)
- Water Resource Protection

■ Animal Services Program

- Regional ASP
- Trap, Neuter, Release and Maintain Program

■ Human Services Coordination Program

- Regional Human Services Coordination Council
- Regional Human Services/Veteran's Advisor
- Veteran's Transportation

■ Planning and Engineering Services

- Regional Engineering Program
- Regional Plan of Conservation and Development
- Statutory Referrals
- Land Use Technical Assistance
- Regional Building Official Pilot (new)

■ Regional Housing Plan

■ Economic Development

- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy/Economic Development District
- Eastern Connecticut Enterprise Corridor Administration

■ Northeastern Connecticut Transit District

- Transit District Administration
- Deviated Fixed Route Services
- Elderly/Disabled Services
- Plainfield Transit Service Pilot
- Windham Mid-day Shuttle Pilot (new)

■ Transportation Planning and Technical Assistance

- UPWP, General
- UPWP, Administration
- UPWP, Planning and Technical Assistance
- UPWP, Public Participation

■ NECCOG Administration

- Administration
- NECCOG 2021-22 Budget
- NECTD 2021-22 Budget
- 2021-22 Assessments
- Total Operational Budget
- Organization Chart