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August 2022 Meeting

August 26, 2022



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August 26, 2022 - **9:30 am** - Remote Meeting

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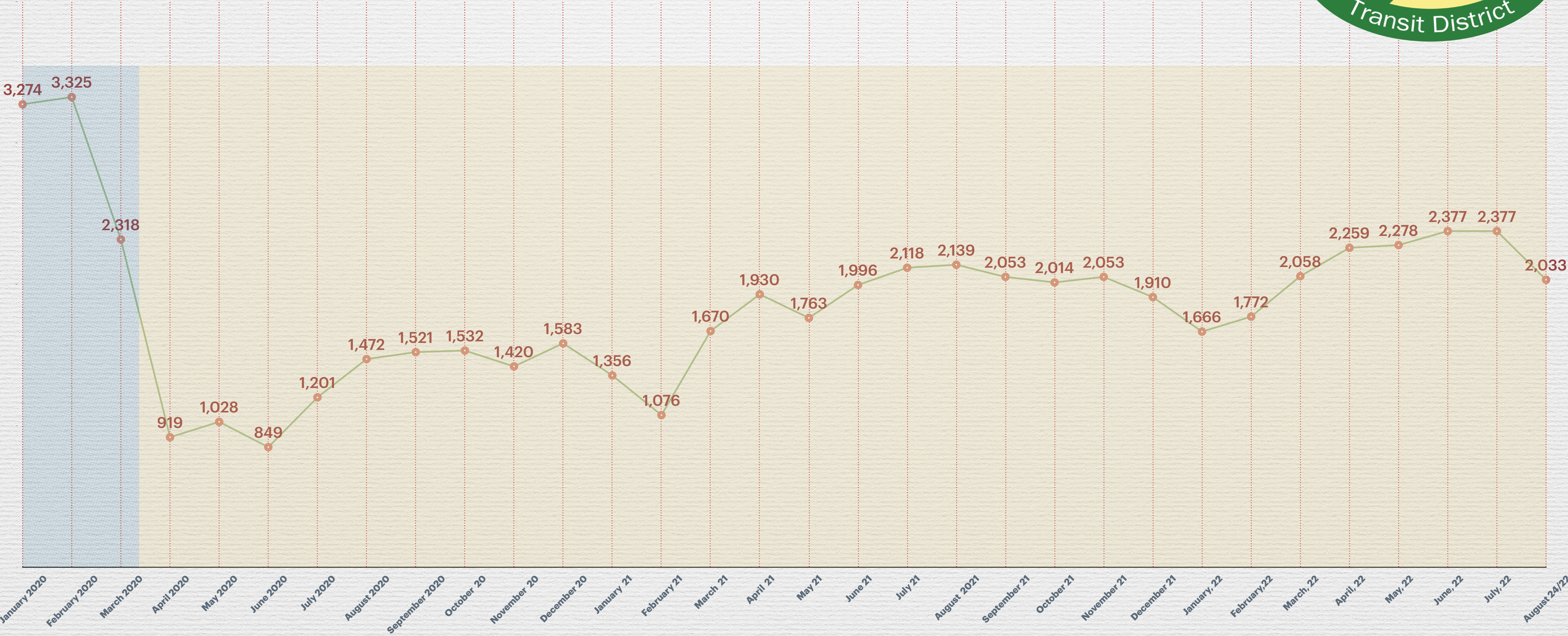
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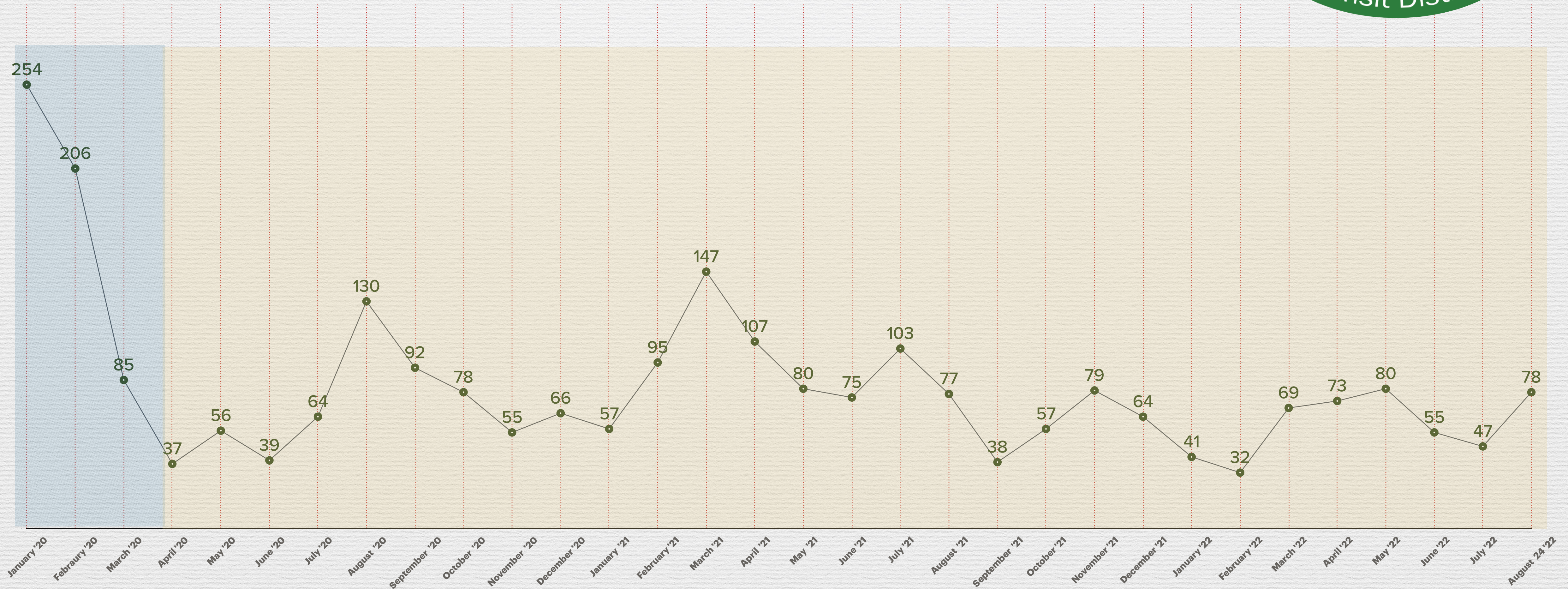
Deviated—Fixed Route Ridership

Serving Thompson, Putnam, Killingly and Brooklyn



Elderly-Disabled Ridership

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Plainfield Pilot

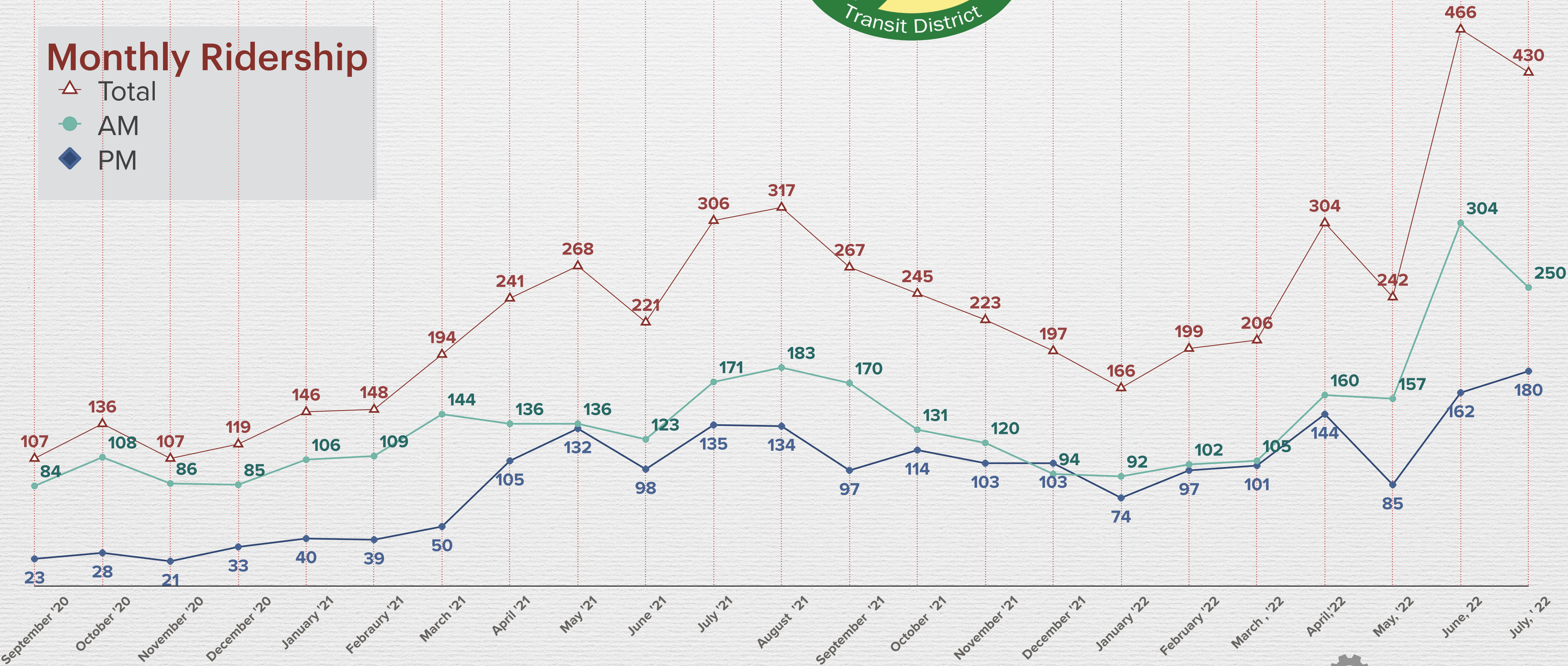
Serving Wauregan, Central Village, Moosup and Plainfield Village

(Begun September 8, 2020)



Monthly Ridership

- △ Total
- AM
- ◆ PM



Connecticut Stand Down 2022

Friday, September 23, 2022

8:00 am - 2:00 pm



NORWICH

American Legion – **Veterans Benefits**
 CHRO – **Legal (Discrimination & Accommodations)**
 Columbus House – **SSVF / Housing**
 CT Council on Problem Gambling – **Gambling Recovery Support**
 CT Dept. of Labor - **Employment**
 CT DMV – **Driver license and suspension services**
 Irreverent Warriors- Bring **Veterans together using humor and camaraderie**
 MDA-UAW Local 571 - **Personal needs items**
 NAVY Federal Credit Union – **Financial**
 Southeastern Regional Action Council (SERAC) – **Suicide Prevention**
 US Attorney's Office – **Information on Civil Rights and ADA Laws**
 VA Connecticut Homeless Team - **Housing**
 VA CT Hartford VA Regional Office, VBA - Team – **Veterans Benefits**
 VA CT Healthcare System - **Healthcare**
 VA CT Suicide Prevention Program – **Mental Health**
 VA CT VR&E - **Education**
 VFW AUXILIARY Department of Connecticut - **Personal needs items**

Veterans Rally Point Easter Seals - 24 Stott Ave Ste 2, Norwich, CT 06360

Danielson / Killingly

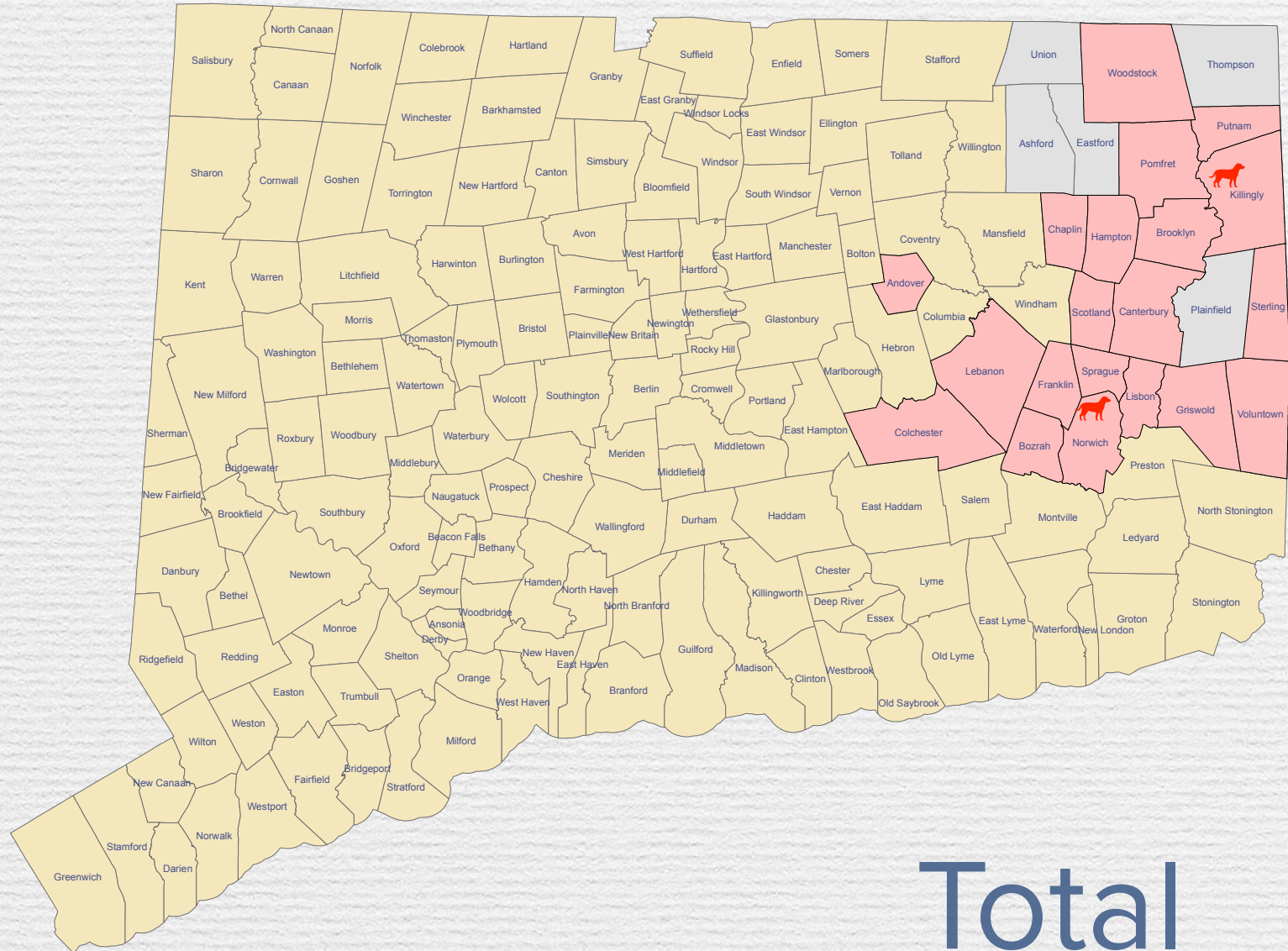
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Plainfield

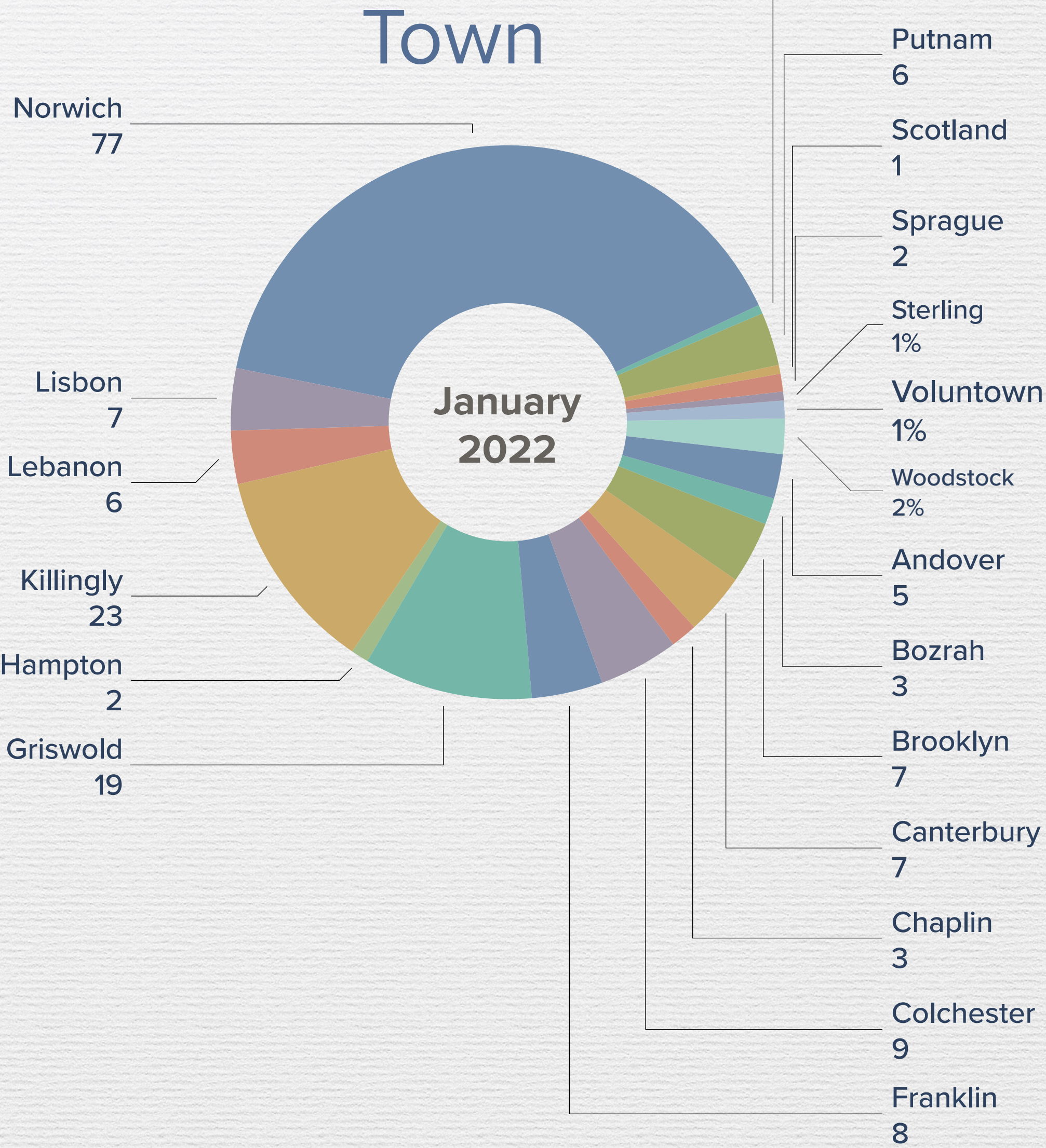
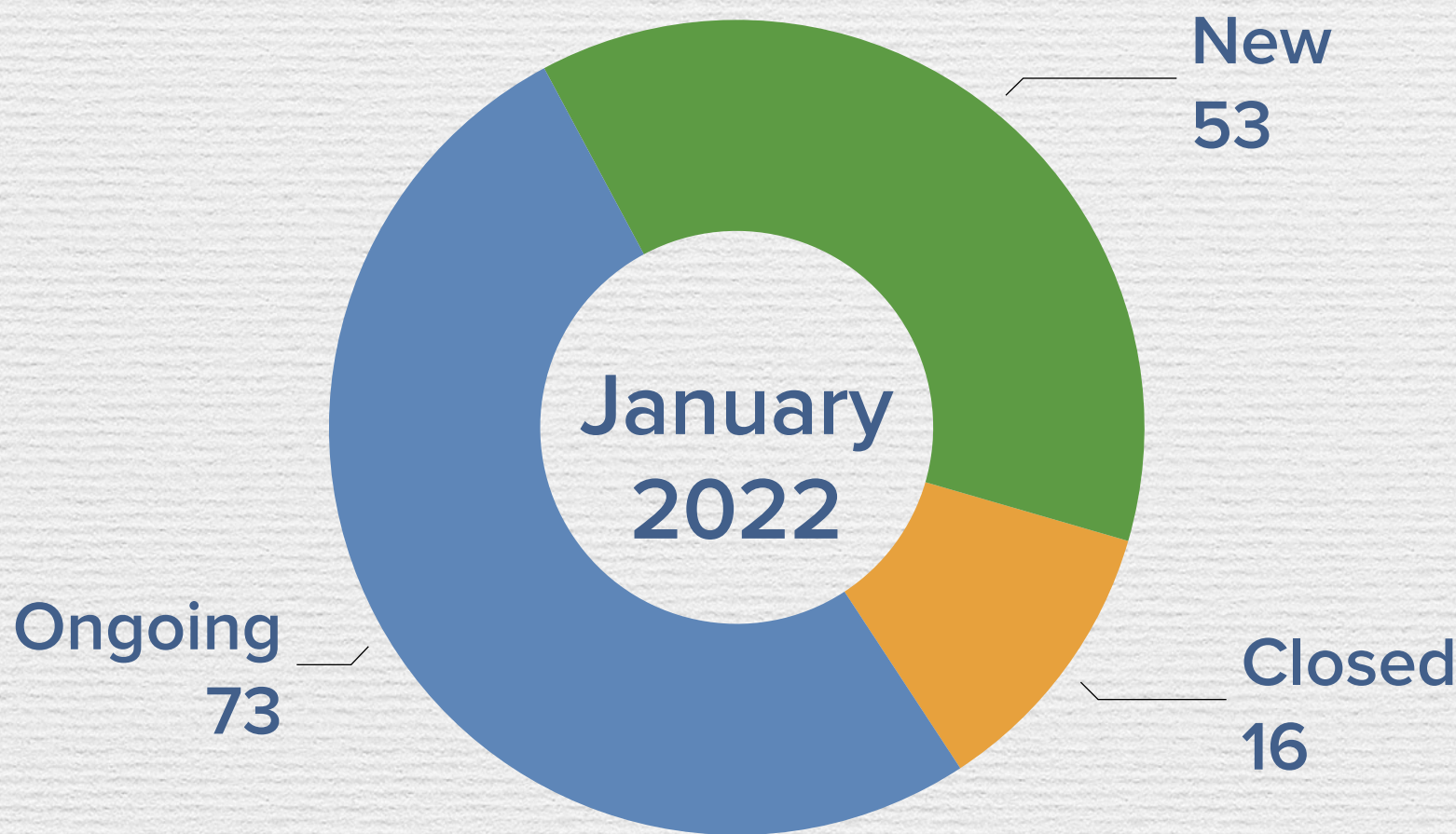
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Animal Services Program, 2022

Investigations - 193

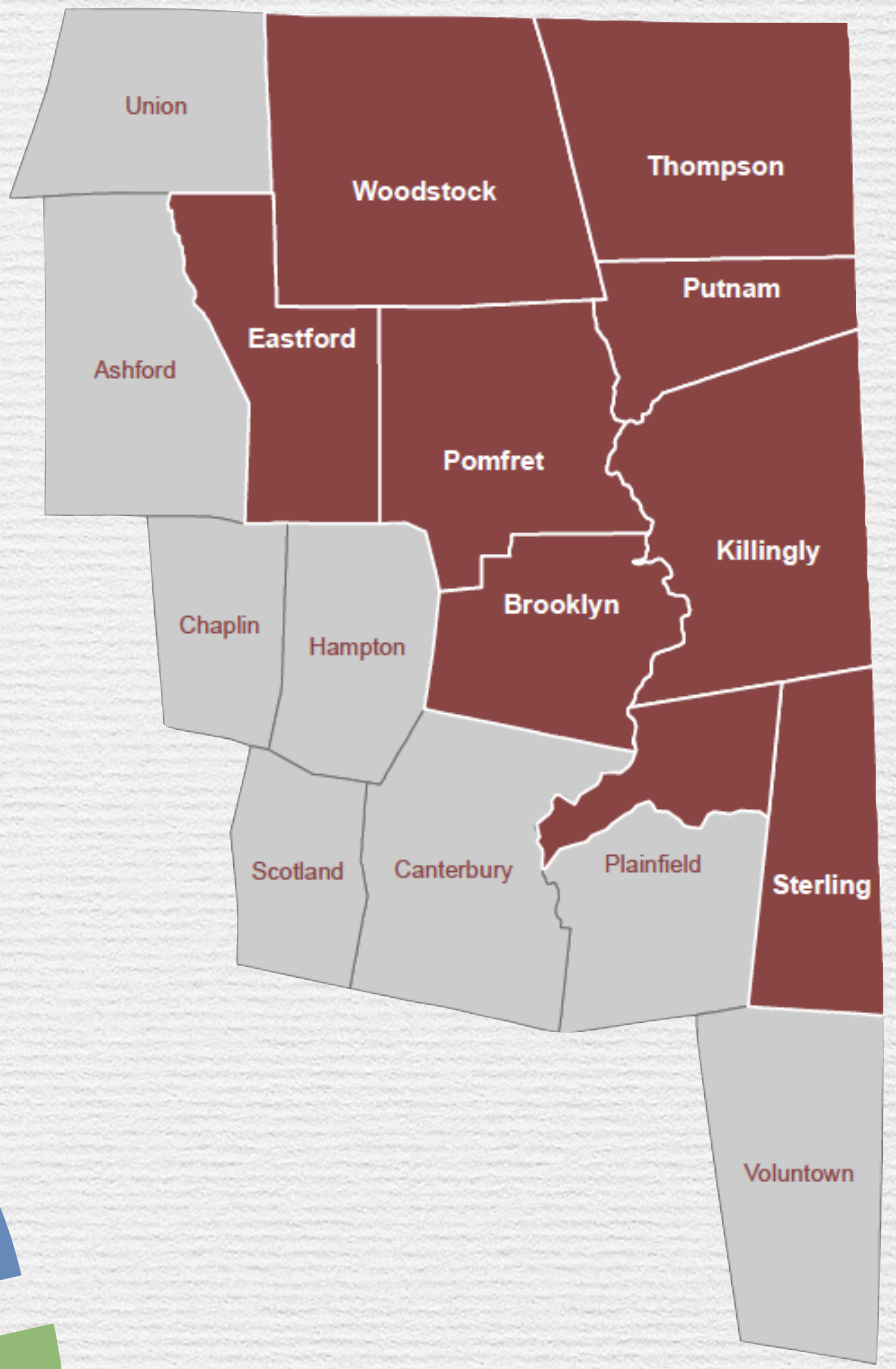
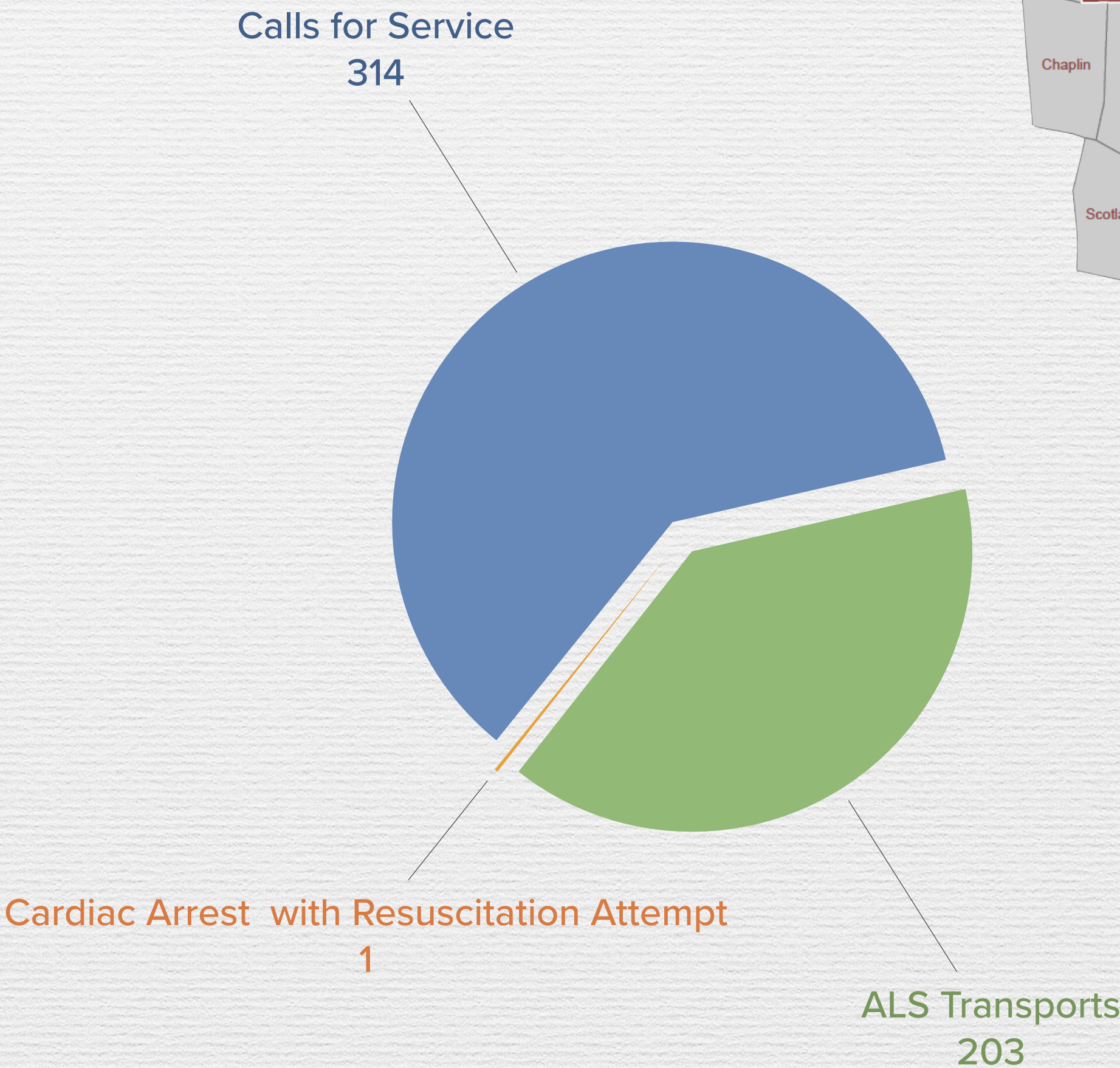
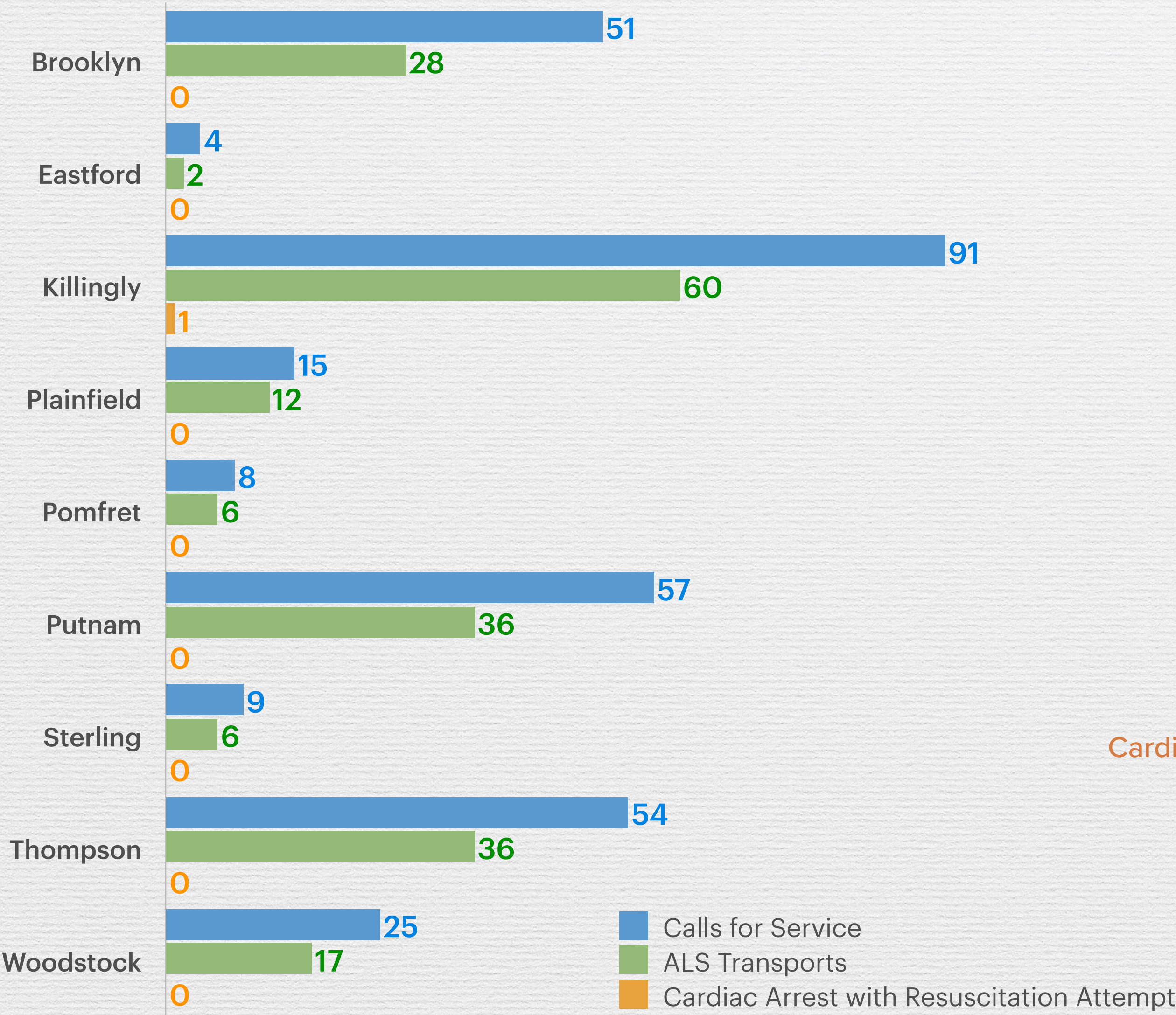


Total



Regional Paramedic Intercept Program

June 2022



Crumbling Foundations



as of **Friday, August 19:**

- **591 families have been restored to a safe and secure foundation**
- **\$82,000,000** in claims have been paid to date

crumblingfoundations.org

2050 LRTP

Long Range Transportation Plan Northeastern Connecticut



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COVID Recovery

Task 1 Develop an **Economic Recovery and Resilience Plan** - integrated into the CEDS.

Task 2 Provide **disaster recovery support to the DEMHS Region IV** Recovery Steering Committee and subcommittees.

Task 3 Implement the provision of **technical assistance** through virtual and in-person sessions that bring together new, existing, minority, women-owned and other businesses

Task 4 Develop and put in place an **interactive (GIS based) regional map directory** that provides resources for small agricultural and niche business on marketing, grant opportunities and best practices for adapting their business - providing opportunity for sustainability.

Funding Available to a Range of Recipients

Program Examples	State	MPO	Local	Tribe	PA*	Territory	FLMA*
Apportioned programs (formula)	✓						
Bridge Program (formula)	✓			✓			
National Electric Vehicle Formula Program	✓		✓				
Safe Streets and Roads for All program		✓	✓	✓			
PROTECT Grants (discretionary)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Program	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Congestion Relief Program	✓	✓	✓				
Bridge Investment Program (discretionary)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Rural Surface Transportation Grants	✓		✓	✓			
INFRA	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Nat'l Infra. Project Assistance	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Local and Regional Project Assistance	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

Note: This table does not include all BIL programs or eligible entities, and there are additional nuances not represented in this table. Additional programmatic information is provided in later slides. FHWA will administer most, but not all, programs listed.

* "PA" means a special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function; FLMA means Federal Land Management Agency

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With the **Action Plan Grant** our intent is to **supplement the current Regional Safety Plan** with:

The **development of a comprehensive set of regional projects and strategies**, as indicated in the current safety plan, where our individual towns may be bundled together for a future Implementation Grant application. The work contemplated in this application will require:

- Additional analysis
- Expanded data collection and evaluation using integrated data
- Identification of underserved communities or subsets of communities
- Testing Action Plan concepts before project and strategy implementation
- Feasibility studies using quick-build strategies that inform permanent projects in the future (e.g., paint, plastic bollards)
- Follow-up stakeholder engagement and collaboration
- Targeted equity assessments
- Equity analysis, in collaboration with appropriate partners, focused on initial equity impact assessments of the proposed projects and strategies, and population characteristics. implementation, and monitoring.
- Progress report development
- Complementary planning efforts such as speed management plans, accessibility and transition plans, racial and health equity plans, and lighting management plans

\$200,000 plus 20% local match



Internet for All Initiative

Biden-Harris Administration



Goal: High-Speed Internet for All

How: Planning
Infrastructure
Adoption

Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program

Digital Equity Act Programs

Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program

Affordable Connectivity Program

Capital Projects Fund

ReConnect Loan and Grant Program

Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program

Broadband Infrastructure Program

Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program

Connecticut Broadband Infrastructure Program

Funded by the ARPA Capital Projects Fund

Total Funding: \$42.9M

Status: Finalizing Program Details

Purpose: To fund construction and deployment of broadband infrastructure designed to deliver service that supports the goal of universal access to affordable, resilient, and reliable broadband.

Objective: To invest in low-income/multi-family curb-to-home and business broadband infrastructure buildout and underserved area broadband infrastructure grants.

Application period is estimated to open late 2022.
All funds must be expended by the end of 2026.

Grant Type: Competitive

Match: TBD

Program Priorities:

- 100 Mbps/100Mbps (preference for 1 Gbps/100 Mbps)
- Underserved areas, particularly in Distressed Municipalities
- Fiber-optic infrastructure
- Open infrastructure
- Affordability
- Alternate provider arrangements

Capital Projects Fund

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Purpose:

To enable (especially remote) work, education, and health monitoring in response to COVID-19.

Total Funding:

Connecticut was allocated \$141,932,612 from the CPF and has set aside >\$100M for broadband-related initiatives.

Timeline:

A Program Plan has been submitted to Treasury and is in the review process.

Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program

Funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (“Infrastructure Bill”)

Total Funding: \$100M+

Status: Awaiting FCC DATA maps update (est. November)

Purpose: To provide federal funding for broadband planning, deployment, mapping, equity, and adoption activities.

Objective: BEAD prioritizes

1. Unserved locations (<25 Mbps/3 Mbps)
2. Underserved locations (<100 Mbps/20 Mbps)
3. Community anchor institutions (<1 Gbps/1 Gbps)

Grant Type: Competitive

Match: ≥ 25%

Program Priorities:

- End-to-end fiber
- Alternate service providers
- Open access
- Affordability
- Fair labor practices
- Speed to deployment
- Equitable workforce development and job quality
- Local coordination

Alternate Provider Participation

BEAD:

DEEP must describe its efforts to ensure the participation of non-traditional broadband providers (such as municipalities or political subdivisions, cooperatives, non-profits, Tribal Governments, and utilities), including an explanation for awards to traditional broadband providers when one or more non-traditional providers submitted competing proposals to serve an area.

BEAD NOFO Section IV.B.9.b

CPF (CT Broadband Infrastructure Program):

DEEP is encouraged to prioritize projects that involve broadband networks owned, operated by or affiliated with local governments, non-profits, and co-operatives—providers with less pressure to generate profits and with a commitment to serving entire communities.

GUIDANCE FOR THE CORONAVIRUS CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND FOR STATES, TERRITORIES & FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES Section 1.C.a

DEEP must report any laws that either preclude certain public sector providers from participation or impose specific requirements on public sector providers to the NTIA.

BEAD NOFO Section IV.C.1.a

Municipal Networks

Municipal broadband networks may be fully or partially facilitated, built, operated, and/or financed by local governments, typically in partnership with the private sector.

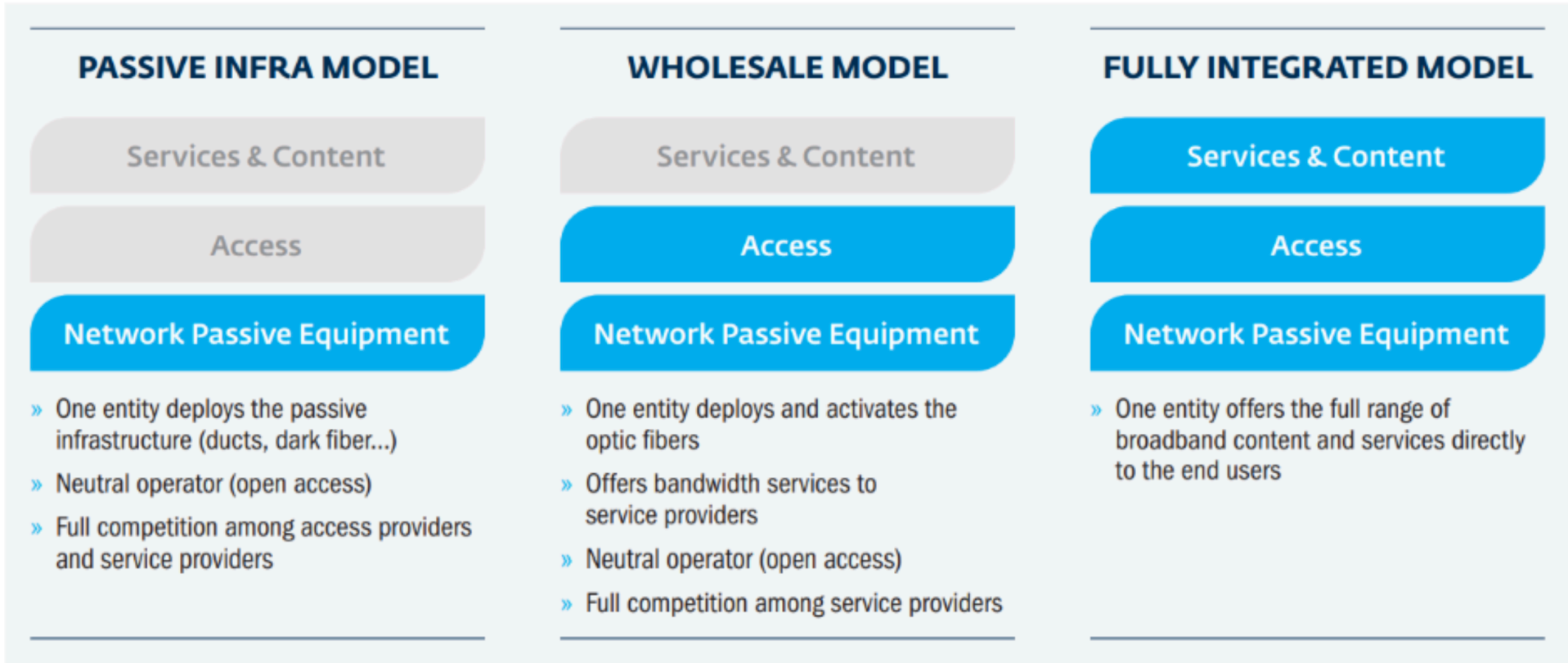
Benefits

- Digital inclusion (access, affordability)
- Digital connectivity (smart meters, municipal data network, smart cities)
- Economic development/job opportunities (remote employment, local startups)

Challenges and Risks

- Ownership/operations model
- Financial capacity/payback period
- Estimated vs actual adoption rate
- Incumbent pushback

Municipal Networks



Source: IFC (2021). Note: Services and content refer to retail connectivity services and value-added contents.

Municipal Networks

	MODEL 1 PUBLIC FACILITATION, PRIVATE INVESTMENT	MODEL 2 PUBLIC FUNDING, PRIVATE EXECUTION	MODEL 3 SHARED INVESTMENT & RISK
RISK	LOW	HIGH	MODERATE
BENEFIT	POTENTIAL BUT NOT ASSURED	HIGH	HIGH
CONTROL	NONE	MODERATE	MODERATE

Source: <https://www.benton.org/sites/default/files/partnerships.pdf>

Resources

DEEP Broadband RFI

<https://portal.ct.gov/deep/energy/broadband-rfi>

CT Mapping Hub

<https://broadbandmaps.ct.gov/>

Internet for All Initiative

<https://www.internetforall.gov/>

BroadbandUSA

<https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/>

Affordable Connectivity Program

<https://www.affordableconnectivity.gov/>

DEEP Grants and Financial Assistance

<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Business-and-Financial-Assistance/Grants-Financial-Assistance/Grants-and-Financial-Assistance>

BEAD Technical Assistance

CT Office of Consumer Council: <https://portal.ct.gov/OCC/Services/Broadband>

Public Act No. 21-159 "Broadband Bill"

<https://cga.ct.gov/2021/ACT/PA/PDF/2021PA-00159-R00HB-06442-PA.PDF>

Municipal Broadband

How does or will your community use broadband?



Economic Development



Remote Learning



Telemedicine



Telecommuting



Aging in Place



Smart Cities



Home Business



Retaining Business

Next Steps

- Submit your RFI comments by Friday August 26 at 4:30 pm EST: <https://portal.ct.gov/deep/energy/broadband-rfi>
- Check <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Energy/Broadband-Deployment> for updates on DEEP programs and initiatives.
- Questions? Email DEEP.broadband@ct.gov and include your name, affiliation, and preferred contact information.

2022 Request for Information on Broadband Infrastructure Programs

RESPONSE TEMPLATE

About This Template

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is providing this template to facilitate responses to the Broadband Infrastructure Program RFI. Use of this template is not required. Respondents are allowed to submit their responses in any format, provided it includes the required information. This document is meant as a guide and is not comprehensive; full response requirements are available in the RFI.

Contact Information

Submission Date	
Name	
Organization/affiliation	
Organization address	
Phone number(s)	
Email address	
Respondent Type (from list below)	

Respondent Type Options

- | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Municipality/Council of Government | Economic development organization | Community anchor institution |
| Tribal government | Local business | Coalition/association |
| Elected official | Nonprofit organization | Faith-based organization |
| State agency | Community-based organization | Other |
| Broadband service provider | | |

LOTICIP Road Projects

Projects with Commitment to Fund

- **Putnam, Woodstock Ave/ Church St. Roadway and Pedestrian Improvements**

Project Cost - Expended: \$627,421 Estimated Completion date 9/22

- **Putnam, Grove Street Sidewalk Replacement**

Project Cost - \$1,894,716 - Anticipate construction to start in September

- **Thompson, Riverside Dr./RT 12 Sidewalk Improvements**

Current Construction Cost \$1,576,095 Construction started in July

- **Plainfield, RT 647 Lathrop Rd. Pedestrian Safety Improvements**

Current Cost Estimate \$743,600 - 90% design

- **Putnam, School Street/RT 44 Sidewalk Reconstruction**

Current Cost Estimate \$1,428,000 - In Design

Application Submitted

- **Killingly, Maple Street Reconstruction**

Current Cost \$1,207,849 - Additional testing being conducted

GIS Project Updates

Ashford

Parcel Updates and Maps Complete

Eastford

Parcel geometry updated per Town Clerk maps

Working with Assessor on Tax Map Changes

Pomfret

Updating Open space Mapping

Housing Plan Maps

Union

Working with Assessor on Updated Tax Map formatting

Woodstock

2022 GL Map Changes Received

NECTD/NECCOG

Transportation Plan Mapping

OPM CAMA and Parcel DATA Submittal Completed

Member Assistance

- Woodstock Town Planner Services - continues
- Eastford Land Use Services - continues
- POCD Updates - Canterbury Completed
- Affordable Housing Plans - Brooklyn, Union, Eastford, Pomfret, Canterbury, Chaplin and Woodstock
- Pomfret Marketing Strategy - delayed
- Voting District Assistance - Thompson, Woodstock, Brooklyn, Plainfield - completed

Regional Performance Incentive Program

- Town Administration
- Assessment
- Building Inspection
- Ambulance
- Planning
- Economic Development
- Land Use Inspection
- Permitting
- Other?

ACIR

Local Government of the Future (LGF) Initiative

- **Maximizing federal funds through COGs and RESCs**
- **Assessing effectiveness of certain local reporting requirements to the state**
- **Property Tax Restructuring**

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Resolution 8-1-22 Regional Services Grant Program

I, **Allan Cahill**, NECCOG Secretary of the **Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments**, an organization (the “Organization”) existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut, certify that the following are true and complete resolutions which were adopted at a duly called and held meeting of the governing body of **the Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments on August 26, 2022**, and that such resolutions have not been amended or modified and continue to be in full force and effect:

RESOLVED, that the Organization execute and deliver to the State of Connecticut a Notice of Grant Award (the “Agreement”) in the amount of **\$250,336.64** for the 2023 Regional Services Grant.

RESOLVED, that **John Filchak, as Executive Director** of the Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments, is directed to execute and deliver the Agreement on behalf of the Organization and to do all things necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of the Agreement, including executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by the Agreement.

I further certify that **John Filchak** now holds the office of **Executive Director** and that he has held that office since **January of 1995**.

I am signing this certificate on August 26, 2022.

_____, Secretary, Allan Cahill
Signature

Adjournment