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## **February 2023 Regular Meeting**

February 24, 2023



February 2023 Regular Meeting (Hybrid)

February 24, 2023 - 9:00 am - Canterbury Town Hall - 1 Municipal Drive, Canterbury CT 06331  
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Agenda

1. Open Meeting - Maureen Nicholson, Chair
- a. Welcoming Remarks

b. Previous Meeting Minutes

c. Public Participation (2 minute limit per speaker)
2. Director’s Report - John Filchak, Executive Director
- a. Transit Activities

b. Animal Services Program

c. Paramedic Intercept Program

d. Crumbling Foundations

e. Transportation Projects and Planning - LRTP

f. Regional Planning Activities

g. EDA Grant

h. RSG Grant Change

i. UPWP Grant Change

j. Safe Routes Grant Award

k. Legislation

l. 2023-24 Work Plan and Budget

m. RPIP Applications

n. TRIP Program
3. Presentations, Discussion and Action Items
- a. Presentation - Capital Region Council of Governments - Capitol Region Purchasing Council
  - Pauline Yoder, Chief Operating Officer and Kimberly Bona, Capitol Region Purchasing Council Program Manager

b. Sustainable Materials Management Regional Waste Authority (RWA) Grant Program - Environmental Depot

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f. Other Agenda Items

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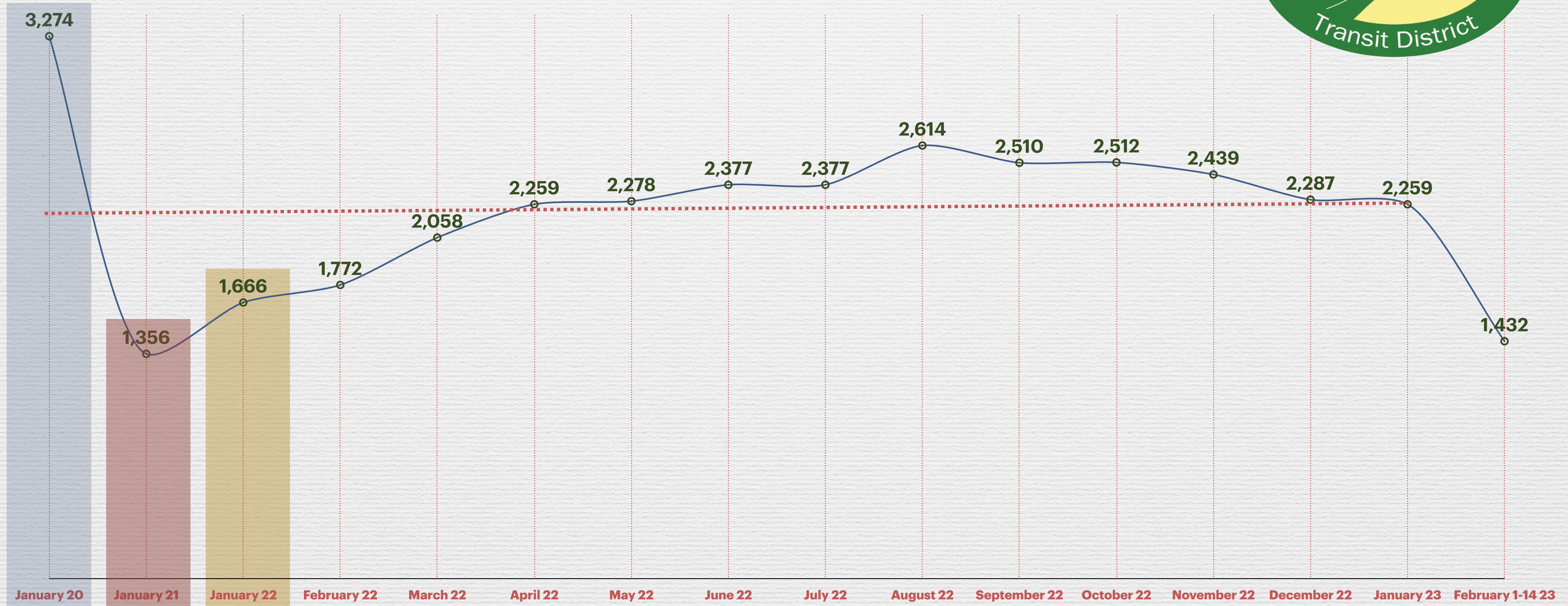
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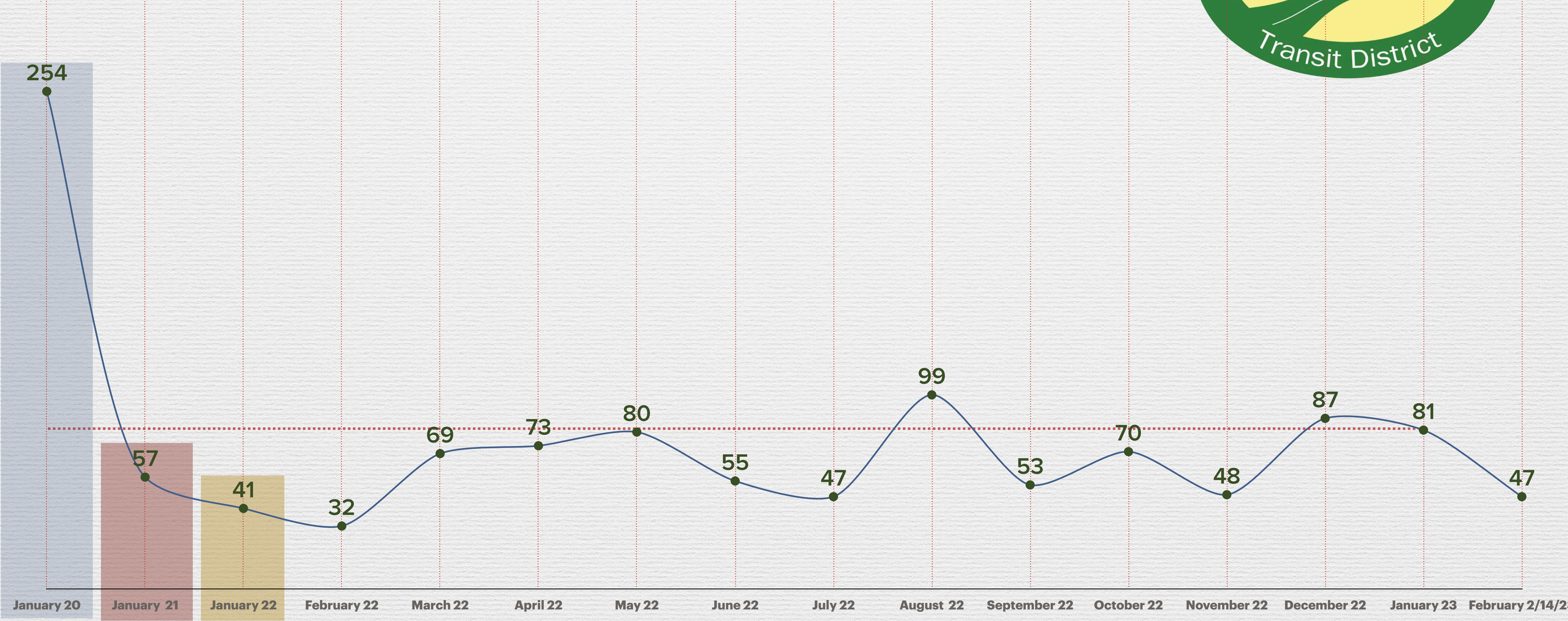
# Deviated—Fixed Route Ridership

Serving Brooklyn, Killingly, Plainfield, Putnam and Thompson



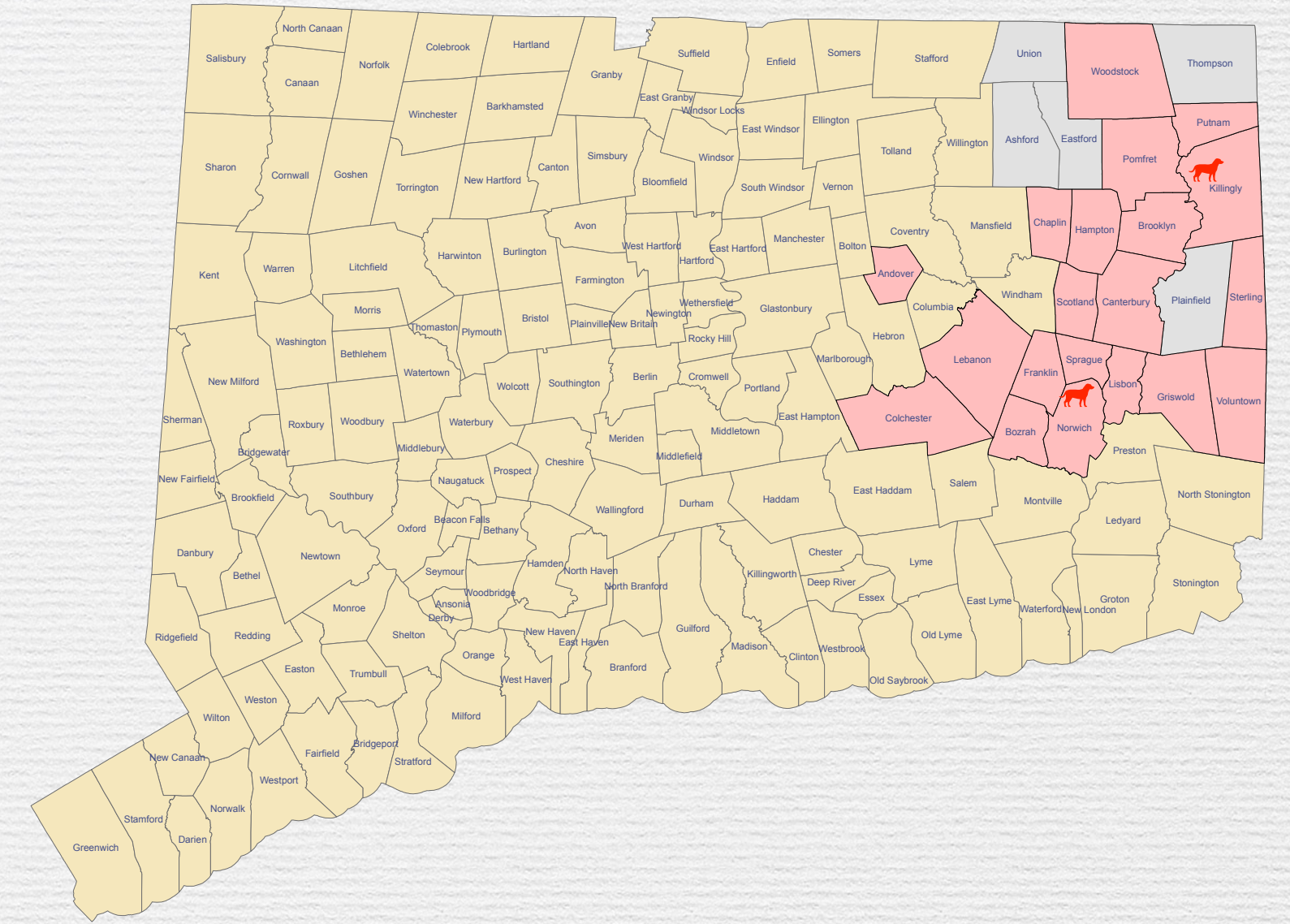
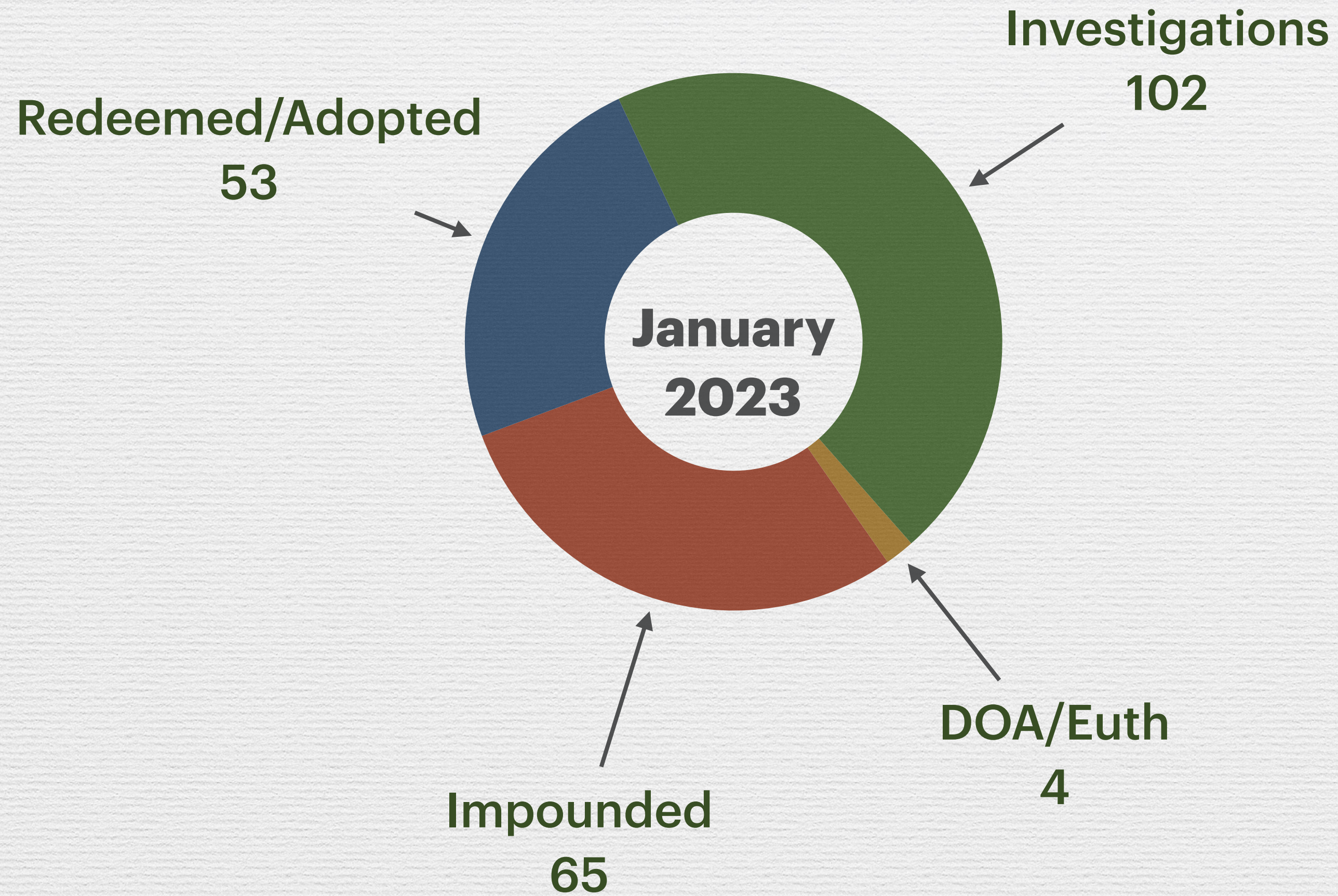
# Elderly-Disabled Ridership

Serving Sterling, Plainfield, Canterbury, Hampton, Brooklyn, Killingly, Putnam, Pomfret, Eastford, Woodstock and Thompson



# Animal Services Program

January 2023



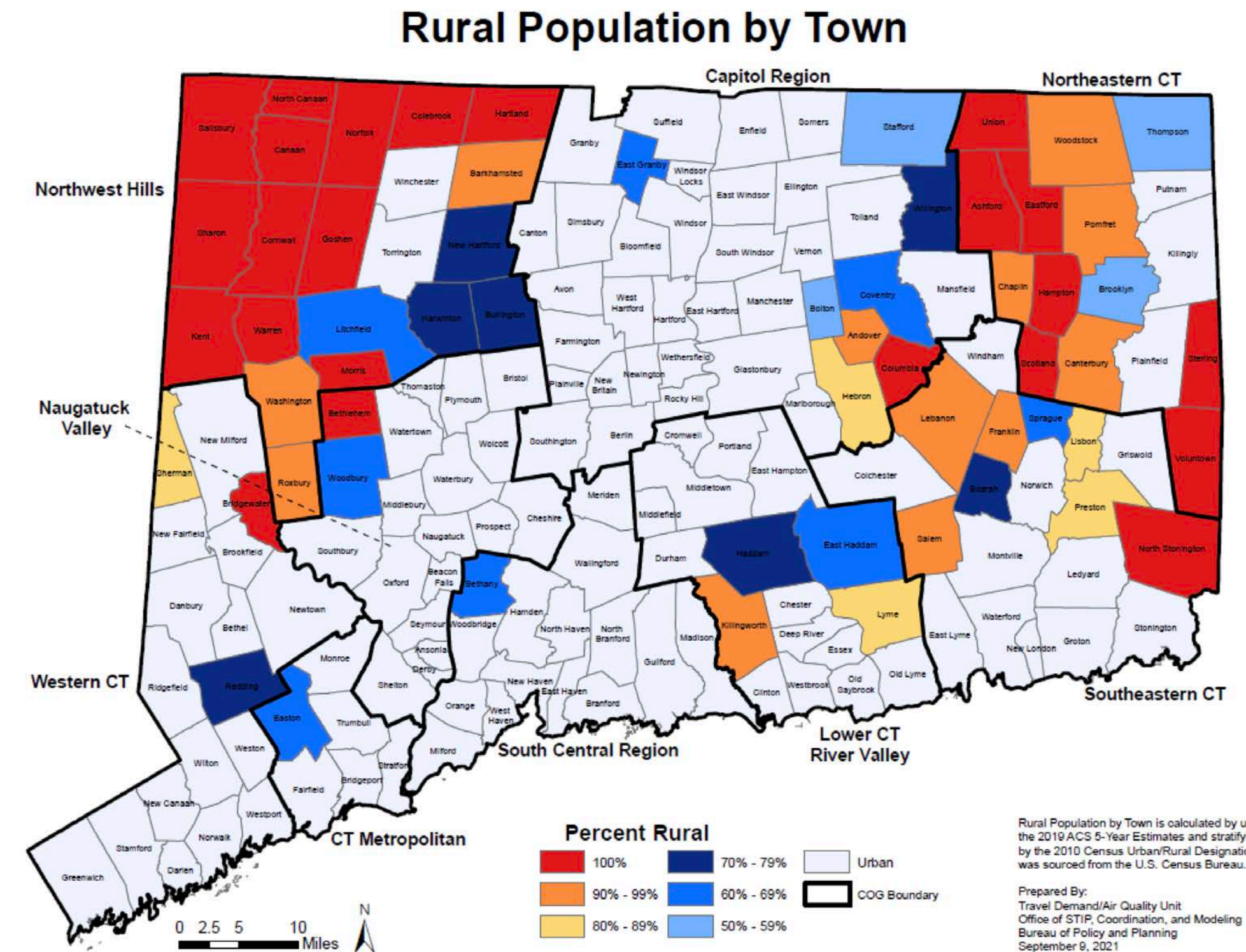


**700 Families and Counting.....!!**

# CTDOT Transportation Rural Improvement

## Program Overview and Funding

- Objective is to provide state funding to rural municipalities for transportation projects such as construction, modernization, or major repair of infrastructure.
- Funding will be provided for construction activities only.
- Administered in coordination with the CTDOT Bureau of Policy and Planning and the CT Councils of Governments (COG).
- 100% State Funded through expanded Capital Program.
- Up to \$15 Million total over 3 years (Start FY23-Oct 2022)
  - Possibly a Single Solicitation – to develop extensive priority list for when funding is available, with potential for supplemental solicitations as needed
  - No maximum project cost, understanding that this is not a large program in terms of transportation construction projects.
  - Project minimum – \$300k



# April 28, 2023 Deadline

# 2050 L RTP

## Long Range Transportation Plan Northeastern Connecticut



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# Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program



**\$200,000**

**\$160,000 federal and \$40,000 Local Match**

The development of a comprehensive set of regional projects and strategies, as indicated in the current safety plan, including:

- Additional analysis and data collection
- Additional stakeholder engagement and collaboration
- Targeted equity assessments
- Speed management plans, Pedestrian Safety and Accessibility and lighting management plans



# Transportation Planning/Assistance Funding Change

Term	Federal/ SPR	Federal/ FTA	State	Total	Local	Total
FY 23	\$141,000	\$21,000	\$17,625	\$158,625	\$17,625	\$176,250
FY 24	\$223,877	\$21,000	\$30,610	\$275,487	\$30,610	\$306,096
Change	\$82,877	\$0	\$12,985	\$116,892	\$12,985	\$129,846

# EDA Grant for COVID Recovery

**Task 1**

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

**Task 2**

Task Deleted - Funds dispersed: 50% to Task 1 and 25% for Tasks 3 and 4

**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.

Six COGs awarded this grant have requested an extension

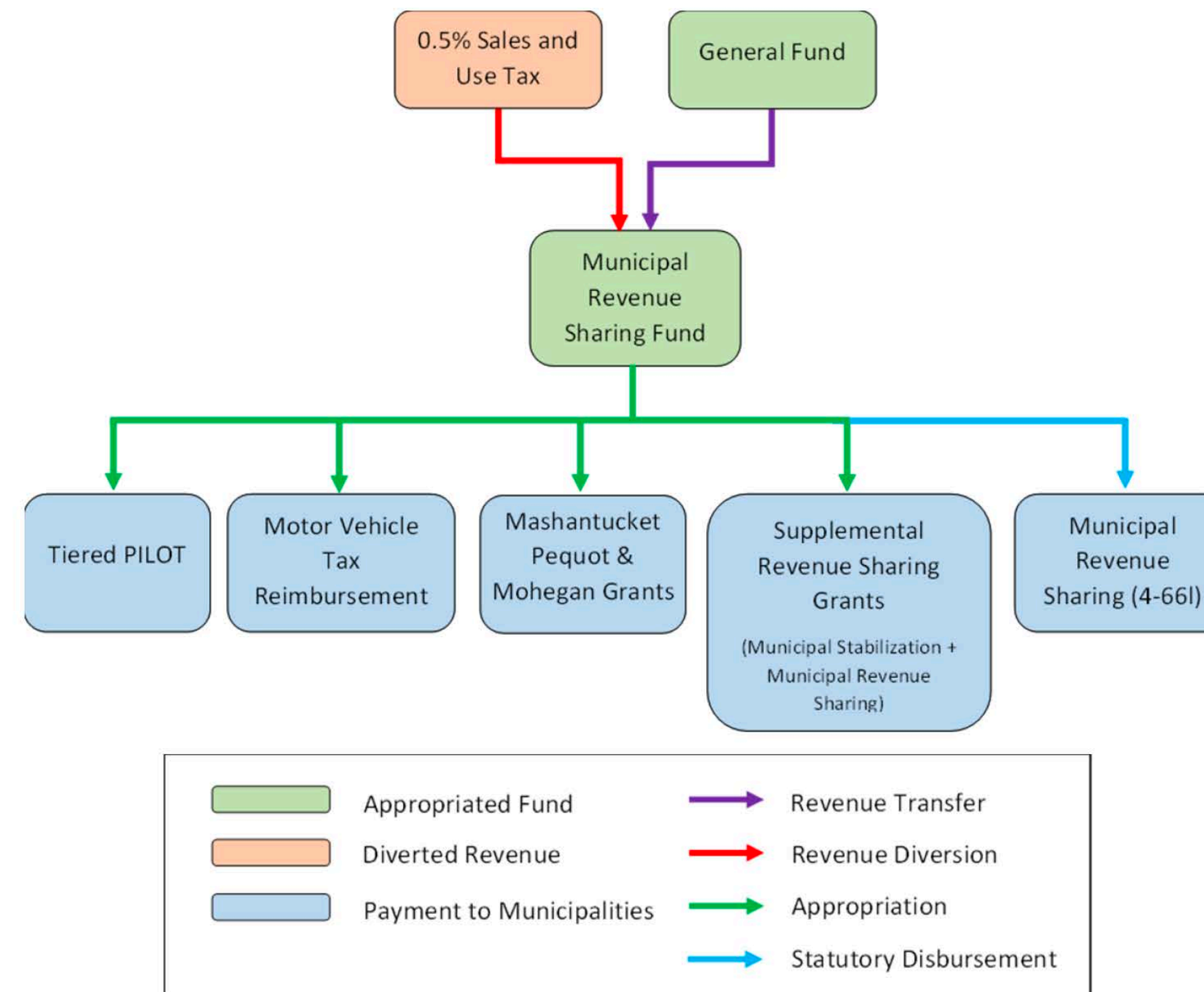
# Legislation

- SB 965 - An Act Providing Funding For The Removal Of Hazardous Or Dead Trees By Municipalities
- SB 1003 - An Act Establishing A Municipal Tree Removal Grant Program
- HB 6649 - An Act Concerning Grant Funding For Regional Councils Of Governments
- HB 5400 - An Act Concerning The Preservation Of Stone Walls In The State
- SB 73 - An Act Establishing Local Representation On The Connecticut Siting Council For Local Projects
- HB 6605 - An Act Concerning Primary Area Service Responders
- HB 6593 - An Act Concerning Housing Authority Jurisdiction
- PHB 5989 - An Act Concerning Local Transportation Projects
- PSB 606 - An Act Concerning The Application Of The Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Grant Program
- HB 6647 - An Act Concerning The State Plan Of Conservation And Development
- An Act Concerning Regional Election Advisors
- HB 6743 - An Act Concerning Fare-Free Public Bus Service
- HB 6796 - An Act Concerning Catalytic Converters
- SB 4 - An Act Concerning Connecticut's Present And Future Housing Needs
- SB 1137 - An Act Concerning Short-Term Rental Facilitators And Properties
- HB 1141 - An Act Concerning Transit-Oriented Development

# MUNICIPAL AID

- The budget redirects funds into the Municipal Revenue Sharing Fund:
  - Sales tax diversion of 0.5% previously deposited in MRSA
  - \$51.5 million previously transferred to the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund
  - \$94.2 million from other General Fund resources

## Municipal Aid Programs (Proposed)





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## 2023 - 2024 Work Plan and Budget

### NECCOG 2023 - 2024 Work Plan and Budget

## Programs and Projects

### COVID-19 Response and Recovery

- COVID-19 Response and Recovery - General
- Economic Recovery and Resilience Plan - EDA
- Entrepreneurial Enhancement - EDA
- On-Line Presence to Assist in the Economic Recovery - EDA

### General

- Intergovernmental Relations
- Town Administrative Services Pilot (new)
- Town Technical Assistance
- Crumbling Foundations
- Regional Property Revaluation Program
- Regional Elections Advisor Program
- Human Services Coordination Council

### GIS Services

- Regional Viewer
- Assessor Property Viewer/Updates
- General Mapping Services
- Asset Management Pilot
- Tier II Viewer

### Public Safety

- Paramedic Intercept Program
- Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Implementation
- DEMHS Region IV Emergency Planning

### Natural Hazard Mitigation and Resource Protection

- Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Environmental Depot

### Animal Services Program

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

### Planning and Engineering Services

- Regional Engineering Program
- Plan of Conservation and Development
- Statutory Referrals
- Land Use Technical Assistance

### Economic Development

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

### Grants Management

- ARPA, RPIP, IJJA, LOCTCIP, Small Cites and available state and federal grants

### Northeastern Connecticut Transit District Administration

### Transportation Planning and Technical Assistance

- UPWP Plan adherence
- Transportation Safety Grant

### Environmental Depot Feasibility

### Town Administration and Fiscal Services

### Town Assessor Services

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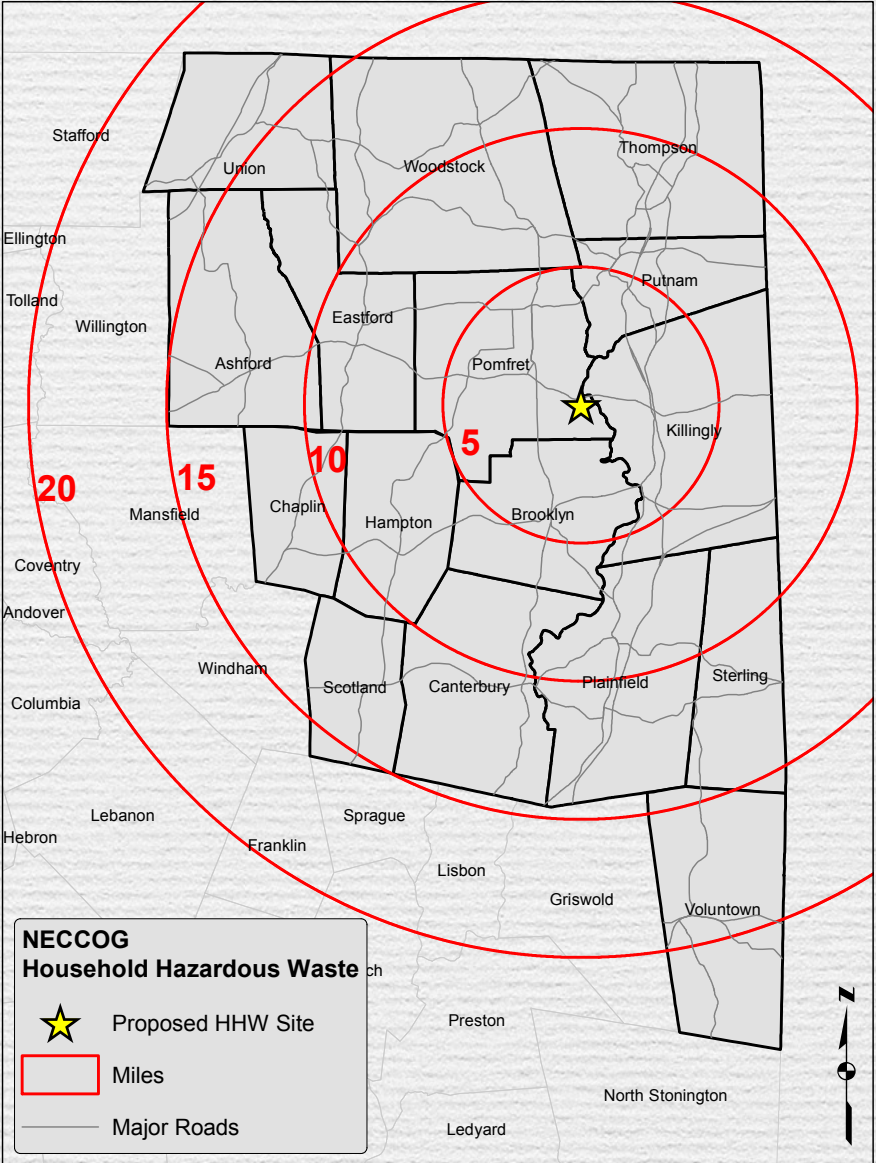
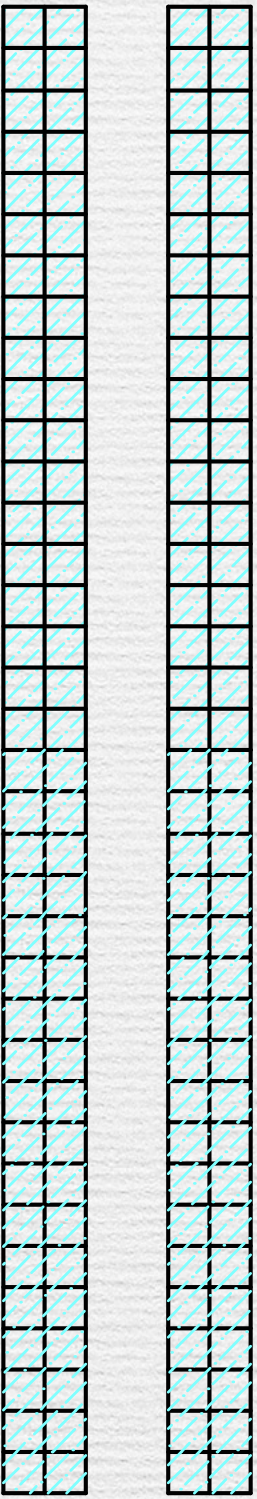
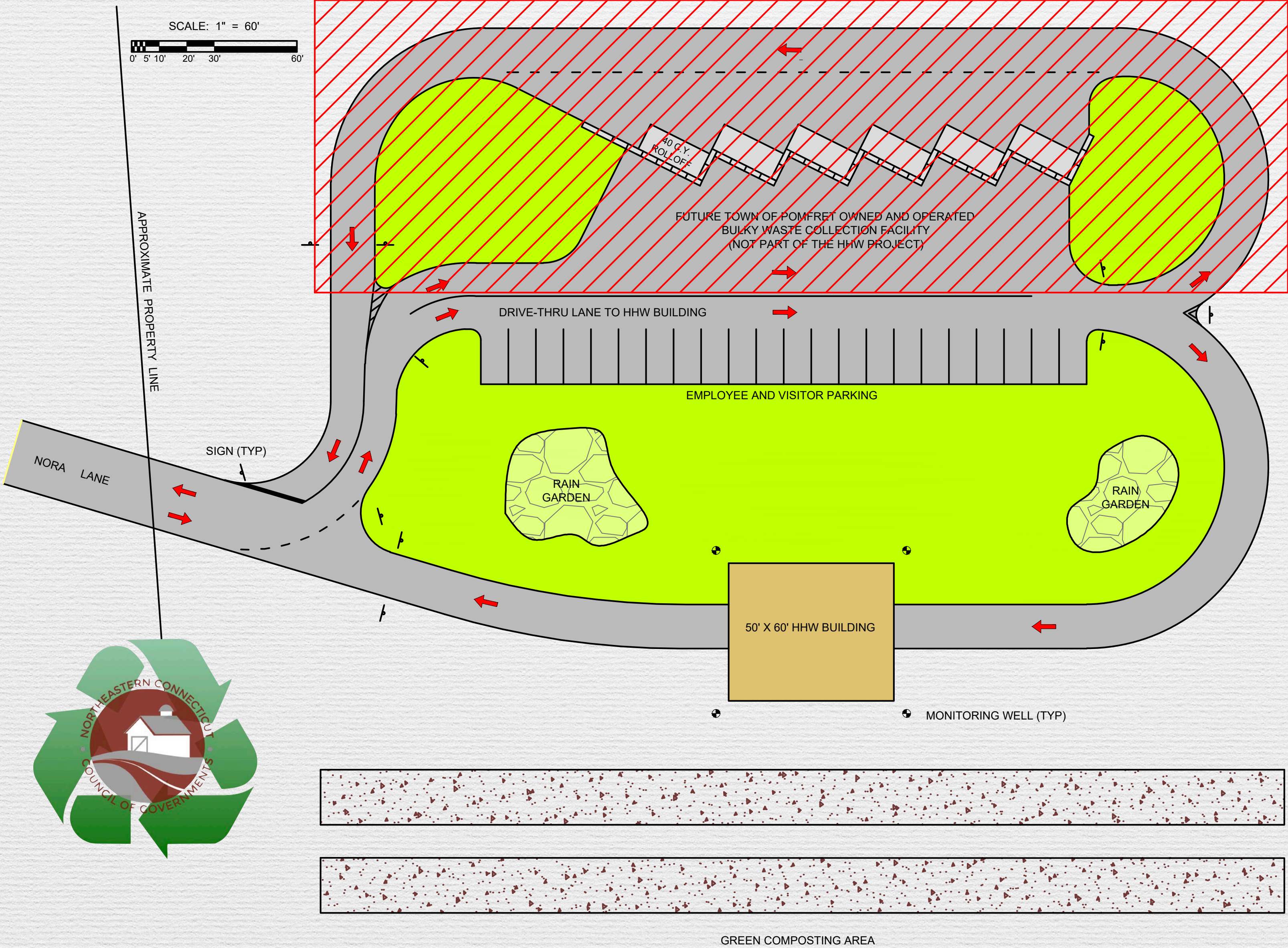
## **b. Sustainable Materials Management Regional Waste Authority (RWA) Grant Program - Environmental Depot**

### **Eligible Expenses**

- **Technical Assistance** (e.g., identifying potential services provided by the RWA; providing inventory and evaluation of infrastructure and service needs in the region)
- **Legal Assistance** (e.g., determining governance structure; preparing legal documents including memorandums of understanding/agreement, bylaws, municipal resolutions/ordinances)
- **Administrative Costs** (approved by DEEP to be prudent and reasonable for project implementation)

**Proposals must be submitted to DEEP by Friday, March 31st at 5:00 PM.**

# Environmental Depot



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***Motion to Table***

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# Thank You

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**Regional collaboration becomes compelling when people recognize that they are more likely to achieve their interests by working together than by acting independently.**

