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March 2023 Regular Meeting

March 24, 2023

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9:00 am, Canterbury Town Hall
Hybrid - ZOOM - Remote Link: [HERE](#)

Agenda

1. Call To Order - Maureen Nicholson, NECCOG Chair

- a. Welcoming Remarks
- b. Previous Meeting Minutes
- c. Public Participation

2. Director's Report - John Filchak, Executive Director

- a. Transit Activities
- b. Animal Services
- c. Paramedic Intercept Program
- d. Crumbling Foundations
- e. Transportation Projects, LOTCIP, TRIP, L RTP and Safe Routes Grant Status
- f. Regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan
- g. EDA Grant Status
- h. 2023 Legislative Session
- i. Environmental Depot
- j. NECCOG 2023-24 Work Plan/ Budget

3. Discussion and Action Items

- a. **Presentation** - Day Kimball Hospital - Kyle Kramer, - Chief Executive Officer and Robert Viens, Chief Pharmacy Officer
- b. **Annual Policy Affirmations** - NECCOG and NECTD) - ADA, TitleVI/Environmental Justice, and LEP
- c. **STIP Actions and Amendments**

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d. Regional Referrals

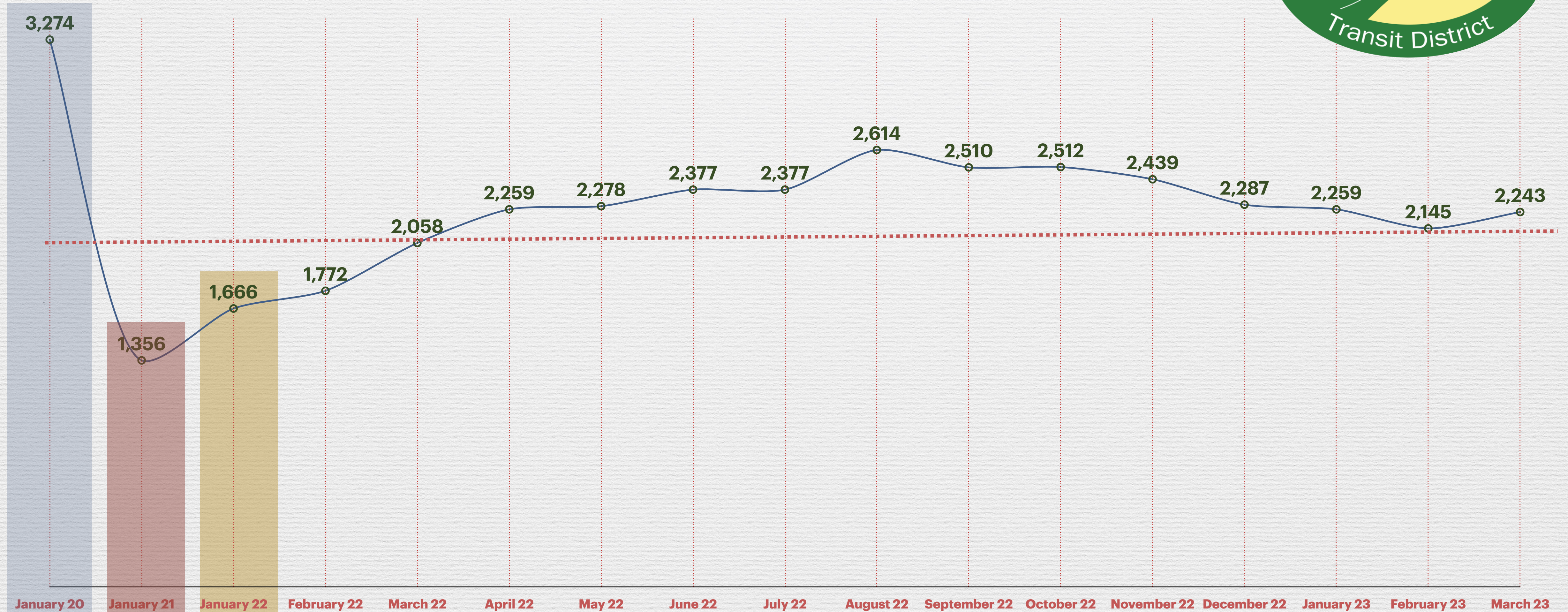
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4. CEO Roundtable

5. Adjourn

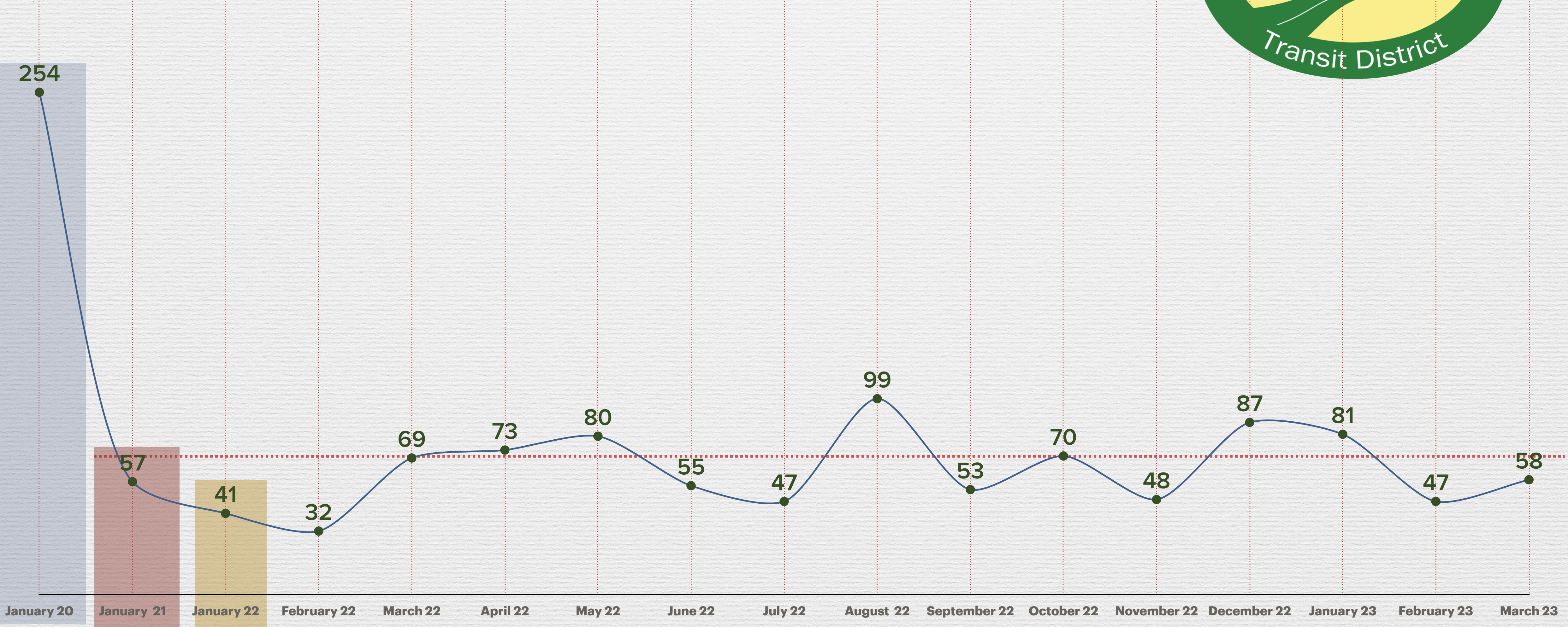
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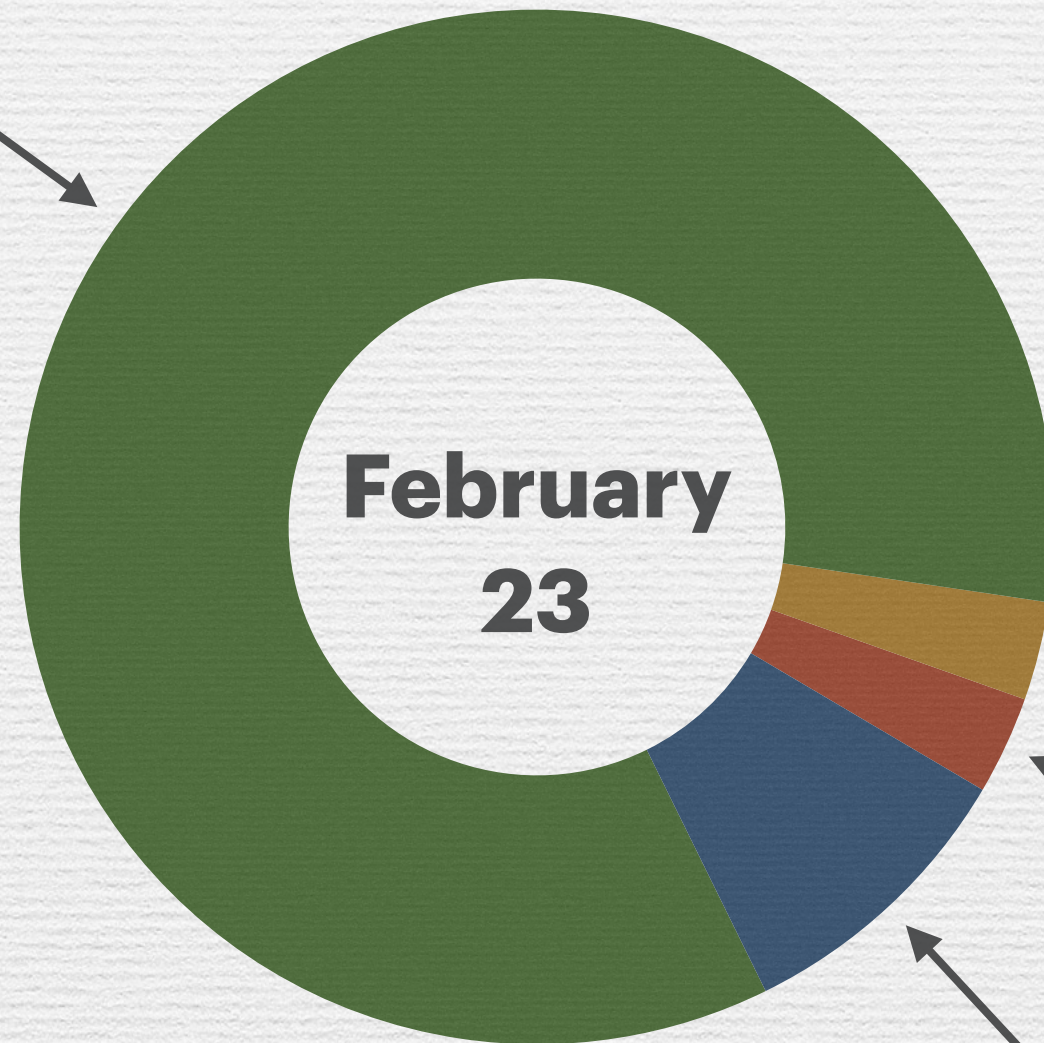


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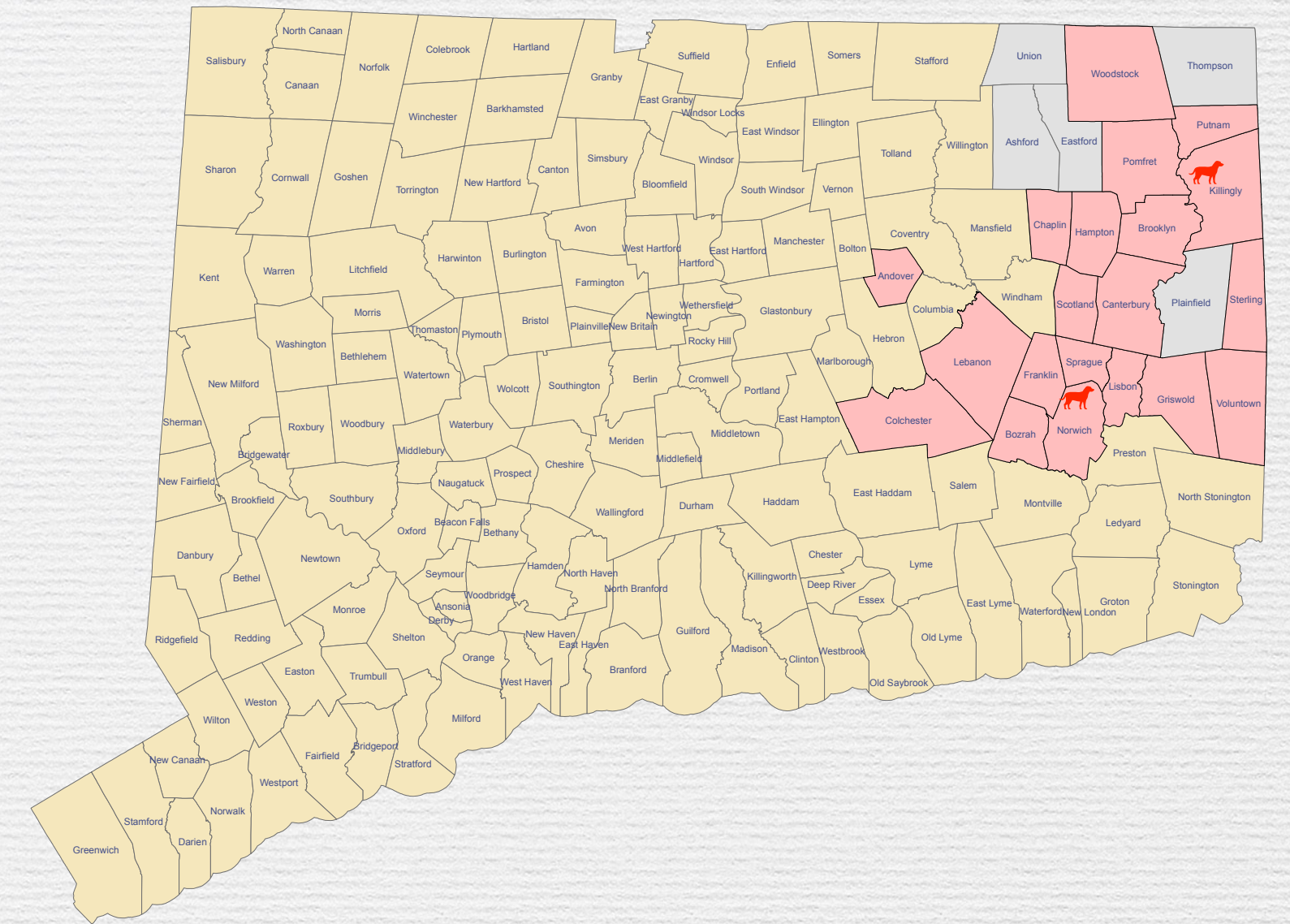
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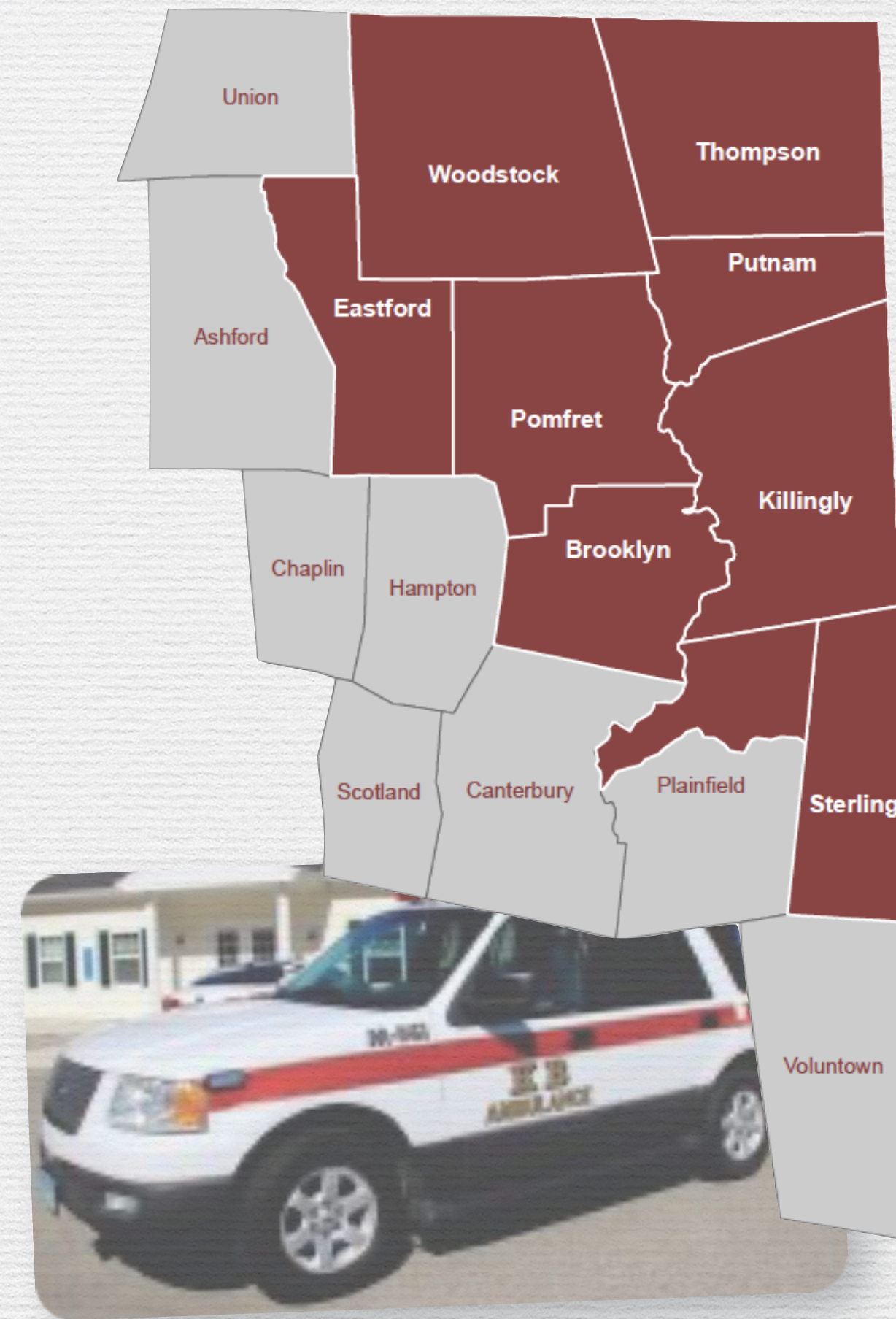
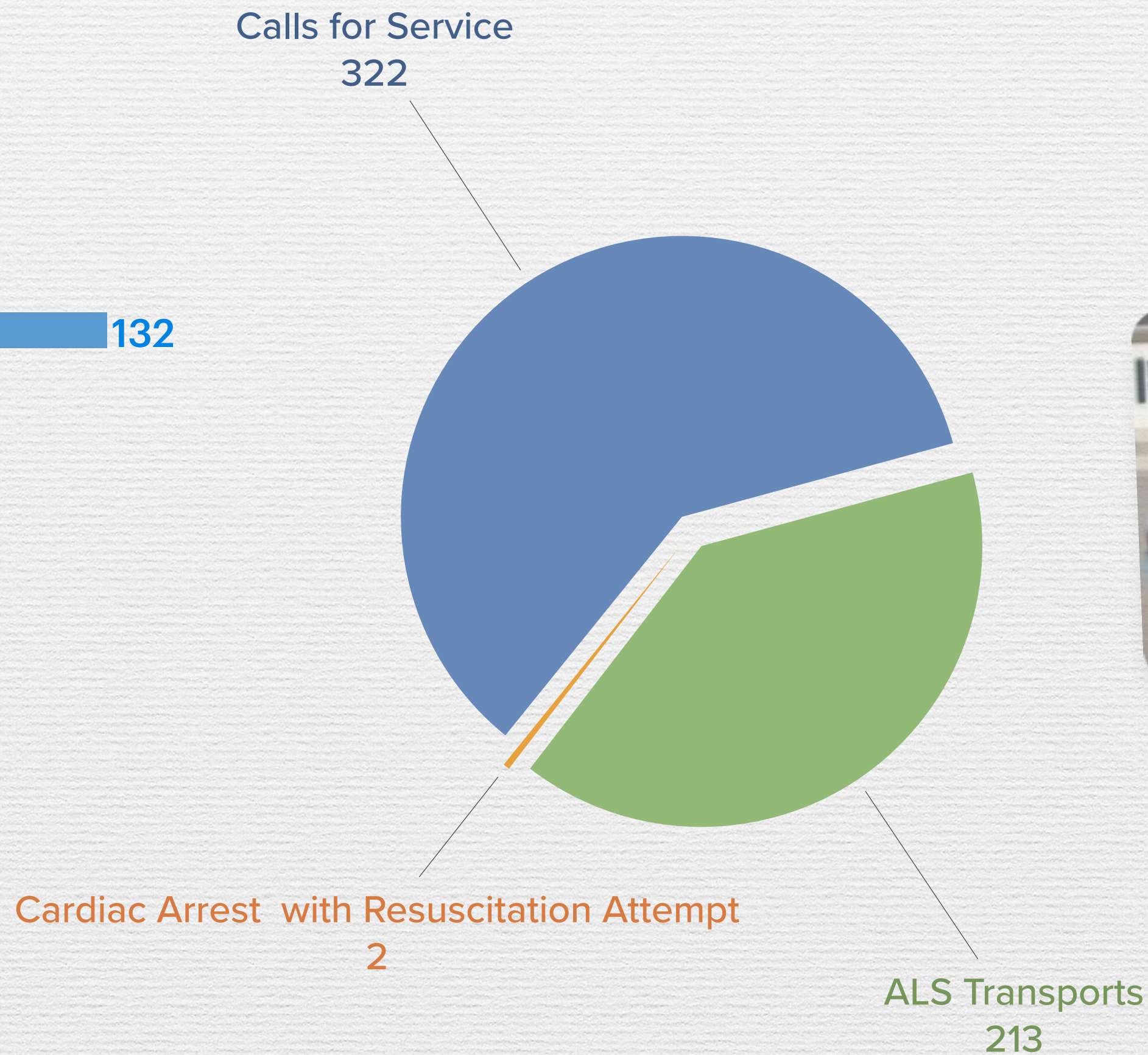
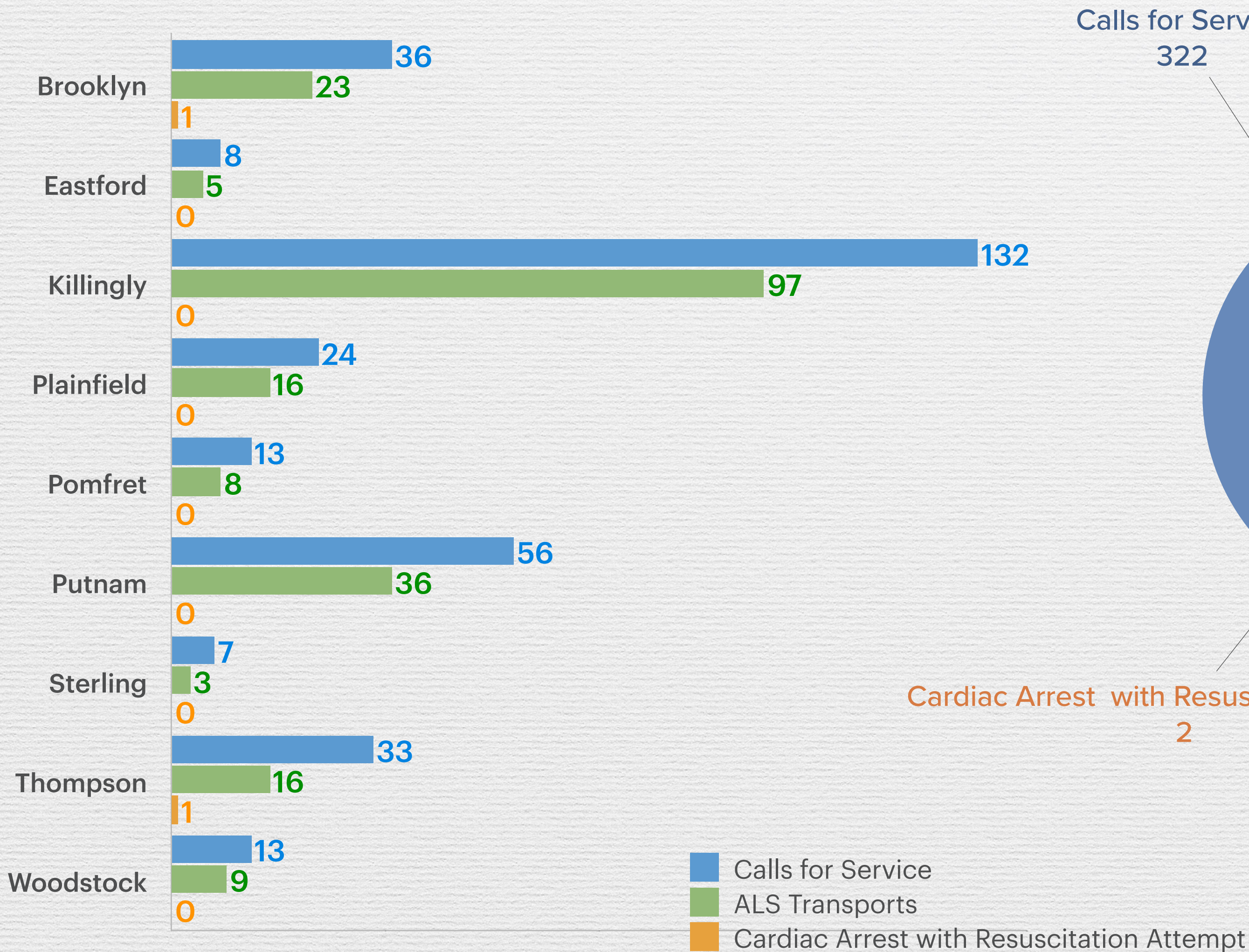
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Redeemed/Adopted
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Regional Paramedic Intercept Program

January 2023



- **705 Foundations Completed**
- **Total paid claims to date are \$110,522,291**
- **Claims covered by issued and countersigned Participation Agreements - 1,030**

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**Let's Start In
the
Basement.**

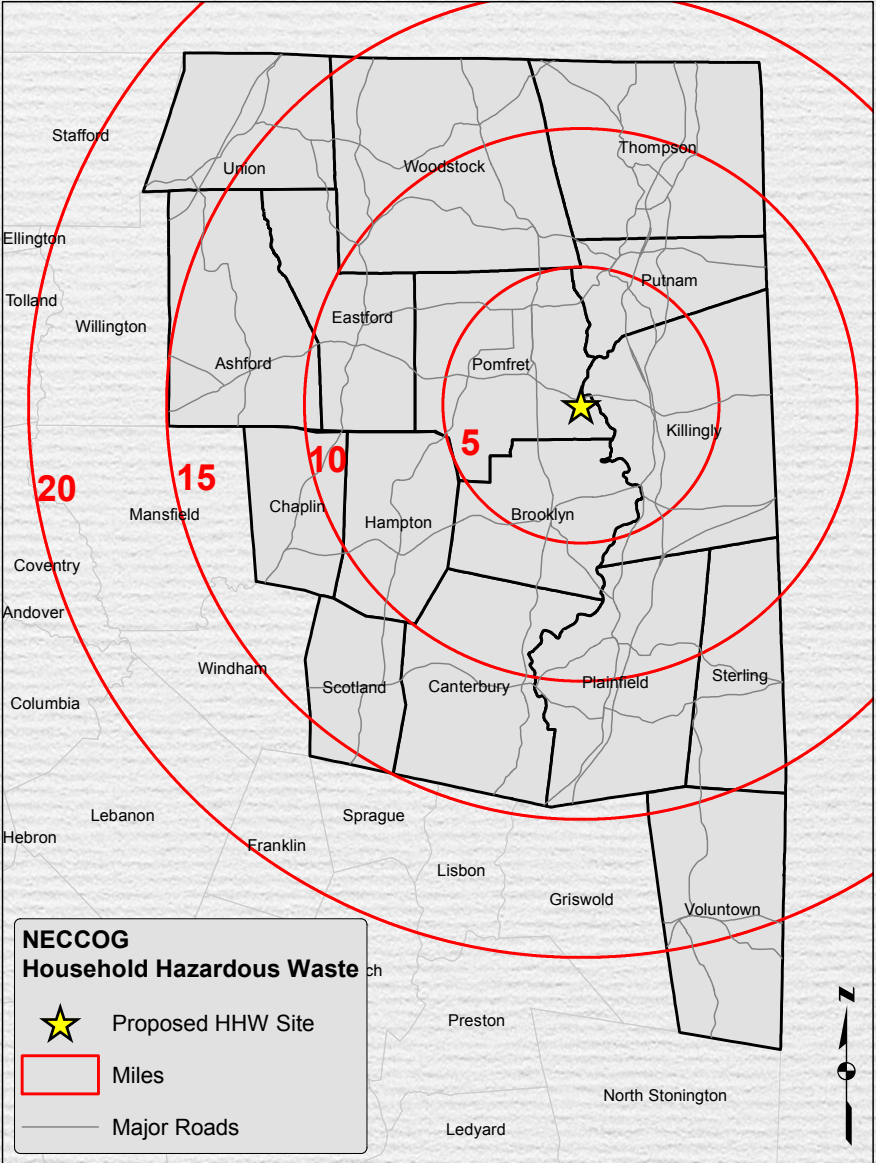
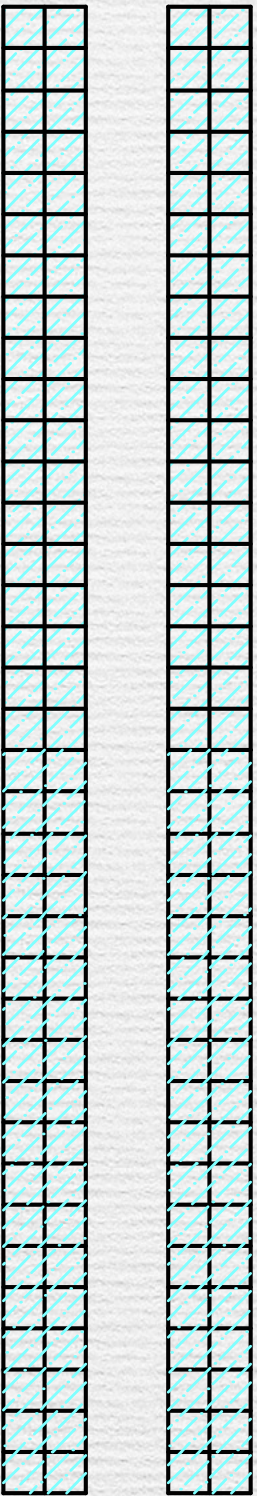
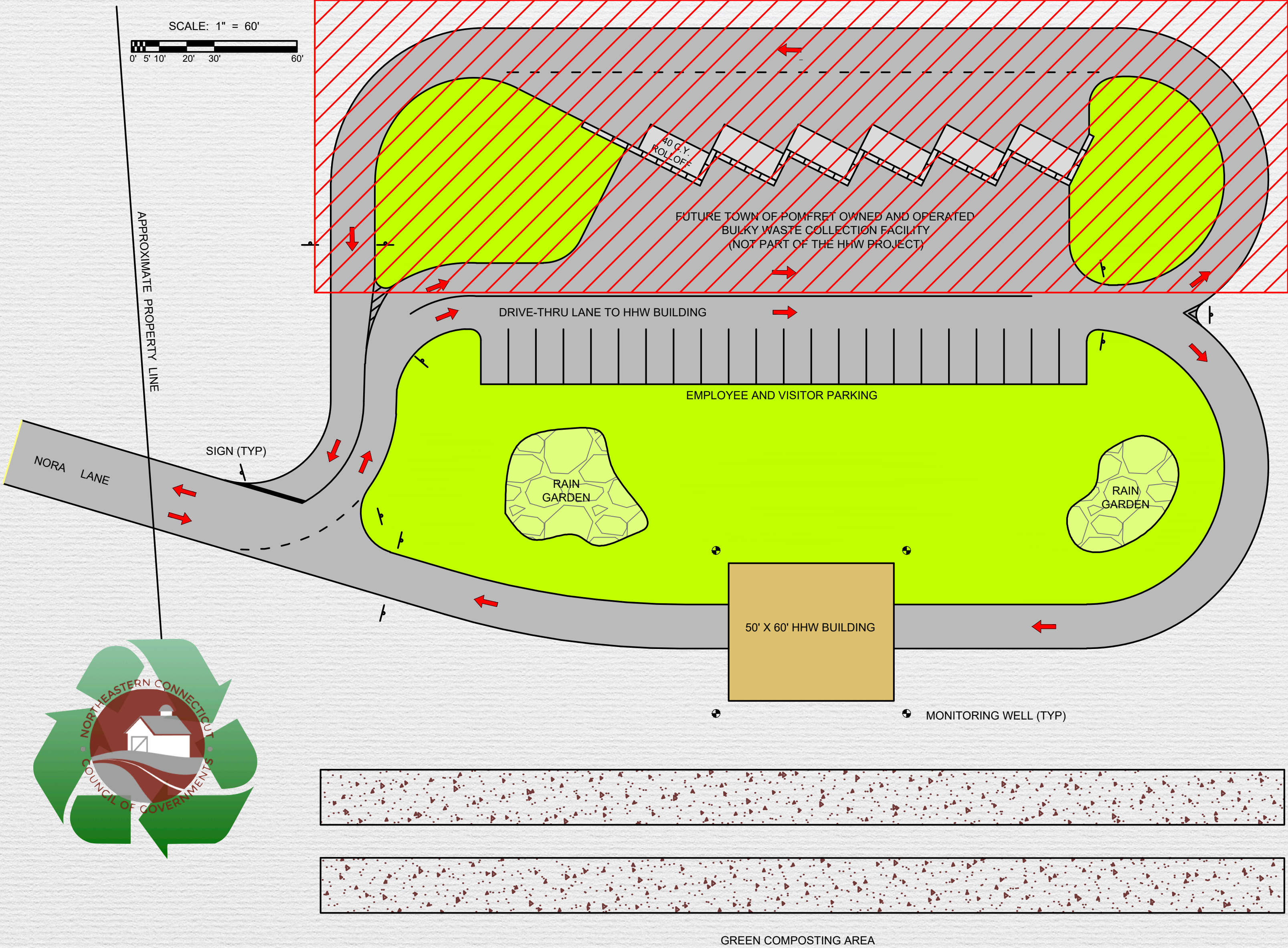
By Kevin E Miller

**Examining Concrete and the
Importance of Knowledge.**

Prior newsletters mention the many mysteries that exist when discussing the production, delivery and placement of concrete. What about a 10 year old home? What is causing the cracking and staining on the foundation walls? Perhaps you need the help of a professional specifically trained to evaluate concrete foundations and the severity of any defects. The health of our home's foundation is just as critical as our personal health. Would you make an appointment with a general practitioner to assess the condition of your heart? Not likely, nor should we depend on a broad brush approach when choosing a professional to assess the integrity of our concrete foundation. The pyrrhotite discovered in the concrete foundations of many Connecticut and Massachusetts homes has elevated the need for trained individuals conducting inspections. Suspected homes or structures with slight anomalies are the most difficult to assess and require the help of a professional with the understanding and experience to know how to properly examine a foundation for the presence of pyrrhotite.



Environmental Depot





Unified Planning Work Program

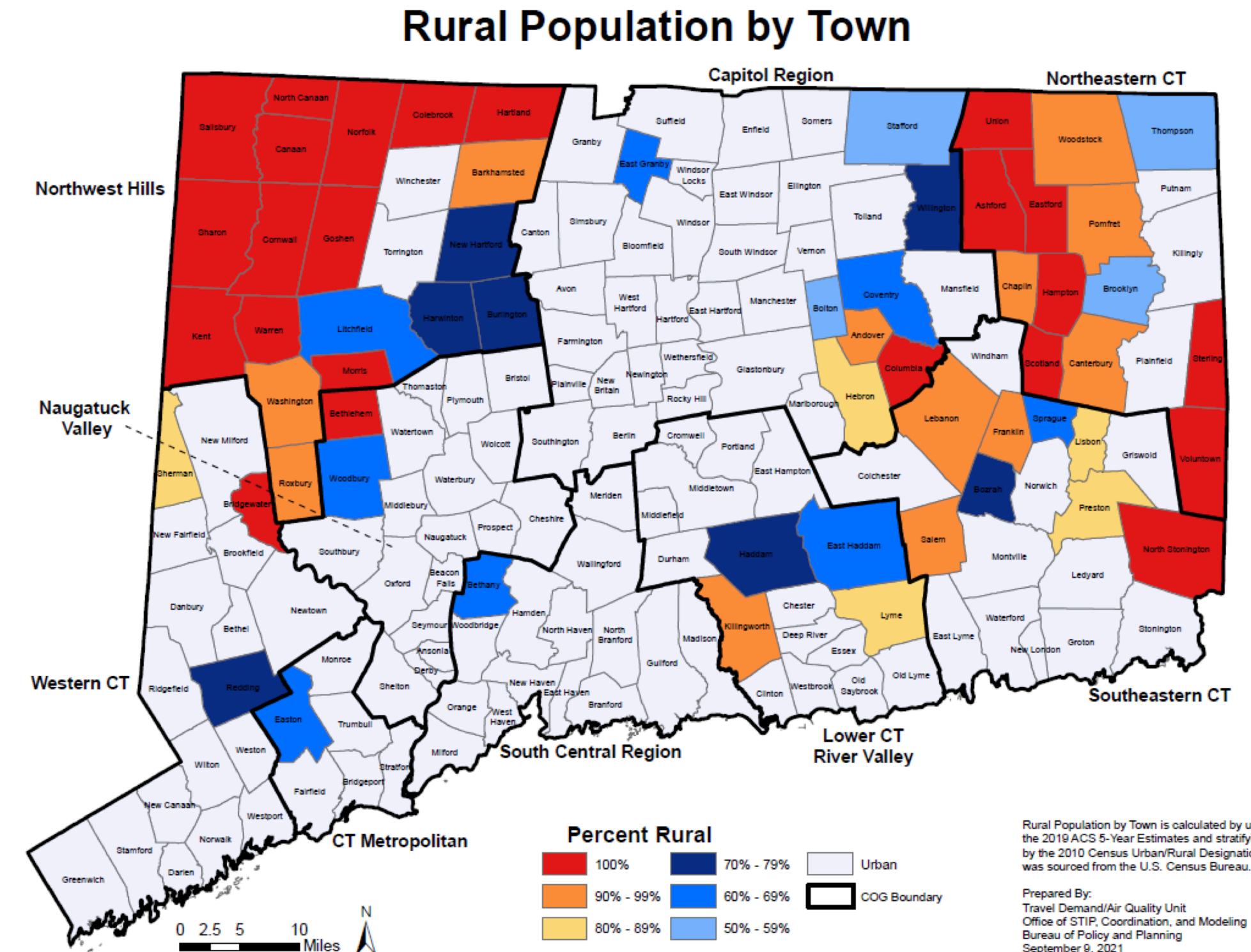
FY 2024 - 2025

Approved _____, 2023

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



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



2050 L RTP

Long Range Transportation Plan Northeastern Connecticut



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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.

Requested
Extension
Denied

Legislation

- **SB 73, File 35 - An Act Establishing Local Representation On The Connecticut Siting Council For Local Projects**

For any Connecticut Siting Council proceeding that occurs on or after October 1, 2023, this bill **requires the council's membership to include an elector from the municipality where the subject facility is being proposed**, in addition to the current membership. Under the bill, the municipality's chief elected official appoints the elector. **If the proposed facility will be located in more than one municipality, the applicable regional council of governments for the affected municipalities appoints the elector.** The bill requires the elector to serve as a nonvoting member and abide by all applicable confidentiality rules. By law, public members of the council must be compensated for their attendance at public hearings, executive sessions, or other council business at a rate of \$200 per activity, capped at \$200 a day.

- **HB 6605 - An Act Concerning Primary Area Service Responders**

To **allow each municipality within a primary service area to designate the primary service area responder and establish a process by which a municipality may apply to the Department of Public Health for designation as a primary service area.**

- **HB 1190 - An Act Concerning Regional Election Advisors And A Task Force On Election Administration In Municipalities**

To (1) **Rename** "Regional Election Monitors" As "Regional Election Advisors", (2) Provide That A Regional Council Of Governments, Or A Combination Of Regional Councils Of Governments And Individual Municipalities, May Appoint Regional Election Advisors For Assistance With The Performance Of Election Administration Duties, (3) **Provide For An Annual Grant** To Regional Councils Of Governments That Appoint A Regional Election Advisor, And (4) **Establish A Task Force** To Study Means Of Ensuring Election Administration In Municipalities Is Fully Staffed By Properly Trained Election Officials.

- **SB 1219 - An Act Concerning Fully Funding Excess Costs For Special Education**

To **Require A Study Of Funding Needed To Fully Cover Excess Costs For Special Education.**

Legislation

- **SB 1215 - An Act Concerning Small Hospitals**

To **require a report on small hospitals**: (1) A **description of each hospital system**, as defined in section 19a-486i of the general statutes, including each hospital system's (A) **acquisitions** within the past three years, (B) **utilization rates**, and (C) **payer mix**; and (2) a **description of each small hospital that is not part of a hospital system**, including (A) a summary of such hospital's financial performance in recent years, (B) such hospital's utilization rates, and (C) such hospital's payer mix

- **SB 1214 - An Act Concerning Fully Funding Payments In Lieu Of Taxes To Municipalities**

To **study the potential for the state to fully fund the PILOT program**.

- **HB 6906 - An Act Concerning Member Participation During Remote And Hybrid Municipal Public Agency Meetings Under The Freedom Of Information Act**

To **require members participating at a municipal public agency meeting by means of electronic equipment to be visible when voting or debating**.

- **HB 6890 - An Act Concerning Qualifying Transit-Oriented Communities.**

To (1) provide **financial incentives for municipalities that adopt certain transit-oriented development policies** and to coordinate related state funds through the Office of Responsible Growth, and (2) establish the Office of Responsible Growth.

- **HB 6391 - An Act Increasing Penalties For The Violation Of Municipal Regulations And Ordinances**

To **increase the maximum penalty for violation of a municipal regulation or ordinance to five hundred dollars for a first violation and seven hundred fifty dollars for a second or subsequent violation**.

SB 1139 - An Act Concerning Planning And Development

Anticipate substitute language that should (1) **include raising the support for COGs from \$4.1 million to \$7 million**; (2) **adjust RPIP** so that the initial years do not include cost share and (3) enable COGs to administer Fair Rent Commissions.



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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

NECCOG Administration

Questions?

a. Presentation - Day Kimball Hospital

- R. Kyle Kramer, Chief Executive Officer

b. Policy Affirmations for NECCOG and NECTD regarding:

- a. Title VI/Environmental Justice/LEP Plan and Complaint Procedure
- b. American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) Policy
- c. Affirmative Action Plan

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g. Other Agenda items

CEO Roundtable

- Opioid Settlement Usage
- EMS Services
- IIJA Grant Match



Adjournment

Thank You

Most people are unaccustomed to working across boundaries. We tend to focus on the tasks immediately in front of us, within our small sphere of influence. ..

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

