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Vernon Planning & Zoning Commission Seeks Comments from Residents, Business People and Property Owners as it Begins Revising Plan of Conservation and Development

(VERNON, Connecticut) The Town of Vernon Planning & Zoning Commission wants to hear from residents, business people and property owners as it begins the work of updating the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). The POCD will guide development and land use in Vernon for the next 10 years and beyond. The plan sets policy priorities and goals for the physical, economic, environmental, and social future of the community.

"Preparing the POCD is an important step in establishing Vernon's land use goals and priorities," Mayor Daniel A. Champagne. "Having residents, taxpayers and business owners share their views will help our community plot its future."

The planning process involves assessing current conditions and trends in order to develop reasonable goals and strategies, and engaging the community in a dialogue on its future.

A survey has been prepared to gather opinions on housing, quality of life, recreation, use of public land, access to services and amenities, and other topics of importance in Vernon.

"With the survey, we want people to think about how they want their town to be developed," Planning & Zoning Commission Chairman Roland Klee said. "Learning the opinions of residents is a very important part of this process. We want to know what our community's priorities are, and what our residents' ideas about Vernon's future are. The POCD isn't something that gets created and then put on a shelf. We use it in guiding our decisions."

To take the survey, please click the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VernonPOCD>

“This survey is an important part of the planning process,” Town Planner George McGregor said. “The more responses we get, the clearer sense the commission will have of what the community values.”

The survey is also available on the Town’s Homepage, www.vernon-ct.gov, or at the dedicated Plan of Conservation and Development page, www.vernon-ct.gov/conservation-development.

For those who do not have access to a computer, paper copies of the survey can be found in the newsletter box at the Vernon Senior Center, 135 Bolton Road. Copies of the survey can also be mailed to people who request them by calling the Planning Department at 860-870-3667. Completed paper copies of the survey can be dropped off at or mailed to the Planning Department, 55 West Main St. Street, Vernon, CT 06006, or emailed to gmcmgregor@vernon-ct.gov. Please return surveys by November 1, 2020.

About the Town of Vernon

The Town of Vernon is a celebrated place to live, work and visit. From its beautiful parks and lakes, to its vast trails and historic homes and buildings, Vernon is a resilient and thriving community that promotes the health and wellbeing of its residents and values the natural environment. With a resident population of approximately 30,000 and occupying 18.03 square miles, Vernon combines a balanced appreciation of history, and a strong economic base for growth, both residential and commercial. Located 15 minutes east of the Connecticut capital of Hartford, and 25 miles from the City of Springfield, Massachusetts, the Town of Vernon is strategically located in “New England's Knowledge Corridor” with close proximity to some of the top colleges and universities in the country.

Recently designated as a certified Sustainable Community, the Town of Vernon offers a wide range of benefits and services to its residents. The Town of Vernon is a full-service municipality that practices a management philosophy of continuous quality improvement. To learn more about the Town of Vernon, please call (860) 870-3670 or visit www.vernon-ct.gov.

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