



# TOWN OF VERNON

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## Town of Vernon Hosts Virtual Public Workshop on Plan of Conservation & Development

**(VERNON, Connecticut)** – The Town of Vernon is hosting a virtual public workshop to seek comments from the public for its once a decade update of a key planning document.

The workshop is scheduled for 7 p.m. January 14<sup>th</sup> and will be conducted via Zoom.

The Town's Planning Department and the Planning & Zoning Commission began work to update the Plan of Conservation & Development during the fall and is again seeking direct input from residents, business owners and others.

"As we work to develop a vision for Vernon, a key step is hearing from residents, business owners and property owners about their priorities, concerns and overall vision for Vernon," said George McGregor, Vernon's Town Planner. "That information will be incorporated in the Plan of Conservation and Development and guide the Commission as it considers land use applications during the coming decade."

The workshop is the latest step in an ongoing effort to engage town residents in the process of updating the plan. Recently, the Town conducted an online survey of residents, business owners and property owners that generated more than 1,000 responses for the commission to consider.

The Plan of Conservation and Development is a document that provides a long-term vision for a community and guides land use boards as they make decisions about growth, development, conservation and capital improvements during the coming decade. Cities and towns across Connecticut update the documents every 10 years.

A link to the public workshop can be found on the Town of Vernon's website: [www.vernon-ct.gov](http://www.vernon-ct.gov)

### 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](http://www.vernon-ct.gov).

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