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Vernon Planning and Zoning Commission Releases Draft Plan of Conservation and Development for Public Review

(VERNON, Connecticut) – The Town of Vernon Planning and Zoning Commission has released for public review a draft of its 2021 Plan of Conservation and Development.

The Commission is seeking input on the document from residents. The plan is available on the town webpage: www.vernon-ct.gov/POCD. For those without computer access, copies are available at the Town Clerk's office at Town Hall and at the Town Planner's office, 55 West Main Street.

"The Planning and Zoning Commission has been working diligently to engage the community as it updates this blueprint for Vernon's future," Mayor Dan Champagne said. "It's an important planning document that town leaders will regularly consult over the next decade. I urge residents to review it and offer their comments to the commission."

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 their plans of conservation and development every 10 years.

"The Planning and Zoning Commission sought input from residents when it began this process and wants to hear from people again now that a draft is complete," Town Planner George McGregor said. "The community will also have an opportunity to comment at a public hearing planned for September."

Written comments can be submitted to the Town Planners office at 55 West Main St., Vernon, CT 06066, or via email: gmcgregor@vernon-ct.gov.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will conduct a public hearing on the draft plan on Tuesday, September 14th, 2021 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Town Hall. The commission will act on the plan at some point after the hearing.

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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