

Hartford Town Plan Update – Summary of Changes from the 2014 Adopted Plan April 1, 2019

- Introduction - Updated, added sections on Hartford's geography, Hartford's assets, guiding principles and town planning goals.
- Chapter 1, Historic Resources - Updated, some minor reorganization, shortened chapter, added sections on threats to historic resources, cemeteries, a timeline and developed goals, strategies and actions.
- Chapter 2, Land Use - Major update in 2014, basic updating, eliminated section on the 2003 build-out analysis, converted recommendations to goals, strategies and actions.
- Chapter 3, Population - Updated, shortened chapter, reduced the number of tables, added a section on race and developed goals, strategies and actions.
- Chapter 4, Housing - No changes. The Chapter will undergo a major update within the next two years.
- Chapter 5, Economic Development - No changes. The Chapter will undergo a major update within the next two years.
- Chapter 6, Community Facilities and Services - Updated, added Capital Improvements Program information, and converted recommendations to goals, strategies and actions. Added new sections on the DPW facility, adult vocational training and higher education.
- Chapter 7, Utilities - Updated, converted recommendations to goals, strategies and actions.
- Chapter 8, Transportation - Updated, converted recommendations to goals, strategies and actions.
- Chapter 9, Natural Resources - Updated and shortened chapter, added section on forest blocks and critical wildlife habitat and working landscapes, and converted recommendations to goals, strategies and actions.
- Chapter 10, Energy - Major overhaul of previous Energy Chapter. The Chapter is separated into three sections (transportation, building integrity, and renewable energy) to better align with the State's and Regional Commission's Comprehensive Energy Plans. The focus is on pursuing greater energy conservation, efficiency, and use of renewable energy for municipal operations, residents, and businesses; public education; and providing greater access to financing for energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies. Specific recommendations include stricter standards to achieve net-zero new construction by 2030; increased use of the State's ridesharing program; increased funding for public transportation; and siting criteria for commercial renewable energy facilities.
- Chapter 11, Flood Resilience – A new chapter that incorporates information from the Hartford Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Chapter 12, Relationship of Plan to Development Trends and Plans for Adjacent Towns and Region – (Previously Chapter 11) Updated.