

AN ACT CONCERNING RESPONSIBLE GROWTH (Public Act No. 07-239)
Effective July 1, 2010

Sec 3 Sec 8-23 of the general statutes is repealed and the following substituted:

GOALS OF A PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT & WHO PREPARES IT

At least once every 10 years, the commission shall prepare/amend/adopt a plan of conservation and development for the municipality. Following adoption, the commission shall regularly review and maintain such plan. Until the plan is amended in accordance with this subsection, the municipality shall be ineligible for discretionary state funding unless such prohibition is expressly waived by the secretary.

In the preparation of such plan, the commission may appoint one or more special committees to develop and make recommendations for the plan. The membership of any special committee may include residents of the municipality and representatives of local boards dealing with zoning, inland wetlands, conservation, recreation, education, public works, finance, redevelopment, etc.

In performing its duties under this section, the commission may accept information from any source or solicit input from any organization or individual. The commission may hold public informational meetings or organize other activities to inform residents about the process of preparing the plan.

In preparing such plan, the commission or any special committee shall consider ...the state plan of conservation and development pursuant to Chapter 297 ... and the objectives of energy-efficient patterns of development.

WHAT THE PLAN MUST CONTAIN

Such plan of conservation and development shall be a statement of policies, goals and standards for the physical and economic development of the municipality.

It shall be designed to promote, with the greatest efficiency and economy, the coordinated development of the municipality and the general welfare and prosperity of its people and identify areas where it is feasible and prudent to have compact, transit accessible, pedestrian-oriented mixed use development patterns and land reuse to promote such development patterns and land reuse.

It shall note any inconsistencies with the following growth management principles:

- Redevelopment and revitalization of commercial centers and areas of mixed land uses with existing or planned physical infrastructure
- Expansion of housing opportunities and design choices to accommodate a variety of household types and needs
- Concentration of development around transportation nodes and along major transportation corridors to support the viability of transportation options and land reuse

It shall make provision for the development of housing opportunities, including opportunities for multifamily dwellings and promote housing choice and economic diversity in housing.

In preparing such plan the commission shall consider focusing development and revitalization in areas with existing or planned physical infrastructure.

Programs for the implementation of the plan will include a schedule and a budget for public capital projects and proposed priority funding areas.