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DANBURY LAUNCHES POCD UPDATE

Danbury's 2023 Plan of Conservation and Development

Danbury, CT- The City of Danbury is pleased to announce it has officially launched an update of its Plan of Conservation and Development. "This is a major planning undertaking, is timely for the City of Danbury, and is required by State statutes," said Mayor Joe Cavo. The Plan will guide the City in making policy decisions related to housing, economic development, transportation, infrastructure, facilities, open space, and both historic/cultural and environmental resources. An update of the Plan is required at least once every ten years. The last Plan was adopted in 2013. This update is expected to continue through 2022 and will culminate in a 2023 Plan.

"Multiple opportunities for the community to participate in the Plan update process will be provided this year and in 2022," said Sharon Calitro, the City's Planning Director. "We look forward to a transparent and participatory process as we establish a vision for the future and develop goals and recommendations to address Danbury's needs moving into the future." The schedule and format of community engagement events are still being developed, with COVID-19 restrictions and protocols under consideration in terms of event planning. The Plan's website www.danburypocd.com, recently launched, provides more detail on the project including a description of Plan elements, project schedule, presentation materials and meeting notes, announcements of meetings and events, and a link on how to stay connected.

The Plan update is being led by the City's Department of Planning and Zoning and guided by an Oversight Committee comprised of Planning Commissioners, representatives from other City departments and commissions, and outside organizations. FHI Studio of Hartford is the lead consultant and is working closely with the Oversight Committee and the City.

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