

August 6, 2020

TO: NEWINGTON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

REPORT ON ZONING REFERRAL Z-2020-54: Proposed zoning amendment pertaining to the removal of low impact design language for stormwater control.

COMMISSIONERS: Receipt is acknowledged of the above-mentioned referral. Notice of this proposal was transmitted to the Policy and Planning Division of the Capitol Region Council of Governments under the provisions of Section 8-3b of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended.

COMMENT: The staff of the Regional Planning Commission of the Capitol Region Council of Governments has reviewed this zoning referral and finds no conflict with the concerns of neighboring towns. However, CRCOG does not support the removal of low impact development regulatory language in its entirety as that conflicts with multiple goals and policies of the regional Plan of Conservation and Development that specifically call for encouragement of integration of such principles in local regulations. The conflicting CRCOG goals include but are not limited to: Revise Zoning and Subdivision Regulations to Address Local and Regional Land Use Concerns, Increase Sustainable Redevelopment and Infill Development Efforts, and Grow and Develop in Harmony with Natural Resources. Additionally, this appears to conflict with the Town's own POCD policies for Natural Resource Strategies that was just submitted for review.

The public hearing date has been scheduled for 8/12/2020.

In accordance with our procedures this letter will constitute final CRCOG action on this referral. Questions concerning this referral should be directed to Caitlin Palmer.

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Respectfully submitted,

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