

Neighborhood Commercial Development – Wilson, CT

■ Issues

- Elevated Highway separating neighborhood from community
- LMI area
- Economic downturn in late 1980's and early 1990's
- Vacant and underutilized buildings



Neighborhood Commercial Development – Wilson, CT

■ Assets

- CT River and Boat Launch
- Active Branch Library
- Parks
- Densely populated neighborhood
- Business Association
- Municipal appointed Neighborhood Advisory Committee
- Highway Access



Neighborhood Commercial Development – Wilson, CT

■ Actions

- Block parties
- Clean-up days
- Park enhancements
- Conversion of vacant building to community center and Adult Day Care
- Fishing derbies
- Façade improvements
- Street improvements



Downtown Revitalization Windsor Locks, CT

■ Issues

- Urban Renewal replaced multi-story mixed-use buildings with auto related strip centers
- One-sided Main St.
- Vacant and underutilized buildings



Downtown Revitalization – Windsor Locks, CT



Assets

- CT River
- Windsor Locks Canal
- Library, Middle School & Town Hall
- Pesci Park
- Densely populated neighborhood
- Over 70 businesses
- Active industry
- Historic Train Station
- Rail Line
- Highway Access



Downtown Revitalization – Windsor Locks, CT

■ Actions

- Relocate Train Platform
- Restore Historic Station
- Meetings on Main
- Master Planning and TOD studies
- Farmers Market
- TIF District
- Mill Redevelopment



Farmers Market Tuesdays
from 4 – 7 pm
SPECIAL EVENTS Coming Up!!

Tuesday August 9th Live Music "No Idea" (Alternative and Punk Rock) This amazing young band starts around 5:00, bring chairs or a picnic blanket.	Tuesday August 16th 1. FREE Drop-in OUTDOOR Vinyasa Flow YOGA at 5:00 (for all levels, bring a mat and water bottle) AND 2. Check the Walk 2016!! Weather permitting...
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@ 28 Main Street - Windsor Locks Library Grounds

Hey Windsor Locks! Fresh local food, strengthening the community, bolster the economy and have fun downtown! Are you interested in being a vendor, organizing, advertising, making community connections, coordinating market activities?

Call Mary Jane Perrier (860) 805-7622

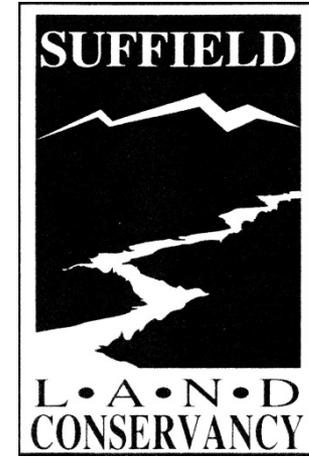
Better Flavor – Better For You. Local Farmers – More Fun!



Cultural Heritage Tourism – Suffield, CT

■ Issue

- Organizations involved with great assets but going it alone



Cultural Heritage Tourism – Suffield, CT

Assets

- 3 Bed and Breakfasts
- Ample restaurants
- 2 Golf Courses
- 2 House Museums
- National Historic District along Main Street
- Theatrical group
- Outdoor recreation opportunities
- CT River
- Congamond Lake
- Many civic organizations
- Annual events



Cultural Heritage Tourism – Suffield, CT

■ Actions

- Joint Marketing
 - Advertisements
 - Tradeshows
 - Chamber Website
- Monthly Cultural Council Meetings
- Social media
- Leveraging grant money

Suffield: A Picture Perfect Community!
Get Out the Vote – Enter to Win a Getaway



Suffield Farmers Market
Suffield on the Green
Hilltop Farm
Metacomet Trail
Phelps-Hatheway House

Lewis Farm Wildlife Sanctuary
Alcorn Wildlife Preserves
Babbs Beach Recreation Area
Farmington Canal Heritage Trail
Windsor Locks Canal Trail

King House Museum
Around Town Singers
Suffield Players
Suffield Academy
Sunrise Park



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Agricultural Sustainability – Suffield, CT

■ Issues

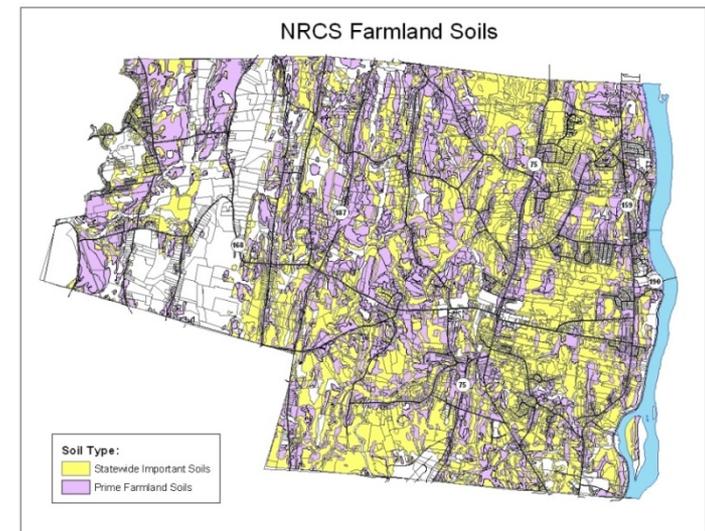
- Rapid Loss of Farmland to Residential Development
- Farm Succession
- Farming is Hard Work



Agricultural Sustainability – Suffield, CT

Assets

- Prime and Important Farmland Soils
- Preservation Partners in State of Connecticut and Federal Government
- Active farming operations
- Regional Vo-ag at High School



Agricultural Sustainability Suffield, CT



Actions

Marketing

- T-Shirts
- Banners
- Websites

Ag Day Participation

Open Farms Days

Farm Friendly Regulations

Annual allocations of Town funding

Farmers Market



Suffield Regional Agriscience Program
Ag Expo

Wednesday April 8th 9:00AM-8:00PM
Thursday April 9th 9:00 AM- 4:00 PM

Suffield High School
1000 Shelton Street
West Suffield, CT 06093

*Come have fun with us as we demonstrate what
agriculture is all about.*



Activities include...



Petting zoo



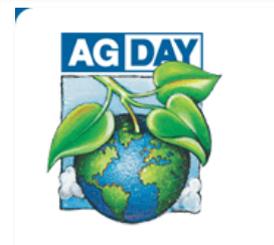
Plant-a-plant



Sit on a tractor

Touch a starfish

Interested in setting up a tour?
Schedule a tour today!
Please call (860) 668-3817 or
email amrock@suffield.org to sign up your group today!



**Farm Transfer Planning
Workshop**

February 12, 2016
7:30AM - 4:30PM
Save the date February 26, 2016
Suffield Regional Agriscience Center
at Suffield High School
1000 Shelton Street
Suffield, CT
Please park on the side of the school.

A FREE, intensive workshop designed for Connecticut farmers seeking to better understand the options, resources, and steps to transferring your farm business and/or land.

It's never too early or too late. It's time for your future and the future of your farm. Join us for this free workshop for information on how to transition your farm to the next generation or what to do about estate planning, farm arrangements, preservation options, and more.

Hear first hand from a Northern Connecticut farmer, Susan Hastings, on her transfer planning efforts for Hastings Farm, an established business and farmland across all ages, as well as junior generation and beginning farmers are needed for survival. There will be time for individual assistance from professional advisors.

A New England with local farm will be provided. Come meet, eat and learn with your fellow farmers and farmstead owners. Reserve your seat by calling (860) 357-1600 or online at landforgood.org/ftpw.

Registration is required.
Reserve your seat by February 6th!

Reserve your seat today at landforgood.org/ftpw





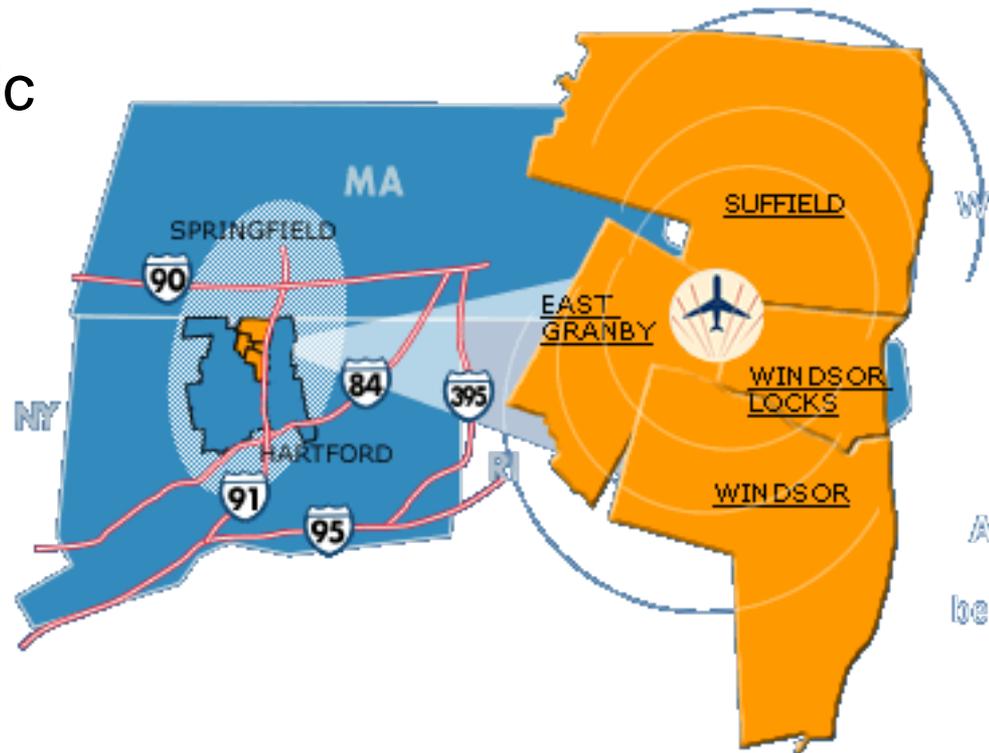






■ Issues

- Untapped economic development potential





Bradley Development League

■ Assets

- Hundreds of acres of land
- Inventory of building space
- Transportation infrastructure
- Convenience of airport
- Productive labor pool

“WE HAVE WHAT MATTERS MOST”

- Access to I-91
- Quality workforce from CT and Western MA
- Attractively priced land and buildings
- Bradley International Airport

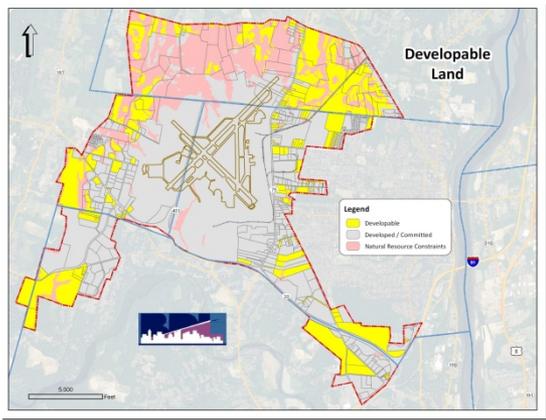
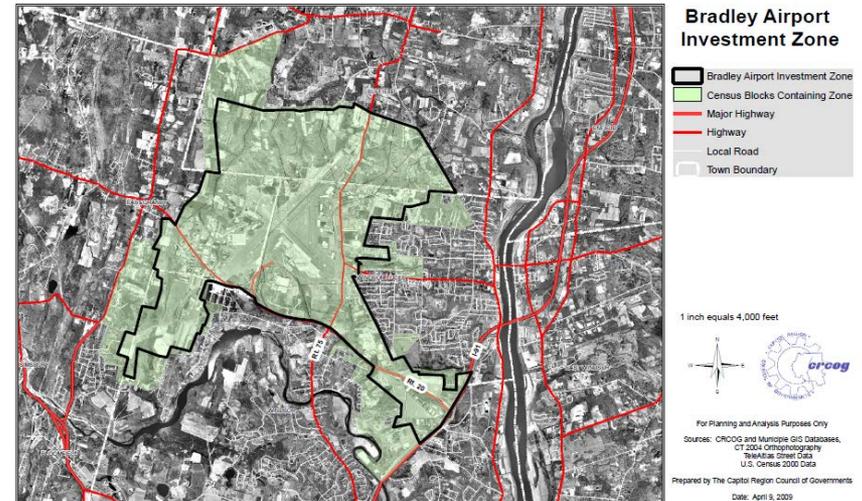
Four towns committed to economic growth and development.

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BRADLEY DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

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Learn more about what we have to offer.

■ Actions

- Marketing
- Build-out Analysis
- Airport Development Zone
- FTZ Expansion
- Rail Study



Hartford Line and CT fastrak

■ Issues

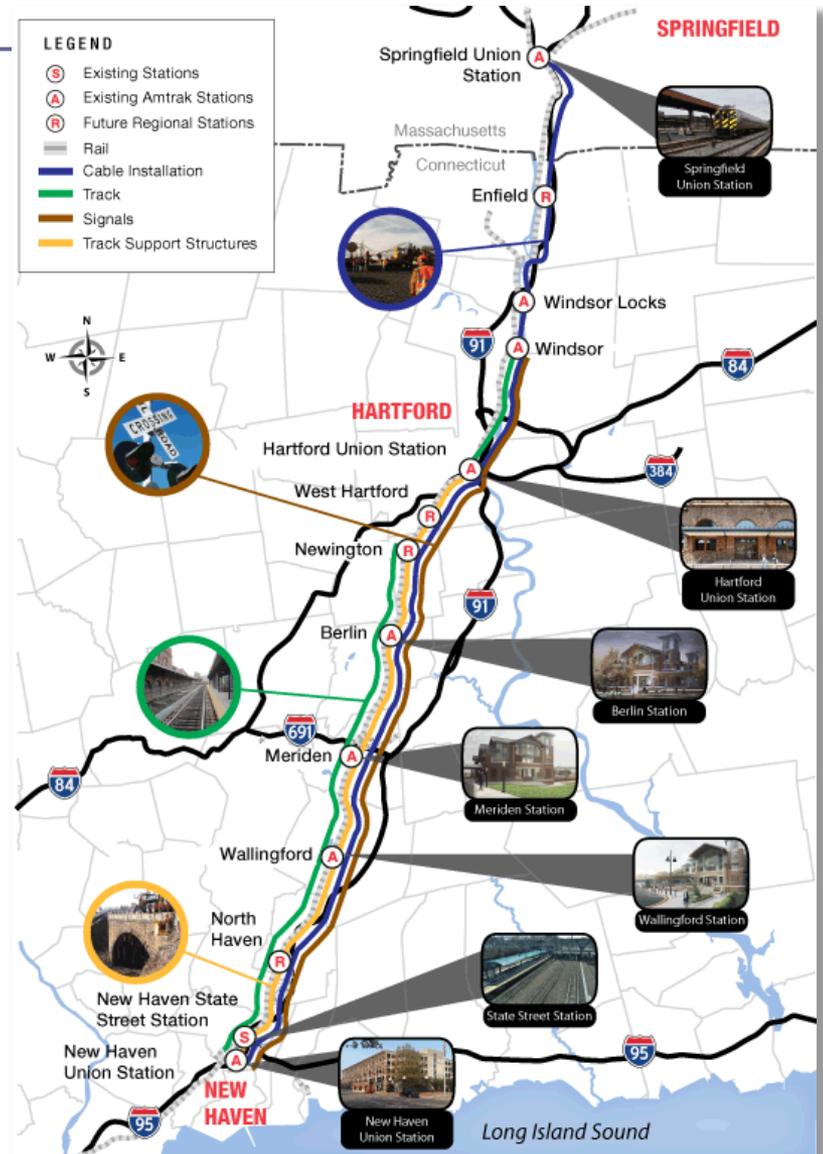
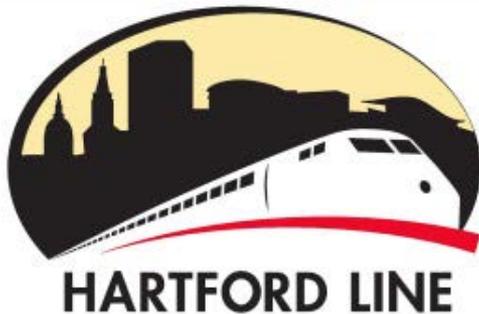
- Traffic Congestion
- Air Quality
- Demand for Alternative Transportation Options



Hartford Line and CT fastrak

■ Assets

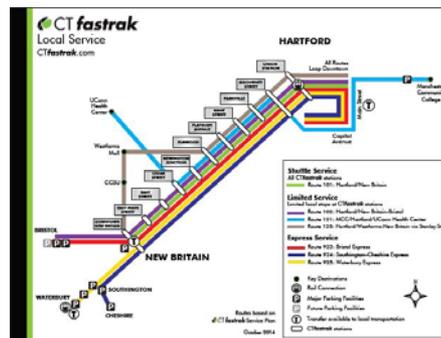
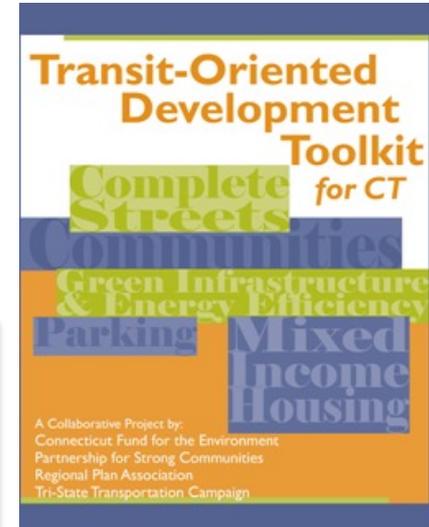
- Existing Amtrak line
- Former Rail ROW for rapid bus
- Stops in downtowns and key commercial locations
- Significant State and Federal Investment
- Opportunities for TOD



Hartford Line and CT fastrak

Actions

- Corridor Advisory Committee
- State funded TOD plans
- RPA planning studies
- Pushing for Springfield to Boston Link



■ Issues

- Multi-city, multi-state region
- Lack of shared vision
- Lack of resources



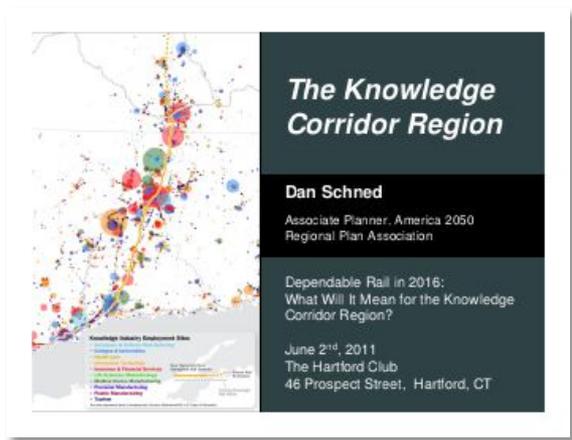
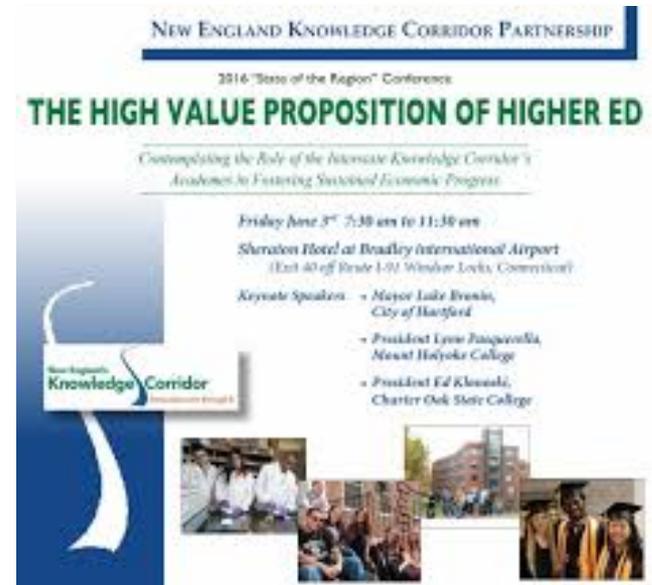
■ Assets

- Significant population
- New Haven, Hartford and Springfield
- I-91
- Fortune 500 Companies
- Bradley International Airport



■ Actions

- Steering Committee
- Annual “State of the Region Conference”
- Internship Program
- Cross Border Publications and Plan



Asses Based Development Takeaways

- Tool that every community can use
- Vision
- Collaboration
- Leadership
- On-going communication
- Sustainability

