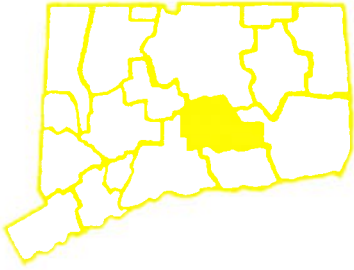


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**Time: 1:30 p.m.**

**Place: Middlesex County Extension Center  
1066 Saybrook Road  
Haddam, CT**

The Midstate Regional Planning Agency and the Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency are sponsoring this workshop in conjunction with the Office of Policy and Management (OPM). OPM is responsible for developing a new process for the revision, adoption, amendment and implementation of the State Conservation and Development Plan. This process is being called “cross-acceptance” and the purpose of this workshop is to seek input from local stakeholders.

## Regional Workshops on Cross-Acceptance Process

The Office of Policy and Management (OPM), in cooperation with Regional Planning Organizations (RPOs), is conducting a series of workshops across the state to seek input from local stakeholders on a new process for the revision, adoption, amendment, and implementation of the Conservation and Development Polices Plan for Connecticut (State C&D Plan).

[Public Act 10-138](#) requires OPM to submit a draft of such process to the Continuing Legislative Committee on State Planning and Development (Continuing Committee) by January 5, 2011, and must consider as a guideline [New Jersey's 2004 Cross-Acceptance Manual](#). "Cross-acceptance" is defined as "a process by which planning policies of different levels of government are compared and differences between such policies are reconciled with the purpose of attaining compatibility between local, regional and state plans." Specifically, the new process must incorporate:

1. Public outreach and the solicitation of public opinion on a preliminary state plan;
2. Comparison of a preliminary state plan with regional and local plans;
3. Negotiation of the preliminary state plan with the purpose of obtaining consistency between local, regional and state plans;
4. Production of a written statement specifying areas of agreement and disagreement and areas requiring modification by parties to the negotiation; and
5. Drafting and reviewing of a final state plan.

OPM intends to utilize this new process to meet its reporting requirements under [Public Act 10-138](#) which include:

1. September 1, 2011 – Submit an initial draft of the 2013-2018 State C&D Plan to the Continuing Committee for their review and comment;
2. March 1, 2012 – Publish a revised draft 2013-2018 State C&D Plan and conduct public hearings over the next five months; and
3. December 1, 2012 – Submit OPM's recommended draft State C&D Plan to the Continuing Committee. The Continuing Committee must conduct a public hearing on the draft plan within 45 days of the start of the 2013 legislative session, and submit its recommendation to the full General Assembly for its consideration of adoption.

As an initial step in this process, OPM commissioned a [survey of municipalities](#) in September 2010 to get a better understanding of the range of municipal planning capabilities. The survey indicated, among other things, that workshops convened by RPOs were the preferred method of outreach. OPM has created a [State C&D Plan webpage](#) to keep stakeholders informed throughout this process.