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Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:  
(PD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL REVISIONS TO STATUTES CONCERNING PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 8-169hh of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 For purposes of this section and sections 8-169ii to 8-169ss,  
4 inclusive:

5 (1) "Authority" means the Connecticut Municipal Redevelopment  
6 Authority established in section 8-169ii;

7 (2) "Authority development project" means a project occurring  
8 within the boundaries of a Connecticut Municipal Redevelopment  
9 Authority development district;

10 (3) "Connecticut Municipal Redevelopment Authority development  
11 district" or "development district" means the area determined by a  
12 memorandum of agreement between the authority and the chief

13 executive officer of the member municipality, or the chief executive  
14 officers of the municipalities constituting a joint member entity, as  
15 applicable, where such development district is located, provided such  
16 area shall be considered a downtown or does not exceed a one-half-  
17 mile radius of a transit station;

18 (4) "Designated tier III municipality" has the same meaning as  
19 provided in section 7-560;

20 (5) "Designated tier IV municipality" has the same meaning as  
21 provided in section 7-560;

22 (6) "Downtown" means a central business district or other  
23 commercial neighborhood area of a community that serves as a center  
24 of socioeconomic interaction in the community, characterized by a  
25 cohesive core of commercial and mixed-use buildings, often  
26 interspersed with civic, religious and residential buildings and public  
27 spaces, that are typically arranged along a main street and intersecting  
28 side streets and served by public infrastructure;

29 (7) "Member municipality" means (A) any municipality with a  
30 population of seventy thousand or more that opts to join the  
31 Connecticut Municipal Redevelopment Authority in accordance with  
32 section 8-169*ll*, or (B) any designated tier III or tier IV municipality.  
33 "Member municipality" does not include the city of Hartford or any  
34 municipality that is considered part of the capital region, as defined in  
35 section 32-600;

36 (8) "Joint member entity" means two or more municipalities with a  
37 combined population of seventy thousand or more that together opt to  
38 join the Connecticut Municipal Redevelopment Authority in  
39 accordance with section 8-169*ll*, provided no such municipality is  
40 considered part of the capital region, as defined in section 32-600;

41 (9) "Project" means any or all of the following: (A) The design and  
42 construction of transit-oriented development, as defined in section  
43 13b-79kk; (B) the creation of housing units through rehabilitation or

44 new construction; (C) the demolition or redevelopment of vacant  
45 buildings; and (D) development and redevelopment;

46 (10) [State-wide transportation investment program"] "State-wide  
47 transportation investment program" means the planning document  
48 developed and updated at least every four years by the Department of  
49 Transportation in compliance with the requirements of 23 USC 135,  
50 listing all transportation projects in the state expected to receive federal  
51 funding during the four-year period covered by the program; and

52 (11) "Transit station" means any passenger railroad station or bus  
53 rapid transit station that is operational, or for which the Department of  
54 Transportation has initiated planning or that is included in the state-  
55 wide transportation investment program, that is or will be located  
56 within the boundaries of a member municipality or the municipalities  
57 constituting a joint member entity.

58 Sec. 2. Subsection (h) of section 22a-478 of the general statutes is  
59 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
60 *passage*):

61 (h) The Department of Public Health shall establish and maintain a  
62 priority list of eligible drinking water projects and shall establish a  
63 system setting the priority for making project loans to eligible public  
64 water systems. In establishing such priority list and ranking system,  
65 the Commissioner of Public Health shall consider all factors which he  
66 deems relevant, including, but not limited to, the following: (1) The  
67 public health and safety; (2) protection of environmental resources; (3)  
68 population affected; (4) risk to human health; (5) public water systems  
69 most in need on a per household basis according to applicable state  
70 affordability criteria; (6) compliance with the applicable requirements  
71 of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act and other related federal acts;  
72 (7) applicable state and federal regulations. The priority list of eligible  
73 drinking water projects shall include a description of each project and  
74 its purpose, impact, cost and construction schedule, and an  
75 explanation of the manner in which priorities were established. The

76 Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt an interim priority list of  
77 eligible drinking water projects for the purpose of making project  
78 loans prior to adoption of final regulations, and in so doing may utilize  
79 existing rules and regulations of the department relating to the  
80 program. To the extent required by applicable federal law, the  
81 Department of Public Health shall prepare any required intended use  
82 plan with respect to eligible drinking water projects; (8) consistency  
83 with the state plan of conservation and development; (9) consistency  
84 with the policies delineated in section 22a-380; and (10) consistency  
85 with the coordinated water system plan in accordance with subsection  
86 (f) of section 25-33d.

87 Sec. 3. Section 25-201 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
88 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

89 For the purposes of sections 25-200 to 25-210, inclusive:

90 (1) "Approved map" means a map approved by the commissioner  
91 pursuant to section 25-205;

92 (2) "Approved river corridor protection plan" means a river corridor  
93 protection plan approved by the commissioner pursuant to section 25-  
94 205;

95 (3) "Clear cutting" means removal of all standing woody vegetation  
96 greater than one inch diameter at breast height within a designated  
97 river corridor;

98 (4) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Energy and  
99 Environmental Protection or his agent;

100 (5) "Designation" means designation, by act of the General  
101 Assembly, of a river corridor for protection and preservation in  
102 accordance with an approved river corridor protection plan and the  
103 provisions of sections 25-200 to 25-210, inclusive;

104 (6) "Designated river corridor" means that portion of a river corridor

105 defined on a map prepared in accordance with section 25-204 and  
106 which has been designated by the General Assembly pursuant to  
107 sections 25-200 to 25-210, inclusive;

108 (7) "Eligible river corridor" means a river corridor which is included  
109 on the list adopted by the commissioner pursuant to section 25-202;

110 (8) "Local drainage basin" means a local drainage basin referenced  
111 on a map entitled "Natural Drainage Basins of Connecticut", published  
112 by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, 1981;

113 (9) "Member municipality" means a municipality which is a member  
114 of a river committee established pursuant to section 25-203;

115 (10) "Major state plan" means the plan for development of outdoor  
116 recreation adopted pursuant to section 22a-21, the state-wide solid  
117 waste management plan adopted pursuant to section 22a-228, the  
118 state-wide plan for the management of water resources adopted  
119 pursuant to section 22a-352, the state-wide environmental plan  
120 adopted pursuant to section 22a-8, the plan for the disposal of dredged  
121 material for Long Island Sound, the historic preservation plan adopted  
122 under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, the state-  
123 wide facility and capital plan adopted pursuant to section 4b-23, the  
124 water quality management plan adopted under the federal Clean  
125 Water Act, the marine resources management plan, the plan for  
126 managing forest resources, the wildlife management plans and the  
127 salmon restoration plan;

128 (11) "Person" means ["person"] person as defined in section 22a-2;

129 (12) "River corridor" means any river, river segment or river system,  
130 together with its floodplains, wetlands and uplands, contributing  
131 overland runoff to such river, river segment or river system;

132 (13) "River committee" means a river committee established  
133 pursuant to section 25-203;

134 (14) "River system" means a river, its tributaries and any lands  
 135 draining into such river or its tributaries;

136 (15) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
 137 Management or his agent;

138 (16) ["State rivers assessment data base"] "State rivers assessment  
 139 database" means the state-wide assessment of the state's rivers  
 140 prepared by the commissioner pursuant to subdivision (3) of  
 141 subsection (c) of section 25-102qq;

142 (17) "State plan of conservation and development" means the state  
 143 plan of conservation and development prepared pursuant to part I of  
 144 chapter 297;

145 (18) "Subregional drainage basin" means a subregional drainage  
 146 basin as depicted on a map entitled "Natural Drainage Basins of  
 147 Connecticut", published by the Department of Energy and  
 148 Environmental Protection, 1981; and

149 (19) "Water-dependent use" means a use which, by its nature or  
 150 function, requires direct access to, or location in or immediately  
 151 adjacent to, water and which therefore cannot be located upland and  
 152 shall include such recreational uses as riverside trails and bicycle  
 153 paths.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	8-169hh
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	22a-478(h)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	25-201

**PD**      *Joint Favorable*