City of New Britain Seeks Public Input for Plan of Conservation and Development Updates

New Britain, CT – Mayor Erin E. Stewart announced today that the City of New Britain is seeking input from residents and property owners to help guide updates to the City’s Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). The City has prepared a POCD Community Survey about quality of life, housing, transportation, parks and recreation, economic development, access to services and amenities, as well as other topics of importance to New Britain.

“It is crucial for the City to update the POCD because not only does it fulfill a state requirement, it also allows us to apply for grant funding we rely on to continue making necessary improvements to our infrastructure and positively impacting the City’s development,” said Mayor Erin Stewart. “I encourage those from our community to engage in this process by taking the POCD Community Survey so this document can be used to shape the future of the City in the best way possible.”

The City of New Britain’s Plan of Conservation and Development is a document that sets policy priorities for the physical, economic, environmental, and social development of the community for the next ten years. The POCD will contain a vision and goals, along with recommended strategies for achieving those goals. Community engagement and dialogue around New Britain’s future is an integral component of developing reasonable goals and strategies.

The State of Connecticut requires every municipality to prepare an updated POCD every ten years in order to remain eligible for certain state funding. The funding streams that require an updated POCD provides the City with important grant programs that enables the City to continue to afford capital improvement projects, housing developments, brownfields remediation, and more. To complete this complex document in the required timeframe, the City Plan Commission is working with SLR Consulting to collect data in key areas to reflect the current conditions of New Britain.

The POCD Community Survey is available in English, Spanish, and Polish. The survey will be accessible online to those who are interested at www.newbritainct.gov/pocd until May 14, 2021. Those with questions or requesting additional information can reach out to Nicole Bosco at (860) 826-3330 or nicole.bosco@newbritainct.gov.

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