

Development Department

FY 2017 – 2018

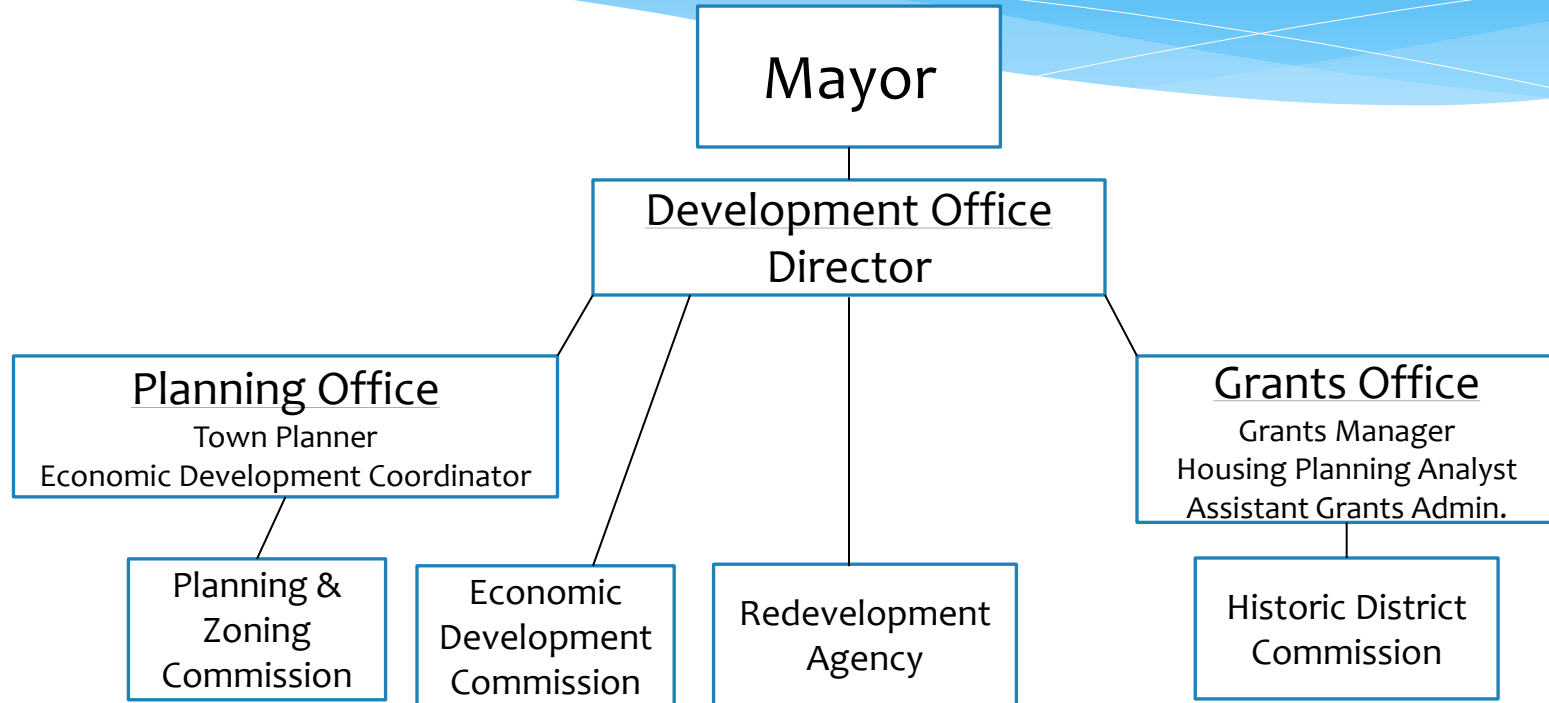
Budget Workshop Presentation

Development Department



- Development Administration
 - Planning & Zoning Commission
 - Economic Development Commission
 - Redevelopment Agency
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- Grants Administration
 - Historic District Commission

Organizational Chart



FY 2017 Savings



The Department is achieving savings in the current 2016-2017 fiscal year due to a change in the Assistant Grants Administrator position and by deciding not to pay dues to MetroHartford Alliance or the Connecticut River Valley Chamber of Commerce due to the Town's current economic situation.

Item	Savings
Assistant Grants Administrator – Position Vacant	(\$39,437)
Connecticut River Valley Chamber of Commerce	(\$10,600)
TOTAL	(\$50,037)

An Exciting Time for Development



- * Pratt & Whitney World Headquarters
- * UTRC expansion
- * Outlet Shoppes at Rentschler Field
- * Hillyard-RoVic
- * Porter Brook on Main new facade
- * Atlas Oil new facade
- * Kahoots site redevelopment planning
- * Dunkin' Donuts (two new locations)
- * Xpress Fuel gas station new convenience store
- * Citgo Food Bag renovation
- * United Steel expansion
- * VIP Carwash
- * Dollar General on Silver Lane
- * Godavari Restaurant
- * Michael's Arts & Crafts
- * Olympia Sports
- * Chuck's Auto expansion and new facade
- * Clarcor Engine Mobile Group
- * SUPA Lifestyle Fitness
- * Dollar Tree
- * Nardelli's Grinder Shoppe
- * Goodwin College Manufacturing Center
- * United Bank
- * Riverside Pharmacy
- * UConn Health
- * Bakery on Main
- * Daley Court redevelopment
- * Arthur J. Hurley Company
- * Vet for Pet
- * NEFCO expansion
- * Dr. Cai Eye Center
- * Hall of Fame Silver Lanes Laser Tag
- * Fairfield Inn potential
- * Coca-Cola Bottling Company expansion
- * Family Dollar
- * Grossman's Bargain Outlet
- * O'Reilly Auto Parts
- * Cardio Express
- * Carmine's Bar & Grill
- * American Flooring
- * Nixon Uniform

Outlet Shoppes at Rentschler Field



- * \$12 million state grant is being used for infrastructure construction
- * Expected to open by summer 2018



United Technologies Campus



United Technologies
Research Center Expansion



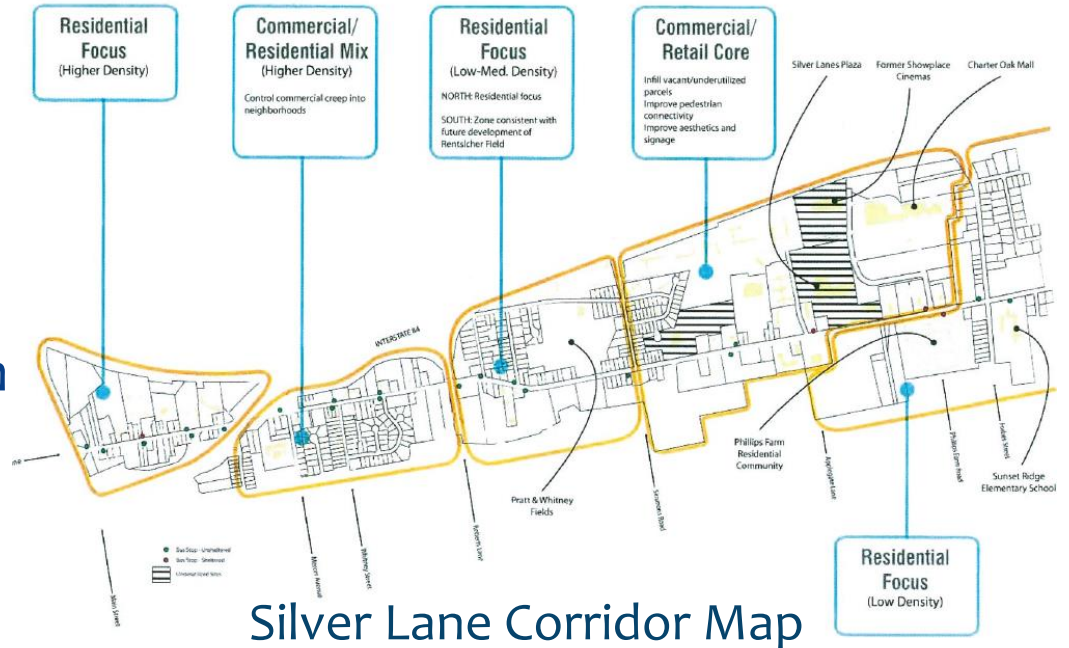
Pratt & Whitney
New Headquarters



Silver Lane



- * Mayor's Advisory Committee is working with Milone & Macbroom on a comprehensive redevelopment plan.
- * Leveraging \$200,000 Brownfields Areawide Redevelopment grant from CT DECD
- * Ongoing CRCOG transportation study



Silver Lane Corridor Map

Working Cities Challenge



East
Hartford
Public
Schools



United Way of Central
and Northeast Connecticut



Connecticut Center for
Advanced Technology, Inc.



- * Program administered by the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston
- * Aimed at incentivizing cross-sector collaboration to improve the lives of low-income residents
- * Core elements include community engagement and systems change.
- * Our focus is the Silver Lane Neighborhood.
- * We could receive a \$15,000 planning grant in March and a three-year implementation prize of up to \$500,000 in January of 2018.

Commercial Facade Improvement Program



- * Will help to beautify downtown and incentivize business activity by assisting property owners in repairing and upgrading the appearance of their buildings
- * The Town will fund 100% of the first \$2,000 and 75% of costs above \$2,000 up to a total Town contribution of \$50,000
- * Priority is given to buildings downtown on Main Street between the railroad overpass and the I-84 overpass

40-50 Main Street

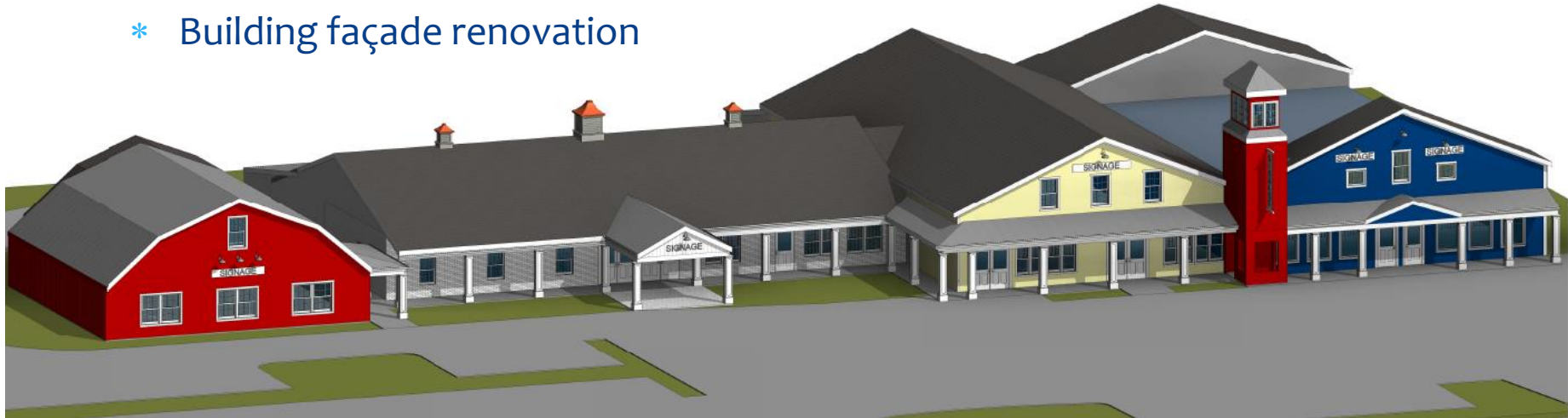
Porter Brook on Main



Procaccini's Plaza

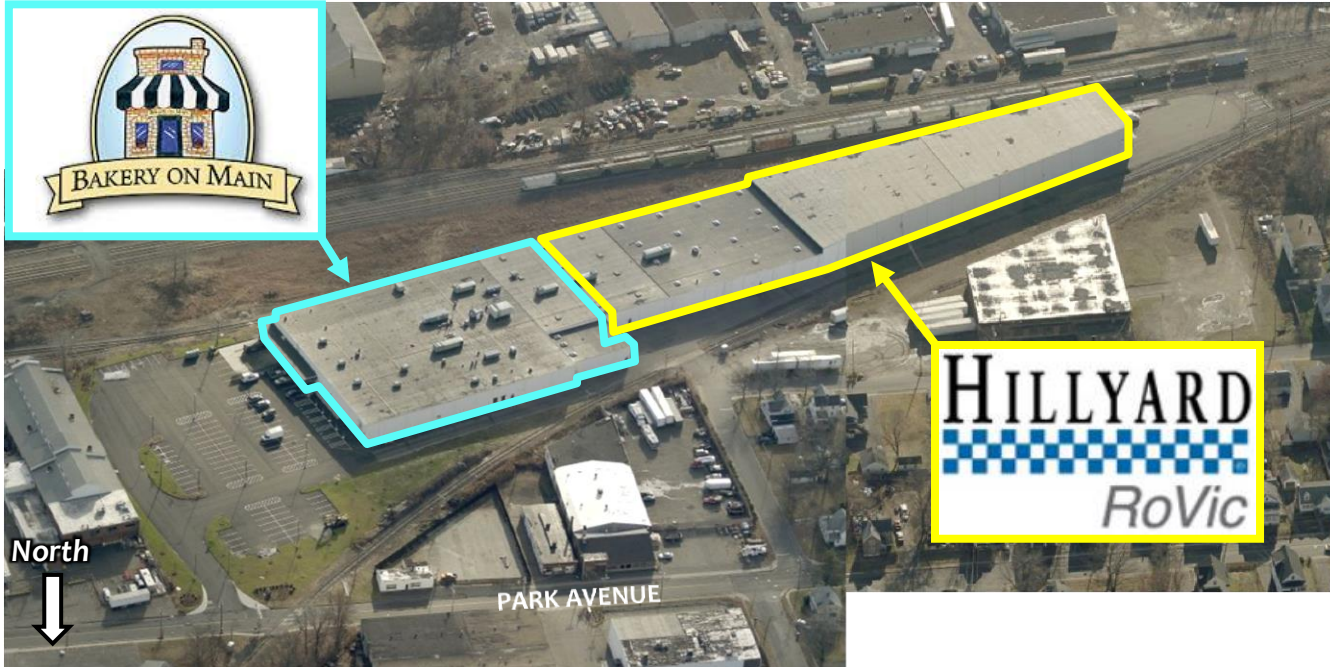
40-50 Main St

- * Building façade renovation



Hillyard-RoVic

127 Park Ave



- * New tenant Hillyard RoVic relocated to rear portion of Bakery on Main building

Burnside Avenue



Family Dollar Plaza

1140-1162 Burnside Ave

- * Building façade renovation



Citgo Food Bag

1259 Burnside Ave.

- * Building and site improvements



Burnside Avenue



Godavari

1250 Burnside Ave

* New restaurant



Dunkin Donuts

1083 Burnside Ave

* New establishment



Silver Lane



Aldi Market

801 Silver Ln

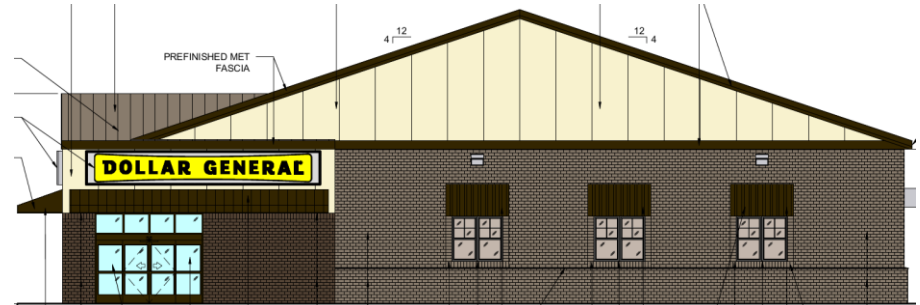
- * Proposed building addition



Dollar General

735 Silver Ln

- * Proposed building

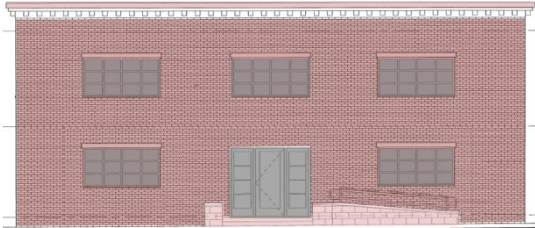


Tolland Street



Atlas Oil Building
414 Tolland St

- * Facade and building improvements



VIP Carwash
170 Tolland St

- * New building



Planning & Zoning Commission



- * Established Commercial Nodes to protect commercial retail uses along primary corridors
- * Streamlined the application process and implemented digital submission using iPads to reduce the cost of doing business in East Hartford
- * Working on campus zoning district (Design Development District 3) to facilitate comprehensive redevelopment around Goodwin College

Planning Office	FY16	FY 17 1 st 6 Months
Applications	112	47
Revenue	\$25,149	\$5,446

Economic Development Commission



- * Undertakes studies and projects to optimize the business climate
- * Holds Business Visitations and Lunches
- * Studied improvements for the Main & Pitkin intersection



Michael's – Putnam Bridge Plaza

Redevelopment Agency



- * Carries out redevelopment activities authorized by the CT General Statutes
- * Currently working on Main and on Burnside; Future opportunities for Silver Lane
- * Completed facade renovation at Chuck's Automotive
- * Will begin demolition of Daley Court with DECD grant funding

Chuck's Automotive - 653 Burnside Ave. Before After



Grants



- * Grants Manager position 90% Town-funded
- * Assistant Grants Admin. , Housing Planning Analyst salaries 100% paid by CDBG
- * Grants Manager funded 10% through CDBG
- * CDBG Year 42 (2016-17) Allocation is \$498,058
- * List of all active grants total \$6,138,802

Grant Fund Sources Include:



- * Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- * ■ Local Capital Improvement Program (LoCIP)
- * ■ USEPA Brownfields Program
- * ■ Women Infants and Children (WIC) Program
- * ■ Public Health Emergency Prep (PHEP) Program
- * ■ Other funds, i.e. DECD, DEEP, DOT, CT OPM, etc.

Recent Grant-Funded Projects



- * Labor Field Basketball Court
- * Town-Wide Brownfields Inventory
- * Environmental Site Assessments at 639 Main Street
- * Willow Brook Flood Control Study
- * Deck Replacement at Drennan Pool
- * East Hartford High School Tennis Courts
- * East Hartford Youth Task Force
- * Tax Office Security Upgrades
- * Police “Click-it-or-Ticket” Enforcement Program
- * Police Distracted Driving Enforcement Program
- * Town Hall Parking Lot Structure
- * Alumni Park Playscape
- * Public Health Preparedness Program
- * Neglected Cemeteries Grant
- * Intertown Capital Equipment Purchase (mower)
- * Senior Grocery Delivery Program
- * Main Street Tree Replacement
- * Town Hall Entrance Reconstruction
- * Hockanum Linear Trail
- * Youth Services Prevention Programs
- * Purchase of New Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle for Seniors
- * Senior Center Renovation Predevelopment Study
- * Labor Field Parking Lot
- * Dial-a-Ride Program
- * Elderly/Disabled Demand Responsive Transportation
- * New Main Street Amenities (Benches, Bike Racks, etc.)

Grant-Supported Projects



* Charter Oak Greenway/Multi-Use Trail

CT DOT, CT DEEP & LoCIP funding - \$412,500

Extends from the Riverfront Recapture Trail in the vicinity of the Charter Oak Bridge to the Charter Oak Greenway near Forbes Street



CDBG-Supported Public Services



- * CRT Community Homeless Shelter
- * Interfaith Ministries Soup Kitchen
- * Interval House Domestic Violence Services
- * InterCommunity Mental Health Services
- * Housing Education Resource Center (HERC) Advocacy Services

CDBG-Supported Projects



* Main Street Basketball Courts

\$25,166 in CDBG funding, completed 12/16

Removal of existing playscape structure at Hockanum Park and the installation of new playscape structure and upgrades to the fall zone material and border.

**Court
before:**



**Court
after:**



CDBG-Supported Projects



- * Hockanum Park Swings

\$28,454 in CDBG Funding; completed 8/16

- * Removal and replacement of swing sets at Hockanum Park

**Swingset
before:**



**Swingset
after:**



Summary of Changes



Increases

Account #	Account Name	Increase
G4100-60110	Development Administration – Permanent Services	\$4,656
G9842-62213	Planning & Zoning – Dues & Subscriptions	\$180
G9844-63138	Redevelopment Agency – Contractual Services	\$5,000
	TOTAL	\$9,836

Decreases

Account #	Account Name	Decrease
G9841-62213	Economic Development Commission – Dues & Subscriptions	(\$9,600)
G2950-60110	Grants Administration – Permanent Services	(\$23,203)
	TOTAL	(\$32,803)

Net Changes

Increases	\$9,836
Decreases	(\$32,803)
TOTAL	(\$22,967)

This budget continues the Development Department's level of services during a critical time for development in the town. It also achieves net cost savings.