

Welcome Municipal Services Committee



Shenipsit Lake, Ellington, Photo by
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March 10, 2026

Municipal Services Committee

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Agenda

1. Call to Order/Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes: MSC 1-13-2026 Meeting Minutes

3. Reports from the Chair and Staff

- **Committee Chair**
- **Executive Director**
- **Chief Operating Officer**
- **Other**
 - **Central CT Solid Waste Authority (CCSWA) update** – *Robyn Nichols*
 - **Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for tires and gas cylinders update** – *Robyn Nichols*

4. Business Items

- **Regional Stormwater Authority Study** – *Heidi Samokar; Sonya Carrizales*

5. Municipal Information Sharing

6. Future Agenda Items

- **ACIR Workforce Development**
- **Data Dashboard**
- **Other?**

7. Adjournment

1. Call to Order/Introductions

**CRCOG Municipal Services Committee
Virtual Meeting
Tuesday, January 13, 2026
12 pm**

Minutes

Members and Alternates

Peter Souza, Chairperson
Hiram Peck
Jon Colman
Mark Walter
Jim Drumm
Kimberly Lord
Maria Capriola
Lauren Rhines
Andy Cirioli
Tom Fitzgerald
Bill Morrison
Megan Massa
Fred Presley

Town/Organization

Windsor
Avon
Bloomfield
Columbia
Coventry
Manchester
Mansfield
Newington
Plainville
Simsbury
Stafford
Tolland
Wethersfield

CRCOG Staff

Rob Aloise
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Nick Lanza
Robyn Nichols
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Kyle Shiel
Erik Snowden
Heidi Samokar
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Guests

Matt Morgan
Ashley Benitez
Alfredo Herrera
Sarah Hurley

Journey Home
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1. Call to Order/Introductions

Chairperson, Mr. Peter Souza, called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.

**2. Approval of
Minutes:
January 13, 2026,
Meeting Minutes**

3. Reports from the Chair and Staff

- **Committee Chair**
- **Executive Director**
 - **Annual Meeting**
 - **Regional Awards**
- **Chief Operating Officer**
- **Other**
 - **Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for tires and gas cylinders update – Robyn Nichols**
 - **Central CT Solid Waste Authority (CCSWA) update – Robyn Nichols**

Tire EPR Program Overview

CT is the 1st State in the Nation to have a mandatory Tire EPR law.

Connecticut Tire Stewardship (CTS) is a nonprofit organization created to responsibly collect and process/dispose of tires . CTS Tire EPR Stewardship Program services are **free** to participating members.

Program Launch Date: March 21, 2026

- Registration/Tire EPR Interest Form: [Register Interest Form](#)
- Tire EPR Draft Covered Entity Agreement <https://crocogct.gov/document/tire-epr-covered-entity-agreement-draft/>

What tires are covered:

- Passenger or Light Truck, commercial vehicle, motorcycle, off-road, including those mounted on rims
- Heavy-duty truck and bus tires
- Lawn and Garden tractor, golf carts, ATV
- Agricultural, construction, mining, and industrial tires
- Non-commercial aircraft, trailer, or mobile home tires

Not included:

- Tires from toys, bicycles, personal mobility devices, or commercial aircraft

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DEEP [CT Tire Stewardship Plan for CT](#)

Gas Cylinder EPR Program Overview

- Gas Cylinder EPR mandates in effect: October 2025
- The Cylinder Collective (TCC) – stewardship organization plan approved by CTDEEP to responsibly manage gas cylinders EPR (Free to municipalities)
- Collection is mandated, participation in the collective is not.

Covered Cylinders: <https://crcogct.gov/document/gas-cylinder-epr-covered-cylinders-2025/>

Covered Entity Agreement: <https://crcogct.gov/document/gas-cylinder-epr-covered-entity-agreement/>

Additional Gas Cylinder EPR Program Information: <https://crcogct.gov/document/gas-cylinder-epr-slide-show-2025/>

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CCSWA/Regional Waste Authority Priorities

Completed **RWA Planning Report** – - [RWA Planning Report 2026 - CRCOG | Capitol Region Council of Governments](#)

Beginning Implementation Phase – Priorities include:

- **CCSWA Member survey**
- **MSW in-state opportunities**
- **Robust CCSWA membership/marketing** and promotion (incl. website) – [Waste Management and Diversion - CRCOG | Capitol Region Council of Governments](#)
- **Robust education and outreach** campaign to member municipalities
- **Engagement with haulers and other key stakeholders** in the region to support CCSWA with in-state disposal and recycling/diversion (incl. food waste and other end markets) and **explore potential public-private partnerships**

QUESTIONS?



Robyn Nichols/CRCOG

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4. Business Items:

- **Regional Stormwater Authority Study** – *Heidi Samokar; Sonya Carrizales*



Regional Stormwater Authority Feasibility Study

March 10, 2026
Municipal Services Committee Meeting

Heidi Samokar | Principal Planner
Sonya Carrizales | Environmental Planner

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Agenda

Today

- 1) Stormwater Utility 101
- 2) CRCOG Regional Stormwater Authority Feasibility Study
- 3) What's Next

Stormwater Utility 101

Stormwater Utility 101



- Stable funding for stormwater services and compliance activities
- Collect fees from property owners
- Funding is used for stormwater management
- Fees go into a separate non-lapsing fund

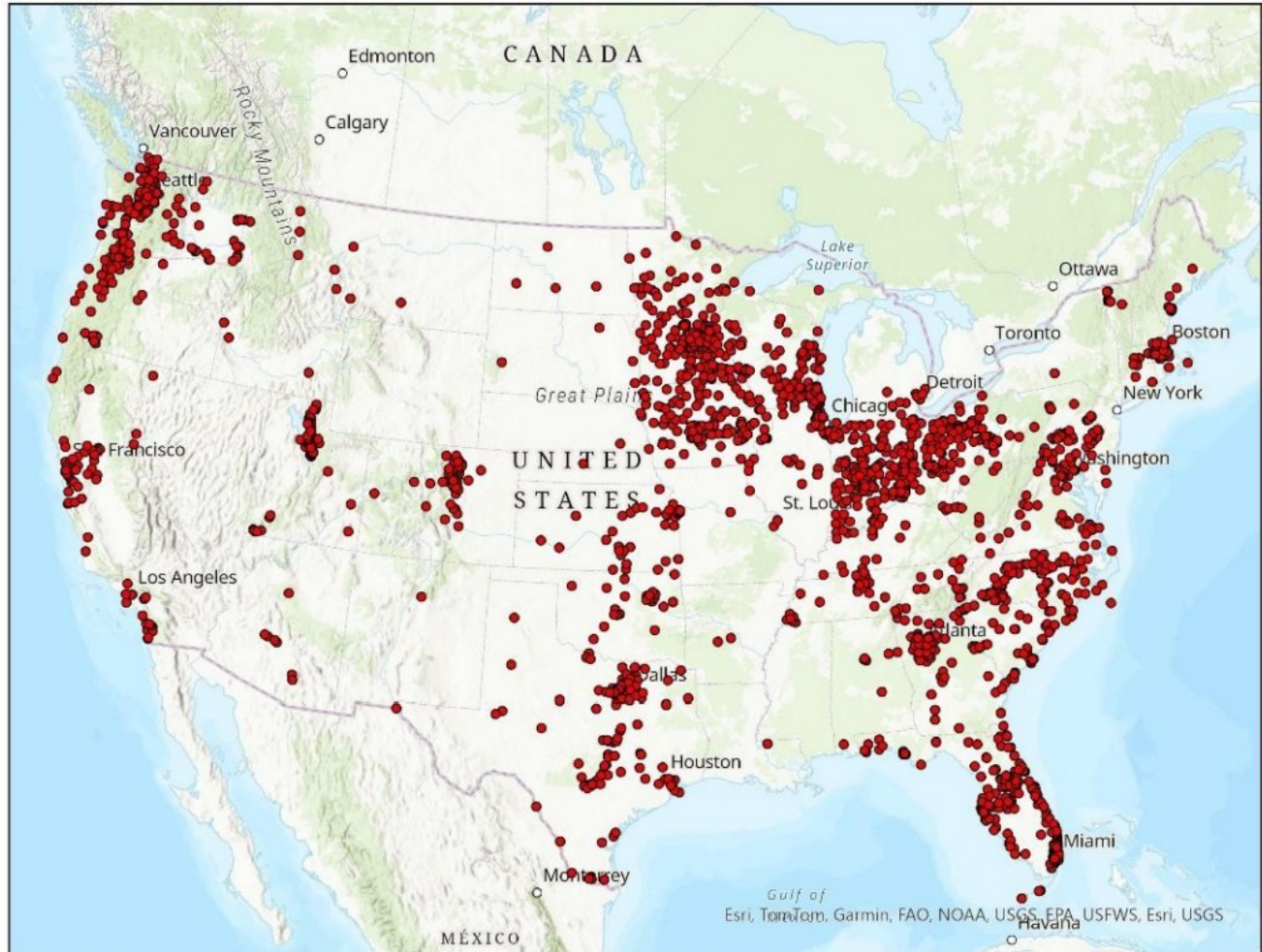
Stormwater Utility 101

Enabling Legislation

- [2024 Conn. Gen. Stat. §22a-498](#) authorizes municipalities to:
 - Establish a stormwater authority through an ordinance
 - Create and levy fees based upon impervious use
- Credits **must be provided** to property owners who implement stormwater best management practices
- Partial fee reductions for certain land uses (farms, forest open space)
- A municipality or municipalities **may** contract with a regional entity to accomplish the provisions of the statute subject to CT DEEP approval

Stormwater Utility 101

- New to CT, but not new concept
- Over 2,000 stormwater utilities in US (2024)
- Two in CT: New Britain & New London



Campbell, Warren, "Western Kentucky University Stormwater Utility Survey 2024". SEAS Faculty Publications. Paper 20.

https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/seas_faculty_pubs/20

Stormwater Utility 101

Benefits

- Dedicated funding source
- More fair distribution of costs than current system

New Britain Clean Water Fund

The City of New Britain created its stormwater utility called the Clean Water Fund following a 2021 feasibility study. The utility launched billing **within six months** and generates approx. **\$2.6 million annually**. Utility funds cover stormwater management costs, with roughly 75% allocated to operations/MS4 compliance and 25% to contracted services and capital projects.

Stormwater Utility 101

Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority, Pennsylvania



The Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority (WVSA) is a regional sewer and stormwater utility serving **32 municipalities**. Stormwater services provided by WVSA are driven by the proportion of fee revenue that each municipality contributes. The Authority has leveraged regional stormwater collaboration to secure **\$4 to 5 million** in grants in the last several years to pay for equipment and projects.

Regional Utility Benefits

- Efficiencies or economies of scale
- Facilitates watershed-level planning and cross-boundary projects
- Potential competitive edge for state and federal grants

**CRCOG Regional
Stormwater Authority
Feasibility Study**

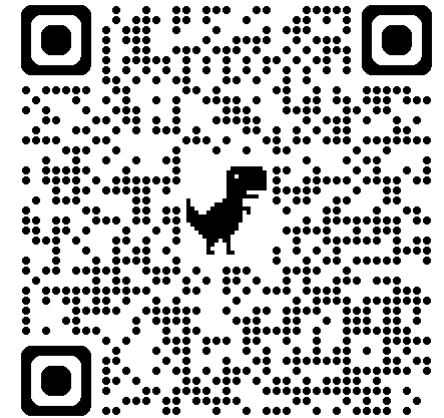
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Feasibility Study

- Examine regional approaches to funding stormwater management & infrastructure
- Provide an understanding of stormwater utilities
- Determine if it is feasible to create a regional or multi-jurisdictional stormwater utility
- Outline next steps

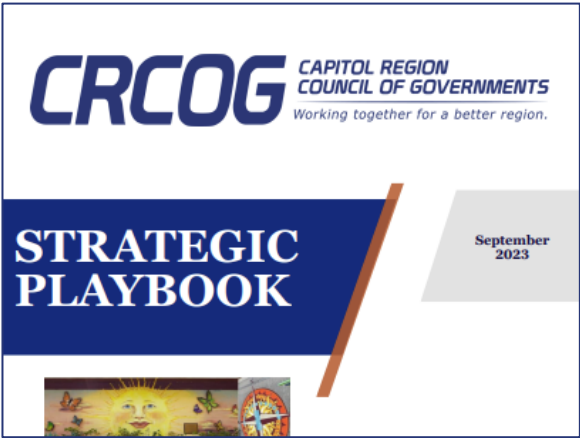
Important Note - Participation did not equal commitment

Visit the project webpage:



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Goal: Develop a long-term plan to significantly improve **stormwater infrastructure** across the region.

Action Step: Conduct study.



Strategy: Improve **water quality** of the Connecticut River, and the region's other rivers, streams, waterbodies, and groundwater.

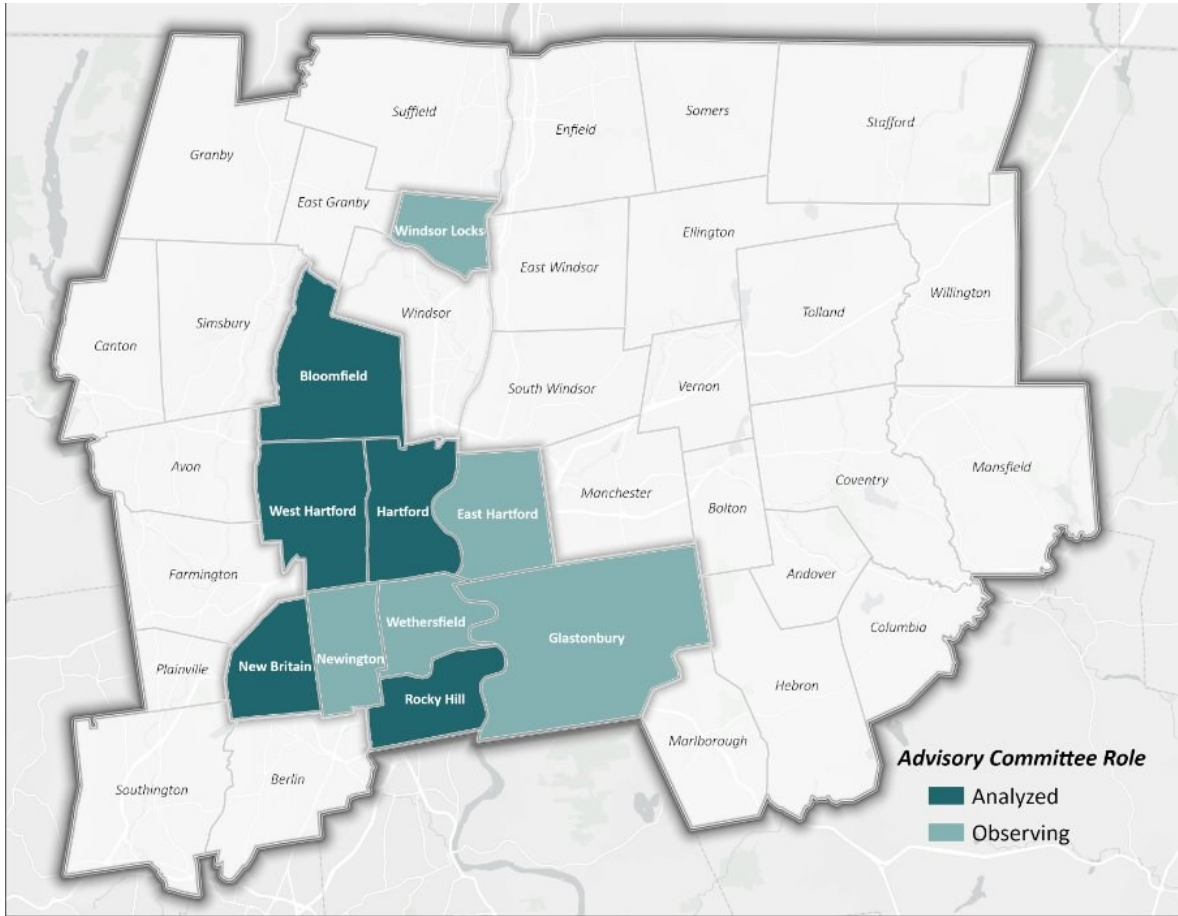
Action: Identify cross-boundary or watershed-level issues and opportunities for collaboration, studies, and projects.

Action: Help municipalities implement stormwater (MS4) requirements.

Why Now?

- Climate change – more intense storms and volumes
- Aging infrastructure
- Funding challenges
- High cost of not addressing – “each \$1 invested in disaster preparation saves \$13 in economic costs, damages, and cleanup (see U.S. Chamber of Commerce 2024 report “[The Preparedness Payoff: The Economic Benefits of Investing in Climate Resilience](#)”.)
- MS4 – new permit in 2026, anticipated increased enforcement
- 2025 Survey of Municipal Stormwater staff – indicate interest in regional or state support in meeting MS4 requirements

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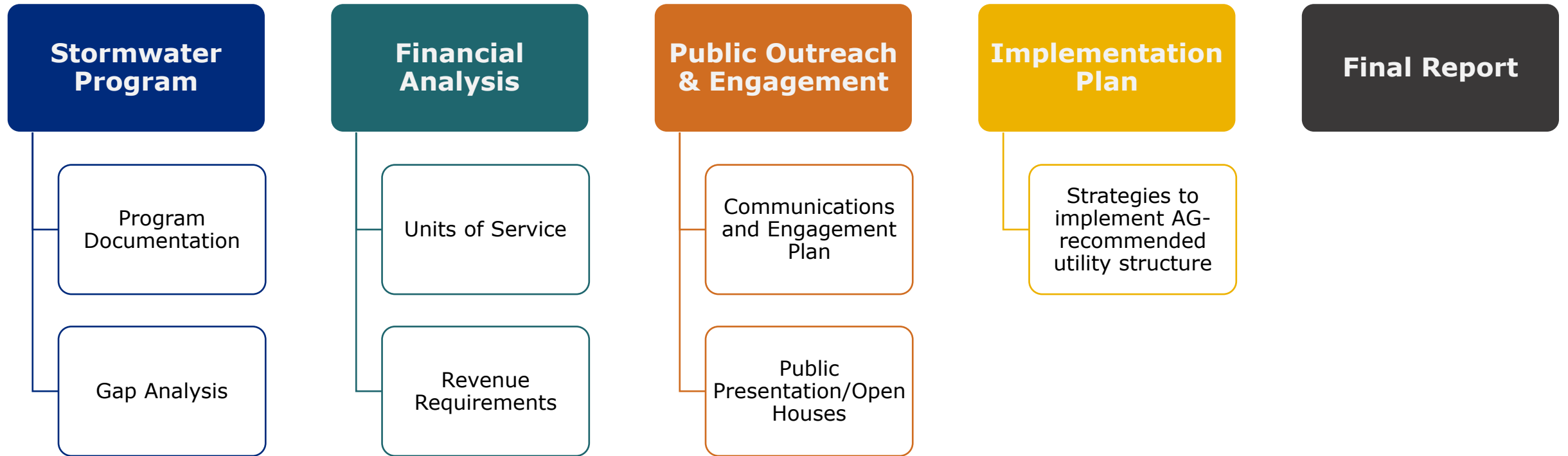
Municipalities

- **Bloomfield**
- East Hartford
- Glastonbury
- **Hartford**
- **New Britain**
- Newington
- **Rocky Hill**
- **West Hartford**
- Wethersfield
- Windsor Locks

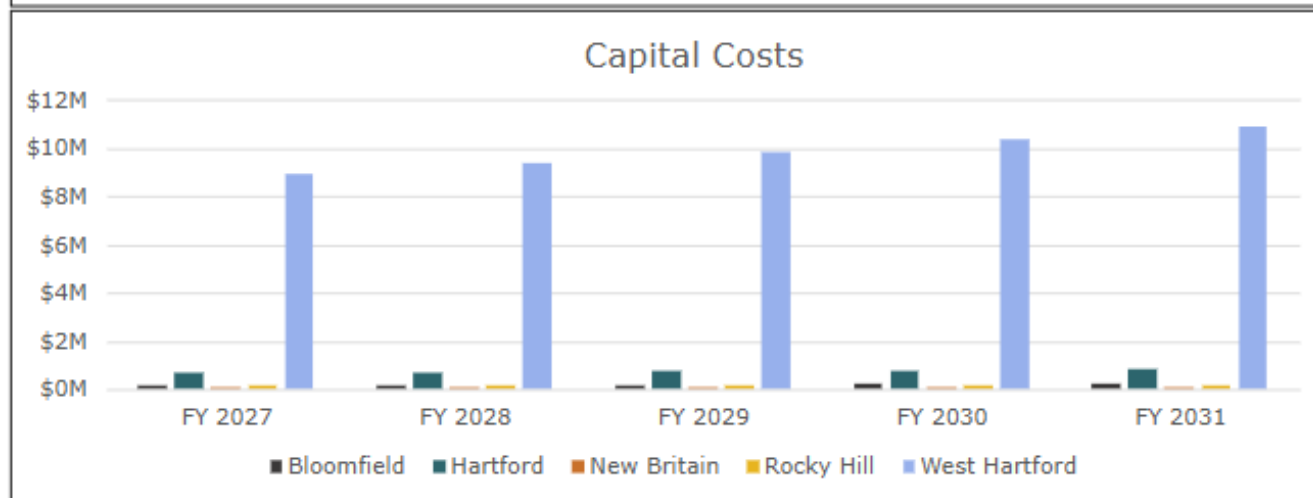
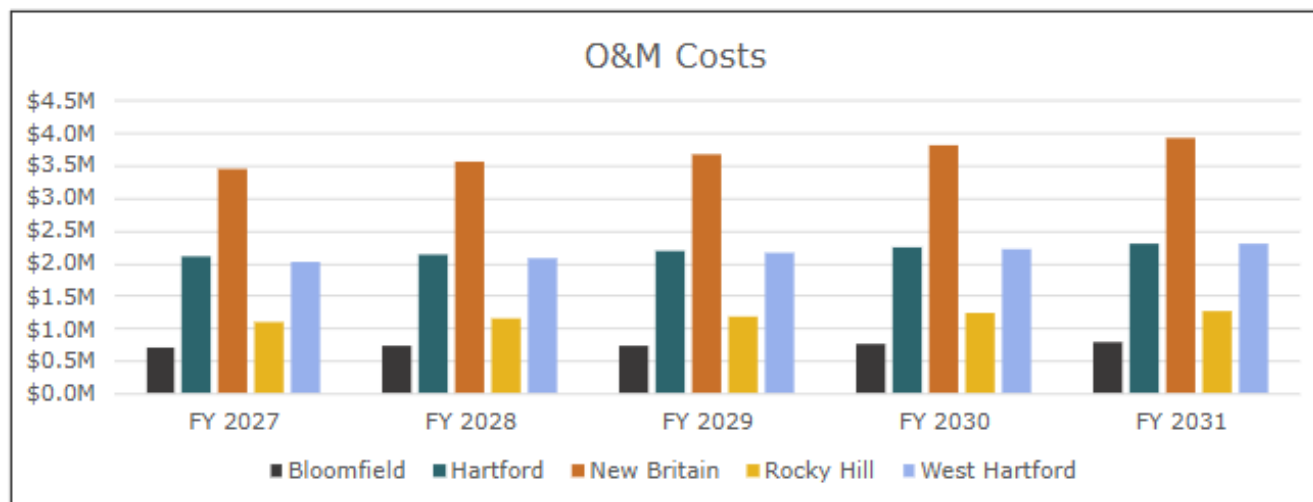
Regional Partners

- Chatham Health District
- Metropolitan District (MDC)
- Rivers Alliance

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Summary of Existing Stormwater Costs



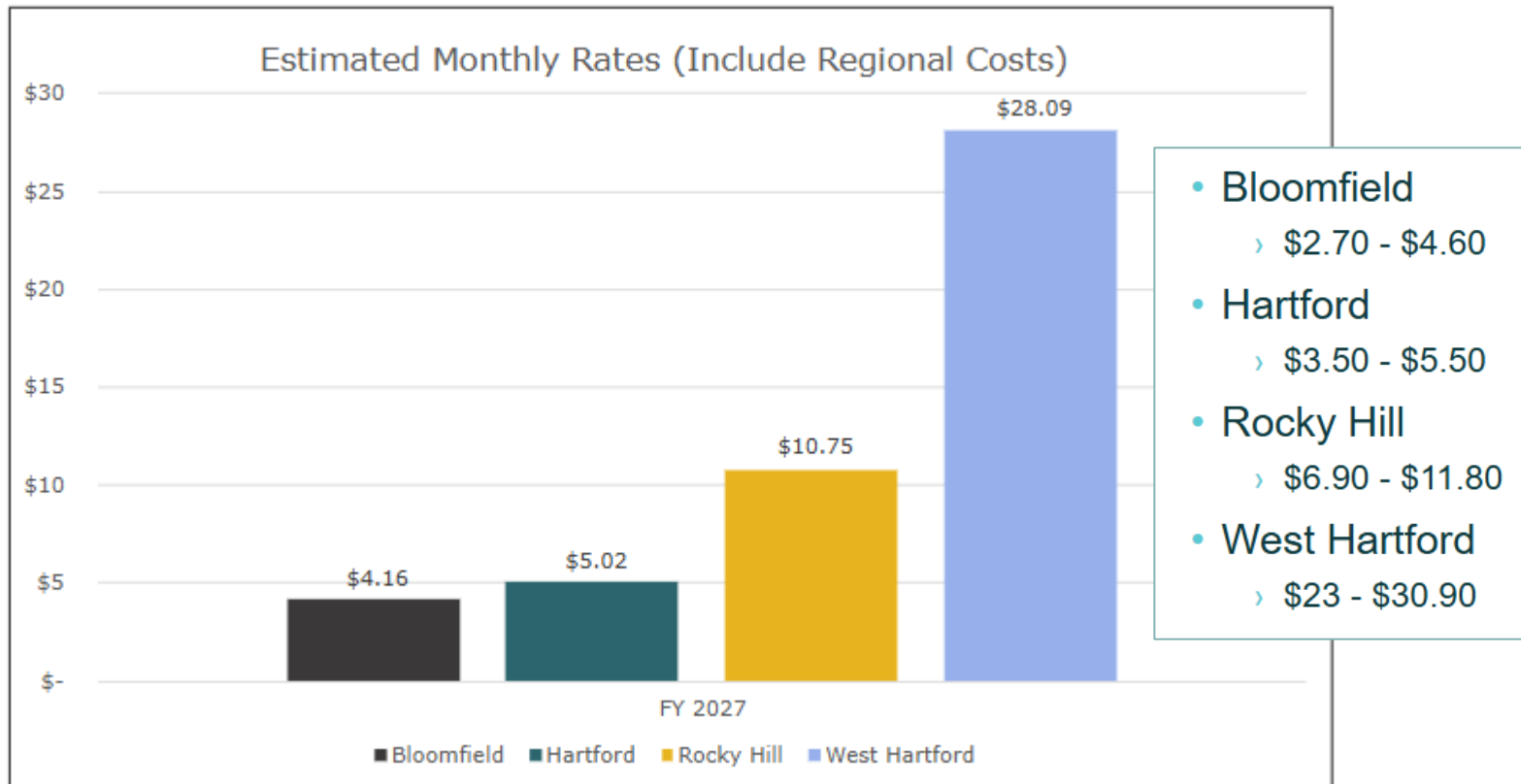
FY27 Costs

	O&M	Capital
Bloomfield	\$ 690,283	\$ 165,375
Hartford	\$ 2,093,559	\$ 661,500
New Britain	\$ 3,436,144	\$ 81,861
Rocky Hill	\$ 1,101,567	\$ 118,125
West Hartford	\$ 2,013,928	\$ 8,946,788

Program Evaluation

	Bloomfield	Hartford	New Britain	Rocky Hill	West Hartford	Combined
Town Data						
Population (2020 Census)	21,535	121,057	74,135	20,845	64,083	301,655
Existing Evaluation - Level of Compliance						
Regulatory - MS4	Average	Below	Average	Average	Average	Average
O&M	Average	Below	Average	Average	Proactive	Average
Stormwater CIP	Proactive	Average	Average	Below	Proactive	Average
Program Management	Average	Below	Proactive	Average	Proactive	Average
Overall	Average	Below	Average	Average	Proactive	Average
Stormwater Program Costs						
Existing Costs	\$795,659	\$2,603,708	\$3,287,717	\$1,176,538	\$10,524,161	\$18,361,534
Per Capita Cost	\$37	\$22	\$44	\$56	\$164	\$61
Future Cost with Perceived Gap	\$858,159	\$2,603,708	\$3,373,007	\$1,467,538	\$10,751,536	\$19,027,698
Future Per Capita with Perceived Gap	\$40	\$22	\$45	\$70	\$168	\$63

Monthly Rate Scenarios (per ERU)

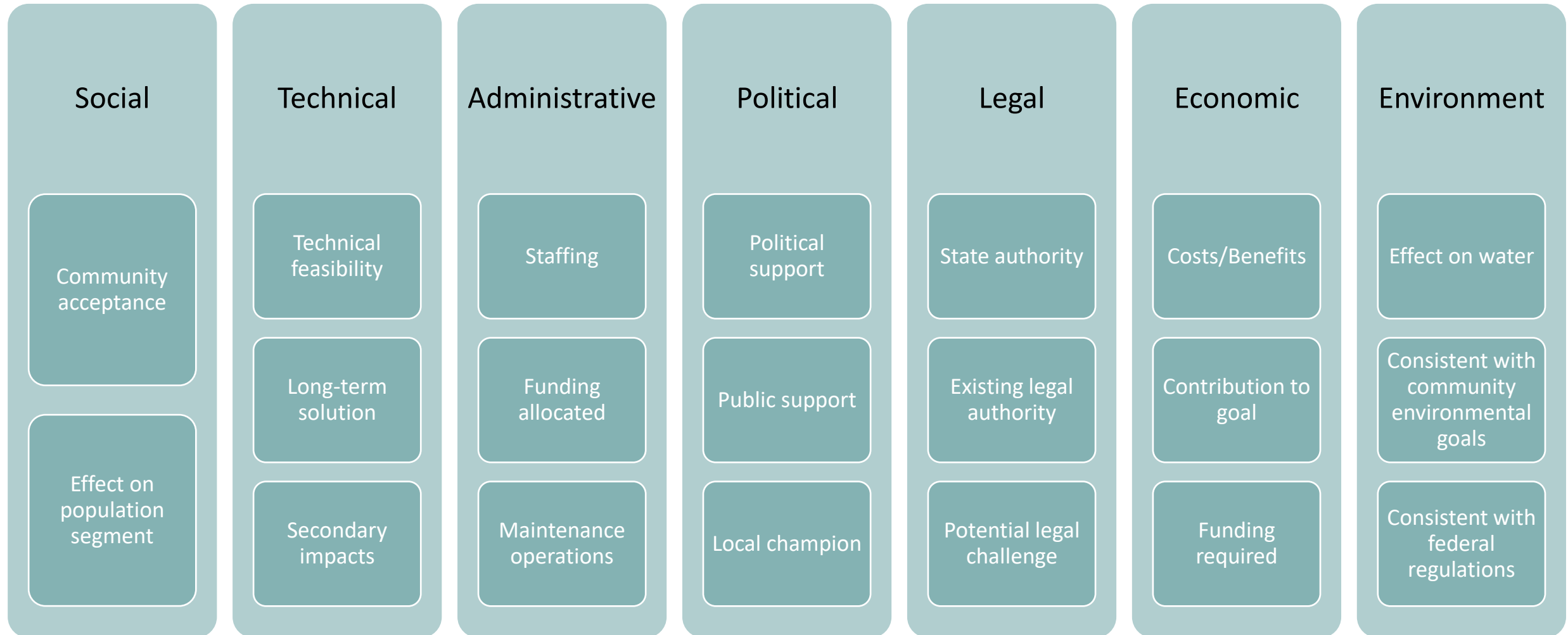


ERU – Equivalent Residential Unit

An ERU is a common billing unit used by stormwater utilities. It represents the typical amount of impervious surface area associated with a single-family residential property. For this study, the ERU was calculated as the median square footage of impervious surface area for single-family residential parcels within the participating municipalities.

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STAPLEE



Key Findings

- Generally “average” compliance with regulatory & operational requirements
- Opportunities for regional collaboration
- Public support (64%) for regional approach to stormwater via July 2025 SURVEY *(Note: survey was self-selecting with large % from West Hartford)*
- Feasible – political will & local champions would be critical to success
- Consultant recommendation to form a stormwater committee

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What's Next?

What Next?

- Grant-related project completion requirements
- Present to Transportation Committee and Policy Board
- Engage with municipalities
- Discussions on continued collaboration
- InterCOG MS4 Committee

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All handouts can be found at:

<https://crcog.org/event/municipal-services-committee-74/>



Thank

You.

