



### **REFERRAL**

**DATE:** January 4, 2024  
**FROM:** NHCOG Staff

**REFERRED BY:** Glenn Chalder, Planimetrics, Inc, POCD Consultant  
**MUNICIPALITY:** Town of Canaan (Falls Village)  
**DATE RECEIVED:** December 6, 2023  
**TYPE OF REFERRAL:** POCD

**Referral Deadline-65 days:** February 9, 2024

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:** The Town of Canaan (Falls Village) has submitted a proposed comprehensive update its Plan of Conservation and Development.

**STAFF COMMENTS:** The staff of the Northwest Hills Council of Governments (NHCOG) has reviewed this referral and finds no apparent conflict with regional plans or policies or the concerns of neighboring towns. NHCOG staff commend the Town of Canaan (Falls Village) for putting forth a plan that seeks to take actions in support of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and the closely associated expansion of affordable housing opportunities and of course the continuation of strategic land use development and preservation strategies.

Further, the implementation section of the plan is a proven strategy employed by the consultant as long as the entities identified as the lead facilitators make the commitment to further pursue those policies and actions.

Regarding MSW/Recycling – This is a major issue for towns in the NW corner, particularly over the next 3 years as MIRA phases out. On page 19 under Policies, Number 4 – The BOS should be

identified as a leader/partner as well as SC as this issue will require the main legislative body involvement as we move forward.

One additional minor edit – please be sure to reference the Northwest Economic Development Collaborative anywhere where “corporation” is referenced (such as page 28 – last paragraph) to be consistent with the current subcommittee of NHCOC.

In accordance with CGS Section 8-23(h)(4), the plan appears to not be inconsistent with (A) the regional POCD, (B) the state POCD and (C) municipal POCDs within the region.