



2011 HOPE Regional Housing Forums

*Creating the Housing We Need... For the People We Need!
With Community Input and Support
Without Controversy, Conflict and Court Fights*

The increase in Connecticut home prices – which turned downward in 2007, only to start rising again in 2009 – and the lack of sufficient housing supply have hurt the state's economy and burdened its municipalities. Connecticut has lost a higher percentage of its 25-34-year-old skilled and educated labor than any other state. And its cities and towns lack the housing options needed for teachers, firefighters, police, municipal workers, elderly parents, adult children wishing to return to the towns they grew up in, and many others.

These free, 90-minute forums – for Mayors, First Selectmen, zoning commissioners, planners, community development directors and business and community leaders -- will:

- **Provide** town-by-town housing market and municipal impact data.
- **Offer** financing and planning tools.
- **Dispel** myths and misinformation.
- **Describe** successful strategies for drawing on community understanding and support.
- **Display** examples of attractive, lasting mixed-income homes.

May 26, 8:30-10:00 a.m.

Council of Governments of the Central Naugatuck Valley
Waterbury City Hall, 235 Grand Street, Waterbury

June 1, 7:30-9:00 a.m.

Litchfield Hills Council of Elected Officials
UConn Torrington, Cooperative Extension Service Bldg.
843 University Drive, Torrington

June 9, 8:00-9:30 a.m.

CT River Estuary Regional Planning Agency & Midstate Regional Planning Agency
Essex Town Hall, 29 West Avenue, Essex

June 10, 8:00-9:30 a.m.

Windham Region Council of Governments
Eastern CT State University, Library, Johnson Room,
83 Windham Street, Willimantic

June 15, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Northeastern CT Council of Governments
Quinebaug Valley Community College, Room W-100-
101, 742 Upper Maple Street, Danielson

June 16, 8:00-9:30 a.m.

Northwestern CT Council of Governments
Kent Town Hall, 41 Kent Green Boulevard, Kent

June 29, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Central CT Regional Planning Agency
Central CT State University, Institute of Technology &
Business Development, 185 Main Street, New Britain

September 14, 7:30-9:00 a.m.

Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials
Western CT State University, West Side Campus,
Campus Center, Ballroom, 43 Lake Avenue Extension,
Danbury

September 15, 7:30-9:00 a.m.

Capitol Region Council of Governments
The Lyceum, 227 Lawrence Street, Hartford

September 21, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Southwestern Region Planning Agency
Norwalk City Hall, Community Room,
125 East Avenue, Norwalk

More forums will be announced soon. *Further information is available* at the Partnership for Strong Communities website. Whether housing creation is in your near-term or long-term plans, REGISTER NOW to learn how your municipality can create the homes it needs: *Contact David Fink* at 860-244-0066, david@ctpartnershiphousing.com.