

**To:** Planning Commission  
Town of Simsbury

**From:** Glenn Chalder, AICP

**Date:** July 5, 2023

**Subject: Community Input On POCD**

The attached pages organize verbal and written comments received with regard to the DRAFT 2023-33 Plan of Conservation and Development. Verbal comments were received during the June 27 public information meeting. Written comments submitted before June 30 have been included in the tabulation.

Overall:

1. The comments have been summarized and the source of the comment identified. Black text is used for comments received at the Community Meeting held on June 27 and blue text is from written correspondence.
2. The comments have been organized by Section and by page number.
3. In some cases, the right-hand column suggests a possible action for consideration by the Commission. This may provide some assistance in determining how to address the comments received.

Notation	Instances	Possible Approach
<b>Make Change</b>		The comment could be addressed in the way suggested
<b>No Change</b>		A change is not warranted or recommended by Planimetrics
x		Repeat of other statement or no action
<b>DISCUSS</b>		The comment may raise a strategic issue for discussion by the Commission or may be a topic where Planimetrics seeks additional input from the Commission

Once the Commission has given direction on how to address the comments, Planimetrics will prepare a revised POCD with “revisions marking” of the changes.

# INTRODUCTION

1 PLAN SUMMARY		Page	Source	Response / Suggestion	Possible Action
1.	Feels many people who contributed to making Simsbury what it is today are now being squeezed financially	6	Lintner		x
2.	<i>Feels the diagram on page 6, while effectively addressing the built and social environment does not address the 'unbuilt' and 'ecological' aspects of the environment. As such the document is highly slanted toward the perspective of the diagram. Livability is not viable if ecological / environmental health is not specifically called out.</i>	6	Winters	This concept of livability is from AARP and this icon reflects that approach.  The over-arching principle of sustainability mentions ecological principles in multiple places.	No Change
3.	<i>Thank you for embracing diversity, equity and inclusion and including it into this document. It is important to have our POCD state so clearly how important this issue is to us all because it requires us to be mindful of these values as we develop all our different strategies and action steps.</i>	7	Chiapetti		x
4.	POCD should recognize ecology along with livability and sustainability	8	Massino	Ecology is included under sustainability (page 8, paragraph 3). Suggest this also be made a bullet rather than getting lost in the lead-in paragraph	Make Change Per Response / Suggestion
5.	In terms of ecologic, economic, and social sustainability, it may be a challenge for Simsbury to maintain all of these in the future	8	Salls		x
6.	Applauds pro-active approach in POCD towards sustainability	8	Scully		x
7.	Feels ecology is about how living things interact with the environment	8	8:04		x
8.	Does not feel sustainability was an option in the on-line survey or at the January community meeting	8	Jenks	Sustainability was the topic that got the <b>third most</b> planning points	x
9.	<i>On page 9, the term 'natural resources' (What We Want To Protect) is not a catch-all term for the environment or ecological health. There are many aspects of the environment that are not, by definition, natural resources but are nonetheless valuable to ecological health. For instance, dark skies are not necessarily a natural resource but are essential to ecological health.</i>	9	Winters	Add the terms environment, ecological health	Make Change Per Response / Suggestion
2 CONDITIONS & TRENDS		Page	Source	Response / Suggestion	
10.	<i>Suggests that the dates of settlements have been disputed</i>	13	Erdmann	Revise page 13 to recognize that, after 1630, the Dutch and the English competed to establish trading posts and permanent settlements along the Connecticut River (Old Saybrook, Wethersfield, Hartford, Windsor)	Make Change Per Response / Suggestion
11.	<i>In first sentence, feels "resented" is not the correct word.</i>	15	Winters	Replace the first sentence with "The Native Americans were concerned that this growing settlement would affect their way of life".	Make Change Per Response / Suggestion

12. Demographics are changing – wonders how well we will be able to address the needs of seniors	16	Barnett		x
13. <i>Requests the demographic charts be updated / refreshed to reflect the 2020 Census</i>	16-17	Warters	May be able to do this prior to public hearing on adoption	Make Change Per Response / Suggestion
14. Feels POCD should state how many housing units were added since 2010	18	8:04		
15. Feels affordability is more than just the cost of housing, it is taxes and the overall cost of living. Wonders if she will be able to continue to live in this community	18	Ash		x
<b>3 COMMUNITY ISSUES &amp; CONCERNS</b>	<b>Page</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Response / Suggestion</b>	
16. <i>On page 27, replace item #1.c in the list to read “Environmental, social, and economic sustainability and resiliency”</i>	27	Winters	Suggest it read “Sustainability (ecological, environmental, economic, and social) and resiliency”	Make Change Per Response / Suggestion

# WHAT WE WANT TO PROTECT

4 PROTECT NATURAL RESOURCES	Page	Source	Response / Suggestion	Possible Action
17. Feels ecology and healthy natural systems need more emphasis in the POCD	29	Massino	Add ecology and healthy natural systems to page 29	Make Change Per Response / Suggestion
18. Wishes Simsbury would do more to get rid of invasive species	32	Jenks	Invasive species mentioned in multiple paces	x
19. <i>In the sidebar on page 32, edit the first line to read "Healthy plant communities are areas which contain <u>an ensemble</u> of native plant species ...</i>	32	Winters		Make Change
20. <i>In the sidebar on page 32, add the following paragraph "Through the choice of plants and landscape decisions, all Simsbury residents, businesses, and Town entities have a direct impact on the health of plant communities. Native plant guidelines are being followed for some town properties."</i>	32	Winters		Make Change
21. <i>On page 34, requests adding new goal 4.5 reading "Preserve and enhance biodiversity and ecological health."</i>	34	Winters		Make Change
22. <i>On page 34, requests clarification in Policy H, requests clarification of the term "open space development"</i>	34	Winters	Reword sentence and then add "(such as open space development – see Appendix) and add definition in Glossary	Make Change
23. Is concerned about term "open space development" (page 34) and does not support developing any open space	34	8:04		
24. <i>On page 34, requests addition of new Policy I reading "Protect and enhance biological diversity by the elimination or control of invasive species."</i>	34	Winters		Make Change
25. <i>On page 34, requests Action Steps box be renamed "Protect Natural Resources and Enhance Ecological Health."</i>	34	Winters	"Protect Natural Resources" is the chapter title so would need to retitile entire chapter and update all references throughout the POCD	DISCUSS
26. <i>On page 34, requests addition of new Action Step 3 reading "Develop funding, strategies, plans and initiatives to control invasive species including educational programs and regulations to encourage the public, commercial and municipal agencies to address these issues on their property."</i>	34	Winters	Conservation Commission will be the leader to do this  Suggest wording be changed to read "Develop <del>funding, strategies, plans and initiatives</del> to control invasive species including <del>educational programs and regulations</del> to encourage the public, commercial and municipal agencies to address these issues on their property"	DISCUSS
5 PRESERVE OPEN SPACE	Page	Source	Response / Suggestion	Possible Action
27. <i>On page 35, feels the use of the circle diagram in the top right-hand corner is problematic. It puts 'Open Space' in the 'Built Environment' category which is the opposite of the definition of Open Space in the text on the left. The circle mentions "Outdoor space' which could mean a parking lot or patio.</i>	35	Winters	This is the approach by AARP	No Change

<p>28. On page 35, under Simsbury Sustainability logo, requests this be changed to read “Preserving open space will help Simsbury be more ecologically sustainable if properly stewarded.” (NOTE: Open space that is overrun with invasive plant species provides few environmental benefits. Example: Kudzu overrun areas in the south states).</p>	35	Winters		Make Change
<p>29. On page 36, suggests first bullet be amended to read “Open space is an important part of Simsbury’s attractiveness and its ecological health.”</p>		Winters		Make Change
<p>30. On page 36, does not favor the 6<sup>th</sup> bullet at the top of the page reading “Simsbury should look at disposing of small parcels which do not contribute to an open space system.”</p> <p>Questions the value of putting these comments from the community meeting in the POCD. This issue has been looked at by Open Space Committee and other groups. Many of these properties have limited access. Many are wetlands not suitable for development. There is also a question of the legality of selling such properties that were acquired during residential subdivision approval process. Some of these properties function as pocket habitats and habitat connectors. Alternative /management stewardship practices should be explored for these properties.</p>	36	Winters		DISCUSS
<p>31. Suggests the text on open space organizations be amended to read “ ... Simsbury has an Open Space Committee which could coordinate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possible open space acquisition, and</li> <li>• Stewardship of existing open space holdings.</li> </ul> <p>Comment: Unlike Culture, Parks and Recreation, the Open Space Committee has [NO] funding or budget set aside to do so. Unless there is a recommendation for funds, this language is aspirational only.</p>	36	Winters		DISCUSS
<p>32. In sidebar on page 36, suggests last bullet be modified to read “We need to proceed with stewardship of select forest parcels on town owned land”</p>	36	Winters		Make Change
<p>33. Since term “managed open space” is used on the map on page 37, feels it should be defined in the Glossary</p>	37	Winters		Make Change
<p>34. On page 38, suggests #14 be amended to read “Prevention of long-term soil erosion”</p>	38	Winters		Make Change
<p>35. Is concerned that the sidebar on page 39 unnecessarily pits open space against affordable housing.</p> <p>Feels it is counterproductive to the POCD statements concerning the preservation of Open Space to look to Open Space to solve this issue when other properties exist. Instead there should be a discussion of the opportunities for, or incentives needed to redevelop [formerly] developed sites instead (i.e. the Hartford, Wagner Ford sites etc.), the redevelopment of existing housing sites (Virginia Connolly etc), the purchase of other housing properties by the Town.</p>	39	Winters	<p>Open space lands are not identified to “solve this issue.”</p> <p>Rather, evaluation of the potential to use portions of some open space properties to address housing may help address this situation.</p>	DISCUSS

36. Concerned about maps in the POCD that seem to favor “alternate 3” for the greenway trail expansion to and through Tariffville (pp 41, 71 113, 114). Prefers “alternate 2” with a bridge over the Farmington River and avoids Governor’s Bridge. Requests show “alternate 2” or indicate that no route has been chosen yet.	41+	Costin	Concept was intended to be somewhat general  (also see Transportation maps)	<b>DISCUSS</b>
37. <i>Suggests the greenway trail expansion to and through Tariffville (pp 41, 113, 114). be titled as “Possible” as is shown on page 71</i>	41+	Warters		
38. <i>Feels it is strange that the first action step on page 42 is to discuss the selling of open space land for housing and feels this does not match the discussion of goals and policies on the previous page</i>	42	Winters		<b>DISCUSS</b>
39. <i>Feels there should be a recommendation that the Town complete another study to evaluate the health of our Open Spaces, our stewardship practices, and the need for additional wildlife corridors.</i>  <i>The number one threat to our open spaces is invasive (primarily plant) species. The Parks &amp; Open Space Master Plan was supposed to have addressed the need for a biological assessment of the open spaces in Town and a prioritization of stewardship projects for these spaces. Unfortunately, this was not done (the majority of the report was devoted to Parks.).</i>	42	Winters	Conservation Commission and Open Space Committee could do this	<b>DISCUSS</b>
40. <i>On page 42, requests adding an action step to “Establish funding for the Open Space Fund from the Operating Budget”</i>	42	Winters		<b>DISCUSS</b>
<b>6 MAINTAIN / ENHANCE AMBIENCE</b>	<b>Page</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Response / Suggestion</b>	<b>Possible Action</b>
41. Concerned about ambience and sustainability and how the ways we are growing conflict with the concept of sustainability (Chipotle / Starbucks / Big Box / drive throughs, etc.)	43	Coleman		<b>x</b>
42. Not enamored with the focus on ambience since this is more superficial than focusing on our values	43	Massino		<b>x</b>
43. <i>On page 44, feels text in the first bullet should be edited to read: Natural <u>features</u> such as the topography of ...</i>	44	Winters		<b>Make Change</b>
44. <i>In the sidebar on page 45, lighting needs to be “full cutoff / no light trespass” and existing lights need to be upgraded at the first opportunity</i>	45	Bender	Add ““full cutoff / no light trespass” to sidebar	<b>Make Change Per Response / Suggestion</b>
45. <i>In the sidebar on page 45, suggest last bullet under dark skies be removed since is redundant and replaced with “regulates the wavelength (3000K or less), duration, and intensity of outdoor lighting”</i>	45	Winters		<b>Make Change</b>
46. <i>On listing of water features on page 46, requests #6 be changed to “Ponds <u>and wetlands</u>”</i>	46	Winters	Listing was intended for major water features	<b>No Change</b>
47. <i>On map on page 47, suggests color for “institutional land is too close to waterbodies</i>	47	Winters		<b>Make Change</b>
48. For ambience, would prefer smaller buildings up front at Hartford Insurance site and any larger buildings to the rear and vegetation added	49	Gilbert		<b>x</b>

49. Feels the map on map on page 50 understates the prime farmland soil and other farmland soils	50	Winters	Map was prepared to highlight the agricultural soils which remain, not the soils which are under roads or developed parcels.	No Change
50. Feels colors are wrong on the PA-490 map	53	8:04	Colors were inadvertently exchanged	Make Change
51. On page 55, requests adding a new goal 6.5 reading "Preserve and enhance the ecological health and regional identity by promoting the use of native plants in our designed landscapes."		Winters	Native plants (and invasive species) are discussed in other sections of the POCD	No Change
52. On page 55, requests addition of Policy T reading "Promote the use of native plants in our designed landscapes and the removal of invasive plant species."		Winters	Native plants (and invasive species) are discussed in other sections of the POCD	No Change
53. On page 56, requests amendment of Action Step #3 to read "Develop a comprehensive program for maintenance / replacement of street trees along major roadways (especially the iconic sycamore trees along Hopmeadow Street in Simsbury Center) <u>with a preference for native tree species.</u> "		Winters		Make Change
54. On page 56, requests addition of Action Step #4 to read "Develop a stewardship plan for the removal of non-native invasive plants from town properties."		Winters	Native plants (and invasive species) are discussed in other sections of the POCD	No Change
55. On page 56, requests addition of Action Step #5 to read "Adopt the enabling legislation in PUBLIC ACT NO. 95-239 to protect ridgelines."		Winters	Change wording to read "As authorized by PA 95-239 and CGS Section 8-2, consider enactment of development restrictions in ridgeline setback areas as defined therein"	Make Change Per Response / Suggestion

# HOW WE WANT TO GROW

7 PROMOTE PLACES WITH A SENSE OF PLACE	Page	Source	Response / Suggestion	Possible Action
56. Supports the concepts of denser, walkable downtowns and transit-oriented development for Simsbury	57	Salls		x
57. <i>Concerned about any development between Iron Horse Boulevard and the Farmington River</i>	61-65	Warters	<i>Charrette drawings explored reuse of former Simscroft property</i>	No Change
58. Was shocked by the Simsbury charrette drawings which proposed eliminating St. Mary's School and the Post Office	62-65	Gilbert	Could add a disclaimer that these maps are illustrations prepared to show alternative concepts and do not necessarily represent specific recommendation of the POCD	Make Change Per Response / Suggestion
59. Is concerned about the domino effect – if we lose the parking on Iron Horse Blvd. (for new development), we will not have it for the Performing Arts Center	67	Watkins	May be better in the long run to have the property contribute to Simsbury 365 days a year	No Change
8 PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	Page	Source	Response / Suggestion	Possible Action
60. Feels economic sustainability is critical to Simsbury and so we need to be sure we build smart	79	Salls		x
61. Feels POCD needs to consider “business synergy” and ways to support the businesses we have	82	Hamel	Policies include this	x
62. <i>Suggests replacing the “incentive” bullet on page 80 with the following:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Tax incentives may be useful in some circumstances, but should be targeted, transparent, evaluated regularly for effectiveness, and limited to those businesses that “but for” the incentive would not locate in or invest in Simsbury. Limited use of incentives avoids depleting the tax base, unnecessary cost shifting, and ensures the incentives promote economic development.</i></li> <li><i>Simsbury should continue cultivating a competitive advantage by using its unique assets to attract new investment and support existing businesses.</i></li> <li><i>Simsbury should continue to improve infrastructure and redeveloped housing to support the needs of workers and businesses, improve streetscape improvements and quality of life assets, including biking and walking, parks and open space, and supporting activities that bring people downtown to help retain businesses by broadening the customer base.</i></li> </ul>	80	Heavner		Make Change
63. <i>I agree we need to encourage additional business development in town to diversify our tax base and reduce our dependence on residential taxes. This is an issue that both Farmington and Bristol recently just acknowledged as well.</i>	80	Chiapetti		x



64. <i>I agree that the Town should review the advantages and disadvantages of having three different economic development organizations. I hope that it will decide to have one body/commission under the Town structure that is composed of different stakeholders. By doing so, prospective businesses and existing businesses and stakeholders will know whom to approach and with whom to work. We would be able to develop an overall business strategy and assign accountability to seeing it through, as well.</i>	80	Chiapetti		x
65. <i>Supports the recommendation for Community impact analysis for new development</i>	84	Heavner		x
66. <i>Feels Simsbury has to be cognizant of the net fiscal impact of development and that there should be an analysis of this</i>	84	Ash		x
67. <i>Add an action item on page 84 to:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Evaluate the creation of a State of Connecticut Cultural District and Commission to help promote Simsbury as a cultural destination for the Martin Luther King memorial, the Simsbury Free Library, the Simsbury Historical Society, First Church (where Dr. King worshipped), the Meadowood barns, the Meadowood Performing Arts Center, Eno Hall, the Flower Bridge, the International Skating Center, local farms, the Simsbury Land Trust hiking trails, and other important cultural sites</i></li> </ul>	84	Heavner		Make Change
<b>9 ADDRESS HOUSING NEEDS</b>	<b>Page</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Response / Suggestion</b>	<b>Possible Action</b>
68. <i>Feels POCD does not address affordable housing well</i>	85	Barnett		x
69. <i>The draft POCD acknowledges the importance/urgency of addressing this issue, particularly given the changing demographics in town, as you noted. We need to find ways to keep our seniors in town; encourage our young people to return, live and work in Simsbury; provide people who presently work in town but live elsewhere the ability to live here; and to welcome people from other towns who wish to move to Simsbury so that they can, too, benefit from all that Simsbury offers. We can only do this if we have ample housing that is affordable.</i>	85	Chiapetti		
70. <i>Supports adaptive reuse to address housing</i>	88	Massino	Sidebar on page 45 addresses adaptive reuse	x
71. <i>Concerned about apartments attracting transients and feels they do not contribute to the community. Why don't we build houses that people can afford to buy. Feels Simsbury is pushing out people that cannot keep up or cant afford it but do contribute to the community</i>	88	McDonald		x
72. <i>Feels that renters do contribute to the community</i>	88	Salls		x
73. <i>Simsbury needs to address affordable housing</i>	89	Latimer		x
74. <i>Feels CGS Section 8-30g has the potential to over-ride everything else, including our local ecology</i>	89	Massino		x
75. <i>Was able to afford a house in Simsbury by house sharing with others – feels Simsbury has naturally affordable housing</i>	89	Gilbert		x

76. Feels 40-year deed restriction is “setting up for failure”	89	Gilbert		x
77. Feels housing needs subsidies to be made affordable, otherwise it won't work	89	8:47		x
78. Feel Simsbury's 2021 Affordable Housing Plan and CGS Section 8-30g have flaws	92	Barnett		x
79. <i>We need to review the existing 2021 Affordable Housing Plan to see what changes need to be made: are 90 new affordable housing units over five years ambitious enough so that we meet not only the state requirement of a minimum of 10 pct of housing units be affordable but also the growing need for such housing as noted above.</i>	92	Chiapetti	Could discuss whether strategies are ambitious enough	DISCUSS
80. Feels the POCD overlaps with the 2021 Affordable Housing Plan and it feels inconsistent and confusing	92	8:04		x
81. If Simsbury only gets 30% affordable housing on new developments, how will we ever get to the 10% threshold needed for an exemption?	93	Gilbert	Seems to be advocating for more assisted housing	x
82. There may be a housing crisis but Simsbury still needs to be thoughtful of how and where we build	94	Watkins	Could add to reiterate	DISCUSS
83. <i>Concerned about any development between Iron Horse Boulevard and the Farmington River</i>	95	Warters	Tighten up blue lines for “Possible Housing Opportunity Areas” to avoid floodplains and wetlands	Make Change Per Response / Suggestion
84. <i>Asks how the “Possible Housing Opportunity Areas” overlap with wetlands, farmland soils</i>	95	Winters	Tighten up blue lines for “Possible Housing Opportunity Areas” to avoid floodplains and wetlands and/or put such areas on the maps	Make Change Per Response / Suggestion
85. <i>Asks whether the lack of public water and sewers impact the development of West Simsbury center for affordable housing and if so, why is this area identified as a housing opportunity?</i>	95	Winters	Housing development could strengthen this area as a village center in Simsbury while relying on private wells and/or septic systems, although at lower intensities	x
86. <i>We need to have an Affordable Housing Town Committee with accountability and responsibility to develop and monitor our affordable housing strategy</i>	96	Chiapetti		x
87. Achieving a moratorium from CGS Section 8-30g should be a major goal and we should look to inclusionary zoning and the Housing Authority to help us do this	96	Salls		x
88. Wishes Simsbury had adopted inclusionary zoning so we would be closer to the 10% threshold	96	Gilbert		x
89. Wonders why Simsbury is not requiring inclusionary units as part of any residential development. If we don't do this, we will never catch up.	96	Watkins		x
90. Feels that some parts of open space parcels could be put to use for housing	96	Lintner	Also see sidebar on page 39	x
91. Lets stop building new housing units and find ways to deed-restrict existing units (such waving taxes for existing owners of units which are deed restricted) so that people can afford to continue to live here.	96	Ash	Could add	DISCUSS

92. <i>We should require that any new residential development have at least 10 pct of housing units be set aside as affordable. We may have an opportunity to do so with the potential 500 unit Silverman Group development on the old Hartford Insurance Company property.</i>  <i>By taking a proactive position on affordable housing, Simsbury will be able to decide its own future without having developers trying to do so on their own under the protection of current CT legislation, given we are under 10 pct at this time.</i>	96	Chiapetti		x
93. <i>On page 96, requests editing of Action Step #2 to read “Institute a moratorium on new residential development of multi-unit dwellings until the adoption of zoning regulations to require new residential development to set-aside units for low/moderate income households.”</i>	96	Winters		DISCUSS
<b>10 PROMOTE SUSTAINABILITY / RESILIENCY</b>	<b>Page</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Response / Suggestion</b>	<b>Possible Action</b>
94. Feels POCD should make clear what we want and recommend ways to reduce Simsbury’s carbon footprint	97	Scully		x
95. People may not be aware that “going electric” means high efficiency heat pumps rather than low efficiency baseboards	99	8:47		x
96. <i>Need to do some planning since electric vehicles are coming in the next 20 years or so – need charging ports at stores, restaurants, housing complexes</i>	100	Bender	Can add sidebar on page 100	Make Change
97. <i>Requests the following text be added</i>  <u><i>Ecologically-smart Choices for Designed Landscapes</i></u>  <i>Landscaping choices have profound effects on the populations of birds and the insects they need to survive. Property owners can benefit birds and other wildlife by simply selecting native plants when making their landscaping decisions. Native plants are those that occur naturally in a region in which they evolved. They are the base of local food chains and support native wildlife. Non-native plants, plants from other continents with similar climates, introduced because of their beauty, do not support the life cycles of native wildlife. Many have become invasive pests, outcompeting native species and degrading habitat in remaining natural areas. Research has shown that native oak trees support over 500 species of caterpillars, an essential food for nestling songbirds. Non-native ginkgos, a commonly planted landscape tree from Asia, host only 5 species of caterpillars. As it takes well over 6,000 caterpillars to raise just one brood of chickadees, the more native plants in a landscape, the greater the number of successfully fledged songbirds and the greater the number of species of songbirds</i>  <i>As our landscapes become increasingly fragmented by development, and as the opportunity to preserve more open space diminishes, it is necessary to look to our designed landscapes to connect these wild areas. Simsbury’s Proclamation as a Pollinator Pathway Proclamation is one such effort to promote the ecological health of the area through the planting of native species that benefit our native pollinators.</i>	100	Winters	<i>Native plants (and invasive species) are discussed in other sections of the POCD</i>  <i>If to be added, should be added in Natural Resources section</i>	DISCUSS

98. <i>On page 102, requests that Policy F be edited to read "Promote the use of drought resistant (native) native plant materials in home, business, municipal and other designed landscapes."</i>	102	Winters	Native plants (and invasive species) are discussed in other sections of the POCD  If to be added, should be added in Natural Resources section	<b>DISCUSS</b>
99. <i>On page 102, requests that new Policy L be added and read "Promote Town and public efforts to remove invasive plant species from their properties.."</i>		Winters	Native plants (and invasive species) are discussed in other sections of the POCD  If to be added, should be added in Natural Resources section	<b>DISCUSS</b>
100. <i>On page 102, requests that Action Step #1 be added and read "Establish a Native Plant landscaping policy for all Town Properties."</i>		Winters	Native plants (and invasive species) are discussed in other sections of the POCD  If to be added, should be added in Natural Resources section	<b>DISCUSS</b>
101. <i>On page 102, requests that Action Step #2 be added and read "Establish an Invasive Plant management policy for all Town Properties."</i>		Winters	Native plants (and invasive species) are discussed in other sections of the POCD  If to be added, should be added in Natural Resources section	<b>DISCUSS</b>
102. Sustainability Committee has some suggested action steps for consideration for the POCD	102	Scully	Could / should be considered when received	<b>Make Change?</b>

# WHAT WE WANT TO PROVIDE

<b>11 ENHANCE COMMUNITY FACILITIES</b>	<b>Page</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Response / Suggestion</b>	<b>Possible Action</b>
103. Raised the issue of the “invisible disability” (hearing) and asked that this issue continue to be mentioned in the POCD	106	Peterson	Included in the sidebar on page 106	x
<b>12 ADDRESS TRANSPORTATION NEEDS</b>	<b>Page</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Response / Suggestion</b>	<b>Possible Action</b>
104. Simsbury should continue to support alternative transportation modes	112	Salls		x
105. Concerned about maps in the POCD that seem to favor “alternate 3” for the greenway trail expansion to and through Tariffville (pp 41, 113, 114). Prefers “alternate 2” with a bridge over the Farmington River and avoids Governor’s Bridge. Requests show “alternate 2” or indicate that no route has been chosen yet.	113 114	Costin?	Concept was intended to be somewhat general  (also see Open Space maps)	<b>DISCUSS</b>
106. Feels we need more public transportation for all the people that will come to Simsbury	112			x
<b>13 ADDRESS UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS</b>	<b>Page</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Response / Suggestion</b>	<b>Possible Action</b>
107. Wonders why there is no action step for improving cell phone service	120	Jenks	There is a policy to work with providers but not an action step since the Town is not a cell phone provider	<b>DISCUSS</b>

# LOOKING AHEAD

14 FUTURE LAND USE PLAN	Page	Source	Response / Suggestion	Possible Action
108. Concerned about any development between Iron Horse Boulevard and the Farmington River	123	Warters	Tighten up blue lines for "Possible Housing Opportunity Areas" to avoid floodplains and wetlands	Make Change Per Response / Suggestion
109. Suggests watercourse layer be placed on top of other data layers	123	Winters		Make Change
110. Suggests color of institutional uses be changed (so as to not conflict with watercourses) and legend be changed to add that information	123	Winters		Make Change
15 IMPLEMENT THE POCD	Page	Source	Response / Suggestion	Possible Action
111. The POCD needs to be implemented - Feels there are applications before the Zoning Commission that are not consistent with the POCD	125+	Barnett		x
112. Feels the Planning Commission should take responsibility to report back to the community regularly in terms of progress on implementation	125+	Olson		DISCUSS
113. What is the process for following up on all the great ideas and recommendations that will be in the revised POCD? Will there be an annual review of the status of each of the recommendations so residents have one place to go to check progress and so that there will be accountability to follow through with these recommendations - one way or another?	125	Chiapetti		DISCUSS
16 NEXT STEPS	Page	Source	Response / Suggestion	Possible Action
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17 APPENDIX	Page	Source	Response / Suggestion	Possible Action
114. Feels "natural resources" should be defined in the Glossary and suggests either  Materials or substances such as minerals, forests, water, and fertile land that occur in nature and can be used for economic gain.  <i>Or</i>  Resources that are drawn from nature and used with few modifications. This includes the sources of valued characteristics such as commercial and industrial use, aesthetic value, scientific interest, and cultural value.		Winters		Make Change
115. Feels "open space" should be defined in the Glossary		Winters		Make Change
116. Add definition of "open space development" to Appendix		Winters		Make Change
117. Feels the definitions of "watercourses" should be amended to match the State definition  Rivers, streams, brooks, waterways, lakes, ponds, marshes, swamps, bogs and all other bodies of water, natural or artificial, vernal, intermittent, public or private.		Winters		Make Change

# GENERAL / OTHER

	Page	Source	Response / Suggestion	Possible Action
<p>118. Curious why the Conservation Commission is not credited, consulted, or involved more in the Plan of CONSERVATION and Development.</p> <p><i>Either our Commission's comments are not going to be included in the POCD and therefore we shouldn't be acknowledged, or they will be included and we should be acknowledged.</i></p>		Winters		<b>DISCUSS</b>
119. Concerned that POCD has not yet been reviewed by other boards and commissions		Barnett	<i>Commission may do a prioritization exercise that will involve other boards</i>	
120. POCD seems to be reactive to the pandemic when the long-term impacts from the pandemic are not really clear		Massino	<i>Pandemic was cited as one of the reasons why the PZC decided to do a 5-year update</i>	
121. Prefers stronger verbs in the POCD rather than wishy-washy verbs		Massino		
122. Feels the POCD should use active verbs		8:47		
123. Feels development is happening way too quickly		8:04		
124. Feels Simsbury needs to "hold the line" on development		Ash		
125. Feels Simsbury is at a precipice		Watkins		
126. Feels Simsbury is attracting "predatory developers" and decision makers are sometimes swayed. Simsbury needs to stay on top of these issues.		Latimer		
127. Would like her input to be included in the POCD		8:04		
128. Wishes there was more transparency about land use applications so people could be involved		8:04		
129. Feels that all chapters of the POCD need action steps		Olson		
130. Not pleased with some "high rise" proposals and how some developments have been changed after approval		Ash		
<b>GIS Mapping</b>	<b>Page</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Response / Suggestion</b>	<b>Possible Action</b>
131. Wonders why 21 Terrys Plain Road shows as "publicly Owned Open Space" or "Open Space Land"		Warters	<i>Fix on pages 20, 37, 47, 61, 95, and 107</i>	<b>Make Change</b>
132. Update all GIS maps				<b>Make Change</b>