

Summary

1. Overview

Vision

A river-centered vision for the Connecticut Valley and its Capital City

Deadline 2035

A 15 year program of short- and long-term projects keyed to the region's 400th anniversary

Coalition

A working consensus of the region's organizations: government, business, culture, non-profit, community

Goals

Builds on current successes, aims for a more sustainable, prosperous, equitable, mobile, and vibrant region

Growth

Seeks to attract new residents, businesses and investments by improving infrastructure and the quality of place

2. Infrastructure

Airport

BDL terminal and air route expansion; transit link at Windsor Locks Station (Hartford Line)

Intercity Rail

New intermodal station; high speed line to NYC, Boston

Commuter Rail

3 Hartford Line stations completed; transit-adjacent housing expanded

Bus Rapid Transit:

CTfastrak to Storrs

Highway Interchanges

84/91 and Mixmaster relocated north and south

Highway Tunnels

84 (south corridor) and 2 (East Hartford)

Highways Covered

91 and 891 (formerly 84)

Floodwalls

Repaired

3. RiverRoad

Extended Riverside Park

Continuous 2 miles along Hartford's riverfront

New Riverfront Avenue

Sits above I-91, with bus transit, bike lanes; new front door for Convention Center, Science Center

Expanded Riverfront Access

13 connecting streets from South End, Downtown, and North End to riverfront

New Housing

Mixed income development on up to 30 acres of newly available highway land

Restored Bridges

Bulkeley and Founders Bridges become city street with transit and bike lanes

New Bridges

1. Coltsville Bridge to Midtown EH; 2. South Bridge from Brainard Field to UT and Goodwin campuses

4. MidTown

New Urban District

Up to 130 acres of newly available highway land between the East Hartford riverfront and Main Street

New Central Park

Midtown Commons provides 28 acres of open space along the riverfront

New Boulevards

Bridge Boulevard connects from Bulkeley Bridge to Main Street; Statehouse Avenue connects from Founders Bridge to MidTown core; Park Boulevard provides regional access

New Hokanum River Park

A city and regional park showcases the river and connects all of East Hartford

Neighborhood Preservation

Existing residential areas are protected

5. the hARTline

7-Mile Linear Park

Uses rail right-of-way, new boulevards, and the Bulkeley Bridge

Community Connector

Links four towns and as many as 13 neighborhoods: biking, walking, shuttle

Cultural Corridor

Distinctive locales developed by adjacent communities, enriched by local and regional artists

Educational Incubator

9 adjoining schools participate in art, design, and engineering programs to help create places along the line

Health and Healing

With St. Francis Hospital in the middle, programs to address trauma and encourage community wellness