Southington Plan of Development - Existing Conditions

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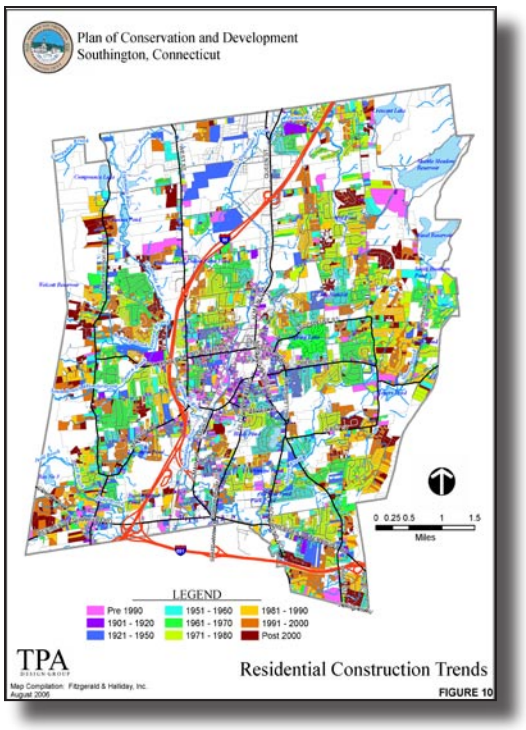

Over the past ten years, the town of Southington, Connecticut has experienced significant residential and commercial development. Much of this development was a continuation of a long-term trend for the community. Southington is a major bedroom community for commuters into the Hartford region and a shopping destination for the surrounding towns. In the last ten years the town appeared to have reached a critical juncture in its development. Many long-term and, also many newer residents, were concerned Southington was losing its identity and becoming just another suburban town. The 2006 Plan of Conservation and Development, update to the 1991 Plan, was undertaken to provide Southington with both a vision what the town should be and a toolset to direct existing and future growth in a manner consistent with this vision.

As part of a project team, Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc. (FHI) worked to identify historical growth patterns in the community. FHI developed historical animated growth scenarios to demonstrate the long-term incremental residential and commercial land use development throughout the town. These growth scenarios pieced together assessor database information and GIS coverages to convey the long-term spread of development from the historical village centers to the historical farmlands on the edge of the town. Additionally, FHI was involved with documenting existing environmental conditions throughout the town within a GIS database. FHI also analyzed transportation network and roadway infrastructure within the town and identified areas for future traffic calming and intersection improvement projects.

Client

Town of Southington, Connecticut