

Town of Orange

Plan of Conservation and Development

Public Workshop #1
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INTRODUCTIONS



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AGENDA

- 1 What is a Plan of Conservation and Development?
- 2 Project Overview
- 3 Proposed POCD Chapters
- 4 Stakeholder Engagement
- 5 Information on Demographics and Transportation
- 6 Coffee Break & Visioning Boards
- 7 Town Hall Q&A

WHAT IS A PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT?



An expression of the community's shared vision of the future.



A Town-wide framework for plans, initiatives, and investments. It lays the groundwork for decisions on the zoning code, capital budget, and general policy.



A “to-do list” for the Town to track implementation of short-, medium, and long-term goals.

WHAT IS A PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT?

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2015 Plan of Conservation and Development

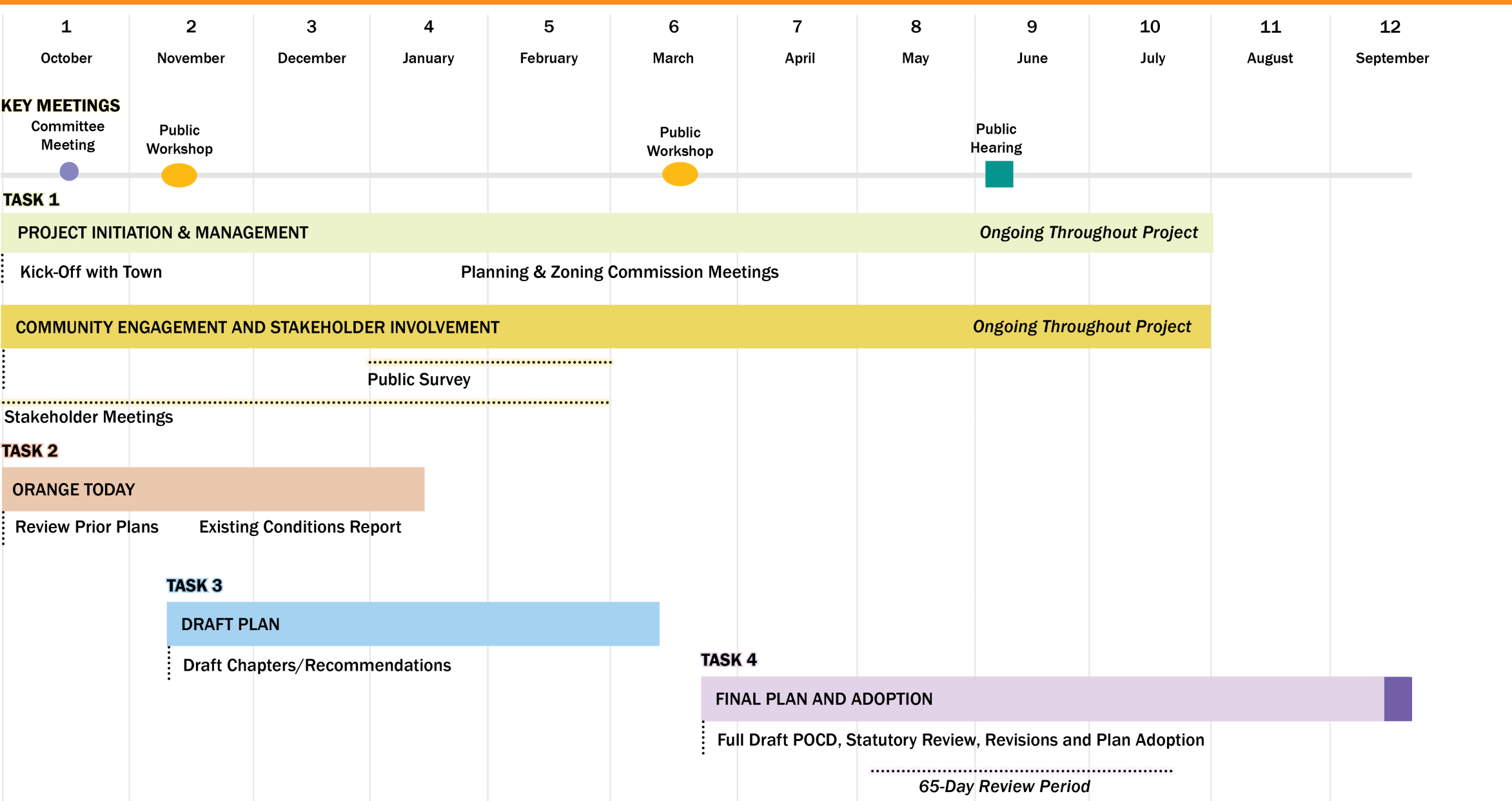


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Effective Date – June 27, 2015

- State law requires municipalities to update POCDs at least every 10 years.
- POCDs are not laws; they make recommendations on the Town's future. Zoning must be consistent with the POCD.
- Certain POCD chapters are required by the State, but municipalities can look at additional topic areas.

PROJECT OVERVIEW: POCD TIMELINE



PROPOSED POCD PLAN CHAPTERS

- 1 Introduction, Vision, and Goals
- 2 Demographic and Socioeconomic Trends (Orange Today)
- 3 Built Environment: Land Use and Zoning
- 4 Housing and Neighborhoods
- 5 Economic Development
- 6 Transportation and Mobility
- 7 Quality of Life (Historic, Cultural, and Parks)
- 8 Infrastructure (Community Systems, Sustainability, and Resilience)

UPDATE ON STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

Town Departments & Boards

First Selectman

Finance Department

Fire Marshal

Police Department

Public Works Department

Building Department

Senior Center & Community Services Department

Other Groups

Board of Education

Orange Land Trust

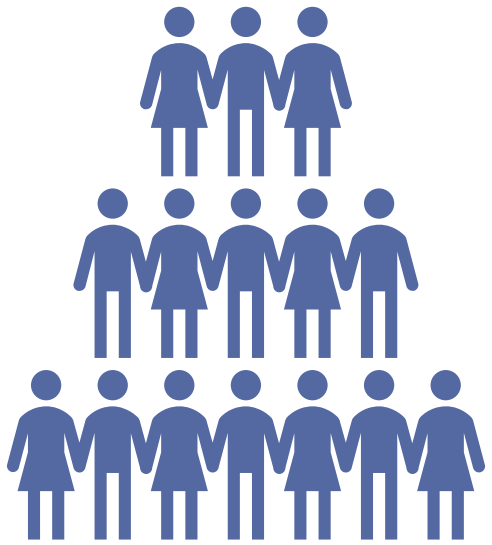
Chamber of Commerce

Conservation Commission

STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS: KEY TAKEAWAYS

Theme	Details
Open Space & Sustainability	Open space conservation is a high priority.
	Desire to encourage sustainability and natural resource protection.
Infrastructure	Lack of sewer infrastructure limits development.
Transportation Management and Mobility	Areas of high crash rates generally due to speed and volume of vehicles.
	Sidewalks could enhance commercial areas and improve pedestrian safety, i.e., Boston Post Road.
	State routes require coordination with CT DOT to implement major traffic solutions.
Housing and Economic Development	Desire to balance open space, housing, and economic development.
	Preserve existing single-family neighborhoods.
	Support the existing commercial areas and industrial parks.
Town Services	Increase in aging population has led to a need for services to support these residents.
	School system is a source of pride for the community.
	Town's buses and car service for seniors and disabled population is well utilized.

ORANGE TODAY: POPULATION



Population increased 2.3% from 2010 to 2020 (13,956 to 14,280). Population is expected to increase moderately.

80.5% of the Orange population is White, 10.4% is Asian, 6.1% is Black or African American, and 2.4% is Hispanic or Latino (of any race).

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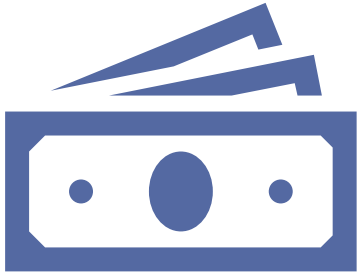


Median age is 45 years, older than the New Haven County median age of 40.8 years.

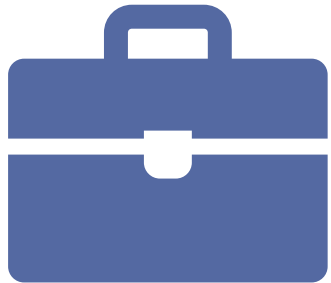


25% of the population is 55 years+, indicating that many older residents wish to age in place.

ORANGE TODAY: INCOME & EMPLOYMENT

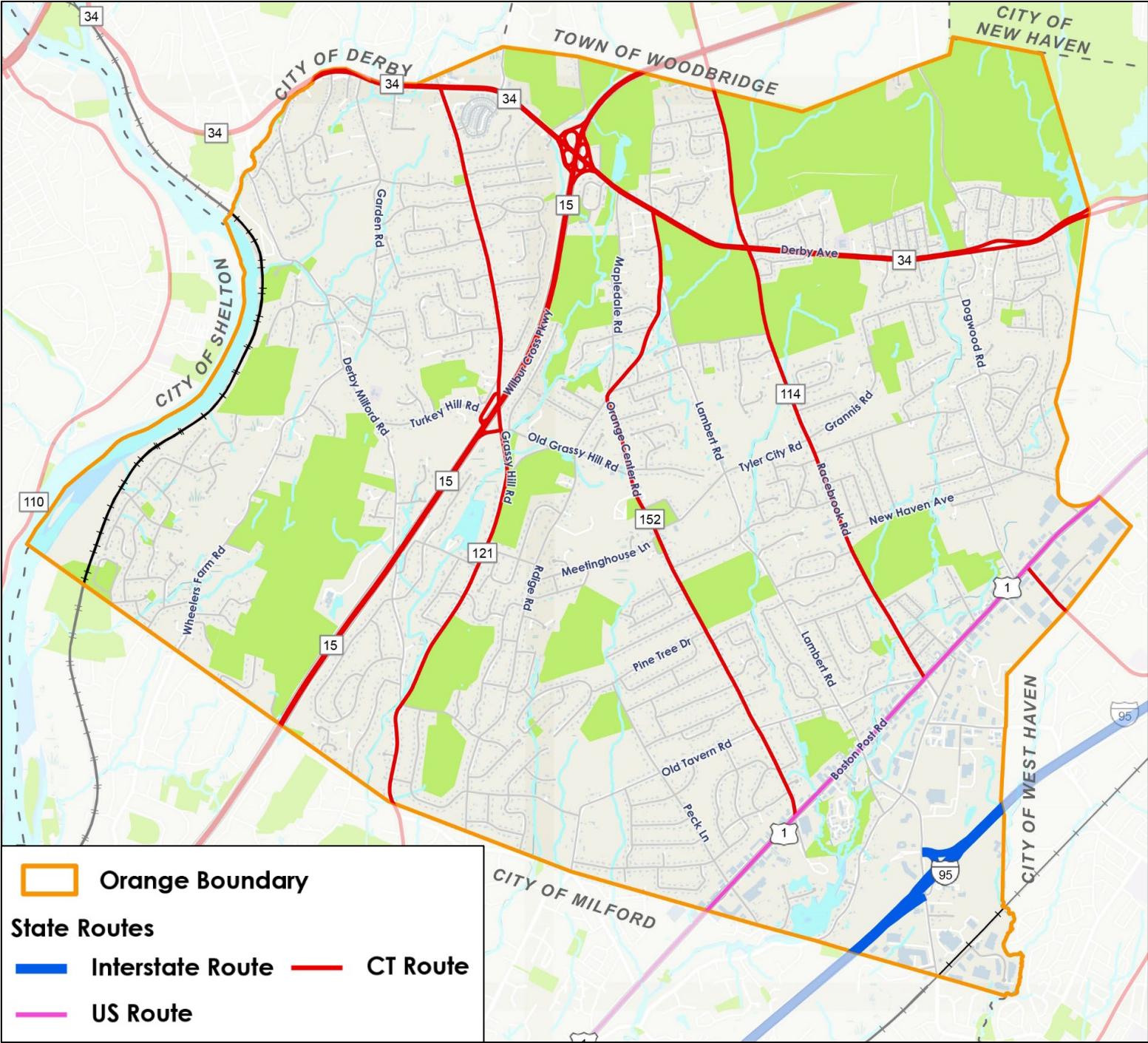


Median household income increased by about \$25,000 from 2010 (\$102,255) to 2020 (\$129,489).

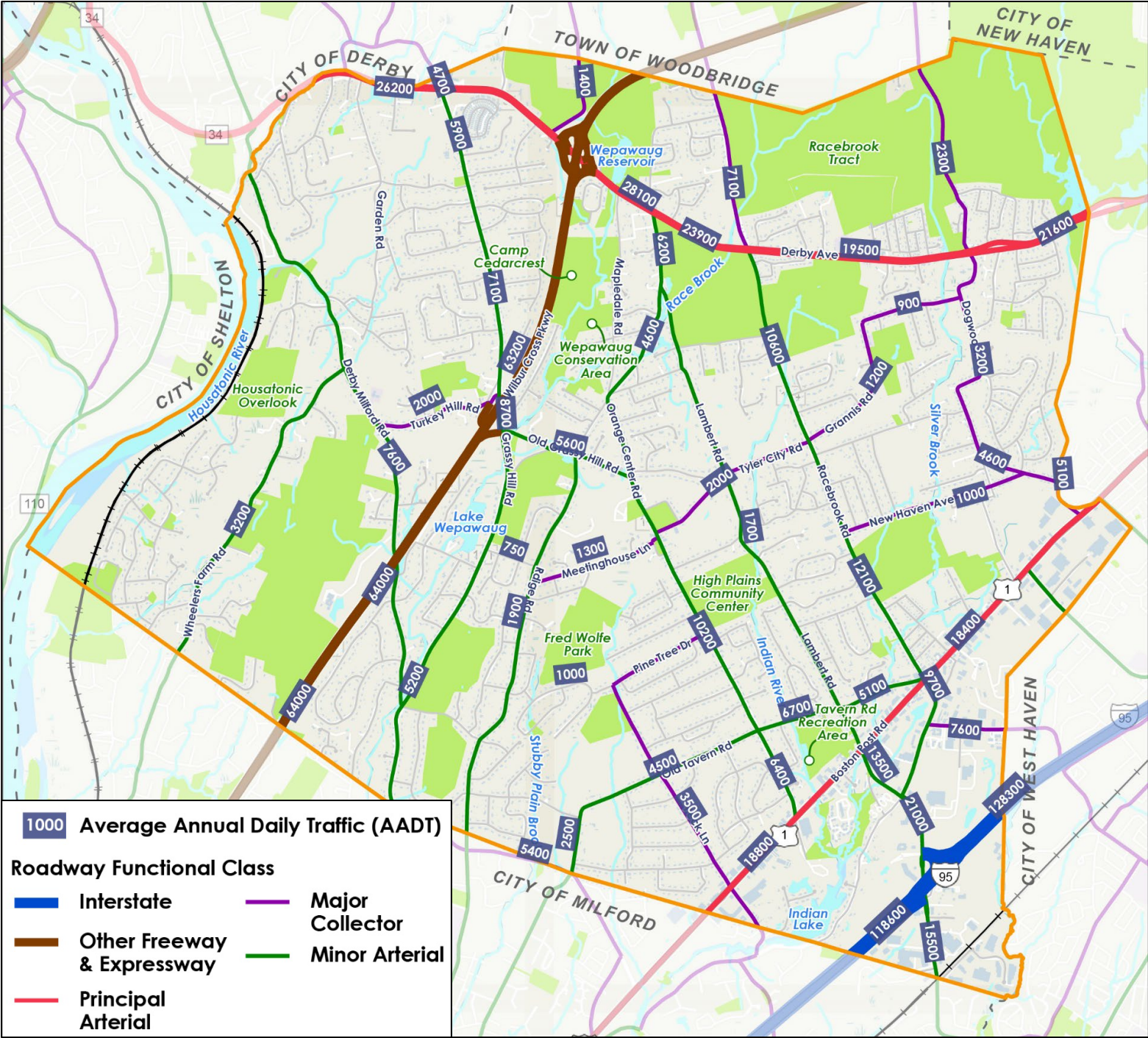


The largest proportion of workers is employed in the Education, Health and Social Service Industry.

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION



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PROJECT STATUS: NEXT STEPS



Launch survey to gather
input on proposed
POCD goals.



Develop
recommendations
and draft POCD
chapters.



Share recommendations
& gather community
feedback at Public
Workshop #2.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

- Boards around the room show goals from the 2015 POCD.
- Use **green dots** to agree or **red dots** to disagree.
- Provide comments on each goal.
 - Do you still agree with this goal?
 - What has changed since 2015?

