

## **Mission Statement – Economic Development Commission**

Darien - none

Easton - none

Greenwich – none

New Canaan - None

Westport – None

Weston - None

### **Wilton Economic Development Commission**

Formed in 2012, the mission of Wilton’s Economic Development Commission is to enhance Wilton’s reputation as a community where the quality of life for residents, professionals and workers makes Wilton the “first choice” to start a new business, to relocate an existing business, or for current businesses to remain and flourish.

Other information listed:

The WEDC is a team of resident volunteers who serve as business ambassadors to provide insights and a sincere welcome to the Town of Wilton and our business community.

Our goals are to:

- Assist current business owners with operating and expanding in Wilton.
- Increase present and future occupancy of available commercial space in Wilton.
- Expand Wilton’s commercial sector by promoting a “business friendly” climate in Wilton.

### **Ridgefield**

The Economic & Community Development Commission of the Town of Ridgefield is a nine-member commission with the purpose, as stated in our Town Code of Ordinances, to seek to implement orderly and planned economic development, in keeping with the character of the town. The Commission will seek to involve all agencies, commissions, boards, and departments in the town which are involved in, or are affected by, economic development, as well as the residents of the town, in its work to promote economic development.

## **Norwalk**

Welcome to the Norwalk Economic and Community Development Office. Our team includes Planning and Zoning, Building and Code Enforcement, Business Development and Tourism and Transportation, Mobility and Parking.

We are here to further enhance the quality of life for all residents, businesses and visitors - through a balanced and managed approach to growth, implementing neighborhood and place based planning elements to neighborhoods, addressing transportation, mobility and parking needs for everyone, and streamlining the permitting and licensing processes for businesses.

Has a full-time staff member, Director of Business Development and Tourism

## **Bethel**

The Economic Development Commission of the Town of Bethel is an appointed seven-member commission with the purpose, as stated in the Charter, to:

- A. Promote and develop the business and industrial resources of the Town of Bethel.
- B. Study and investigate conditions affecting existing Bethel industry, business and commerce and to promote and encourage the preservation, expansion and development thereof within said Town of Bethel.
- C. Take active steps to promote, encourage and induce desirable industrial, business and commercial firms to locate in Bethel and to assist and cooperate with existing industrial, business and commercial firms in their operation and expansion.
- D. Advertise, prepare, print and distribute books, maps, charts and pamphlets; and to collect, compile and disseminate information relative to the natural, economic and other resources of the Town of Bethel which, in the judgment of the Commission, will further its official purpose.
- E. Cooperate and coordinate with governmental and nongovernmental groups, associations, agencies and commissions having like functions or similar purposes.
- F. Hire from time to time such assistants, experts, technicians and professional help as the Commission may deem necessary for the efficient conduct of its work, which expenses will be kept within the limits of any appropriation of funds made by the Town of Bethel or by anyone else to said Commission.
- G. Maintain an up-to-date inventory of present land or buildings available for business and industry.
- H. Maintain an up-to-date inventory of all unused public land.
- I. Conduct surveys for the future use of land in Bethel.
- J. Consult with and advise the Town Planning and Zoning Commission on all phases of business and industrial development in said Bethel.

- K. Aid in the preparation of business and industrial brochures and other methods of advertising.
- L. Act as the development agency for the Town of Bethel and exercise the powers granted under Title 8, Chapter 132, of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, Sections 8-186 through 8-200, as amended by supplement thereto.

Has a full-time staff member, Director of Economic Development

## **Fairfield**

### Community and Economic Development

To develop and administer programs that stimulate and encourage economic development, revitalize and strengthen neighborhoods, facilitate and promote affordable housing, and preserve and enhance the overall well-being of the community.

Economic Development activities focus on business retention and expansion, business recruitment and small business development. Working with the local Economic Development Commission (EDC) and other partners, our overarching mission is to create jobs and enhance the tax base through appropriate commercial development while preserving the Town's historic character and quality of life.

### About Us

The Office of Community & Economic Development helps facilitate the process for new businesses wishing to relocate to Fairfield or for existing businesses that are interested in expanding.

The Business portal of the site contains information on programs available to help businesses wishing to open or to relocate to Fairfield and to aid those who have existing businesses here.

The Office maintains commercial property listings on "Site Finder" so businesses can search for that perfect business location.

The Office offers ongoing support to town businesses and sponsors events to bring shoppers to town to encourage them to "shop local".

The Office of Community & Economic Development also oversees the Downtown Employee Parking Program, as well as various streetscape and beautification initiatives in the central business district and other commercial corridors.

The Economic Development Commission is tasked with the promotion and development of the economic resources of the Town of Fairfield.

Has a full-time staff members: Director of Community and Economic Development, Grants Coordinator, Marketing Coordinator

## **Stamford**

Economic Development provides rich business resources for the creation, growth and recruitment of companies, new business, organizations and real estate development in the City; promotes the expansion of existing industry by providing assistance to businesses seeking to improve or expand their scope of business activity in Stamford; promotes retention of existing business by assisting small and large businesses, as well as supporting women, veteran and minority-owned businesses; promotes tourism within the City; is the point of coordination for new businesses considering Stamford and oversees intergovernmental relations and management of the City's federal and State lobbying services.

Has a full-time staff member, Director of Economic Development

## **Bridgeport**

Welcome to the Office of Planning & Economic Development ("OPED"). Our mission -- per Mayor Ganim's direction, and consistent with our award-winning master plan, Plan Bridgeport - is to develop the economic life of the city.

The Economic & Business Development Department seeks to help create and maintain businesses throughout the City of Bridgeport. We encourage our current and future business owners to look at the State of Connecticut's one-stop guidance for starting and maintaining businesses.

## **Redding**

Mission statement is not listed on their site.

## **Danbury**

The mission of the Office of Economic Development is to support and oversee the health and growth of existing businesses in Danbury and to facilitate and champion for future growth within the city.

Together, with the City department teams, this office's mission is to help keep Danbury as a flourishing business community and to offer a sustainable and dependable foundation for the City and its residents.

### **Department Goals**

The focus of the office is to deliver services designed to stimulate business and community development including: Workforce Development, Transportation, and Infrastructure Improvements.

The department understands there's a growing need to encourage policies, technologies and behaviors which promote citywide sustainability and allow for the simultaneous provision of economic growth, environmental protection, and social equity.