

The Vision

Stamford will continuously reinvent itself

Stamford will be a learning community, a magnet for talent, a center of innovation, and a model of resilience, green living and whole place making

We will prosper and our children will stay here, or come back to seek opportunity



Reinventing Stamford

A Civic Conversation

A Platform for Innovation to
Achieve the Vision



How Change Happens

Parallel, self-organized innovations coalesce
over time into a system

Projects align when there is a shared
understanding of conditions, and of the
capabilities needed to exploit them



Strategy Formulation

Conditions → Capabilities → Projects



Overall Condition:

Increasing Uncertainty &
Accelerating Change



Other Conditions

Climate Change

Resource Scarcity

Financial Turmoil

Global Vulnerability/Connectivity

Immigration/Income Polarization

Outdated/Sclerotic Government



General Capabilities

Ability to constantly Monitor and Analyze Emerging Conditions

Ability to Address Complex Problems with Holistic Solutions

Ability to Mobilize Local and Regional Partners Around a Common Vision

Ability to Rapidly Execute Projects



Specific Capabilities

Regional Innovation Networks

An Innovation-Capable Workforce

Whole Places

A Culture that Fosters Innovation,
Entrepreneurship and Civic Engagement



Projects

A core platform of closely sponsored projects with links to aligned projects sponsored by others



Possible Projects

Projects Already Bubbling Up

Next Generation Eastside
Stamford Innovation Center

Other Projects to Launch This Fall

Experiential Education Project
Reinventing the Region Project

Projects to Launch Early Next Year

Community Whiteboard
Network of Listening Posts

Projects to Launch Later

Resilience Institute
Government Reform Experiment

Other?

Aligned Projects Underway

Mill River Project
Downtown Rezoning Project
Springdale & Glenbrook Transit Villages
Energy Improvement District
STC Master Plan
NCC Developmental Education Reform
SHS/IBM Medical Home Project
Business Alliance for Northeast Mobility
Bike Path Project
Other?

Other Potential Aligned Projects

Master Plan Update
Higher Education Expansion Project
Arts & Culture Project
Other?



Two Examples

- Next Generation Eastside
- Stamford Innovation Center



Next Generation Eastside

Next Gen Station

Next Gen Housing

Next Gen Green

Next Gen Redevelopment

Next Gen Education

Next Gen Jobs



Stamford Innovation Center

*A Green Tech, Digital Media
Business Incubator,
Start-Up Fund, and
Tech Community Hub
At Old Town Hall*



Small Group Discussion

- What projects are missing from the list?
- For any projects added, what capabilities do they build to exploit which conditions?
- Which projects will you lead or assist?



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