

HVCEO and SWRPA are now the

Western Connecticut Council of Governments

In response to state legislation, the Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials (HVCEO) and the South Western Regional Planning Agency (SWRPA) have merged to form the Western Connecticut Council of Governments (WCCOG).



Organization

WCCOG is governed by a council composed of mayors and first selectmen. Each WCCOG member municipality is entitled to one representative and one vote on the council.

Function

WCCOG serves as a forum to promote cooperation among its member municipalities. WCCOG can initiate and implement services and programs as authorized by its municipalities. WCCOG also advises the region on land use, economic, emergency, and environmental planning.

WCCOG supports the region's two metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs). MPOs are federally-designated bodies responsible for transportation planning. MPOs are responsible for adopting long range transportation plans and endorsing federally funded transportation improvement projects.

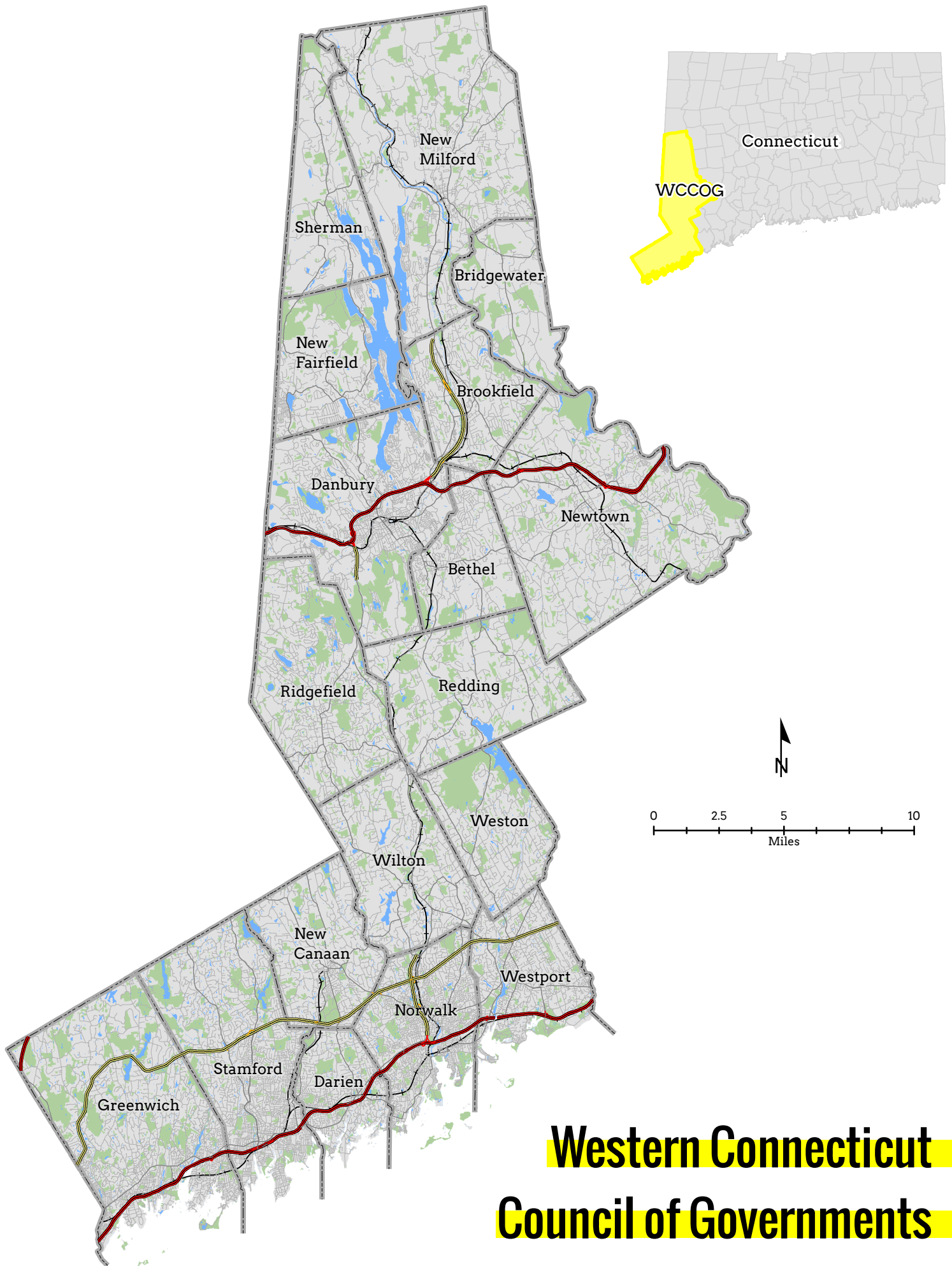
Funding

WCCOG receives most of its funding from the federal government in support of its MPO transportation planning functions. This federal funding is supplemented by contributions from state and local sources. WCCOG also receives funding from state and local sources to perform its coordination and regional planning functions. Additional grants fund special projects supported by the region's mayors and first selectmen.

Members

WCCOG encompasses eighteen municipalities in western Connecticut:

- Bethel
- Bridgewater
- Brookfield
- Danbury
- Darien
- Greenwich
- New Canaan
- New Fairfield
- New Milford
- Newtown
- Norwalk
- Redding
- Ridgefield
- Sherman
- Stamford
- Weston
- Westport
- Wilton



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