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We invite all our partners, stakeholders and residents to attend the next General Meeting on March 2nd. The meeting agenda will be a little different than usual, since AHNA is hosting the first public input session for the city's new Plan of Conservation and Development, known as Hartford 2035. The public hearing will start at 6:30pm, leaving time only for some quick updates at our General Meeting, which will start earlier than usual at 6pm.

The city will present the plan at 6 different public hearings to gather input and ideas from residents. Each hearing will focus on one of the plan's sections. The first section "Green 400" will be presented on Monday March 2nd at the 224 EcoSpace starting at 6:30pm. Green 400 is summarized as such: Hartford has undertaken significant efforts to be one of the greenest cities in New England. In 2018, we adopted an award-winning Climate Action Plan, and we have heard loud and clear that there's more to do. In this next City Plan, we should continue our push to become a national leader in cleaning up our environment. We must ensure that more people connect environmental stewardship with improving public health, advancing the economy, and promoting social equity. We can't reverse the last 400 years of environmental degradation. But how can we best achieve a more sustainable future for Hartford? Please submit your ideas involving any of these areas: energy, green infrastructure, rivers, trees, and waste management. Ideas can be submitted on the plan's website at hartford2035.org.

Other sections will be presented as follows;

Play400, 3/9, 6:15 – 8 pm: at **Parkville Market**, 1400 Park Street

Live400, 3/17, 5:30 – 7 pm: at **CREC Central**, Rooms 101 & 102, 111 Charter Oak Avenue, Hartford

Move400, 3/18, 11 am – 12:30 pm: at **CRCOG**, 241 Main Street, Hartford

Grow400, 3/23, 6:30 – 8 pm: at **ReSet**, 1429 Park Street

3/30, 6 – 8 pm: at **St. Francis Hospital**, Conference Room A, 95 Woodland Street

These hearings will be the opportunity for residents to provide input and feedback to the city regarding the Hartford Plan 2035. The time for resident input is now, not after the plans have been written, so we encourage all residents to participate.