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- Facilitates cooperation and joint actions by municipalities
- Provides framework to collectively address local challenges
- Provides services to municipalities
- Develops scheduled plans that direct funding and policies related to development (land use & transportation)
- Develops special plans addressing specific regional needs
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How is the region changing?

Expected Population Change 2015-2030
CT State Data Center 2017 Population Projections

- **All Ages**: 4% increase, from 11,860 to 13,129
- **Children 0-19**: 1% increase, from 380 to 3,073
- **Young Adults 20-34**: 5% increase, from 3,073 to 4,719
- **Middle-Age 35-64**: -4% decrease, from 4,719 to 3,073
- **Seniors 65+**: 30% increase, from 3,073 to 13,129

Population changes are projected based on CT State Data Center 2017 Population Projections.
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- Myth: So many seniors will move to Florida!
- Fact: Seniors are least likely to move of all the generations. Our baby boomers will be here for a long time.
- Many seniors will prefer to stay in their current homes forever. Others will look to downsize within their community.
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“The suburbs are going to remain important for young families, but the ideal suburban location for millennials may not be the same as it was for previous generations. Communities that can offer the best of urban living (e.g., convenience and walkability) with the best of suburban living (e.g., good schools and more space) will thrive in the coming decade.” - The Demand Institute, 2015
Impact of Electric Boat Expansion

- Electric Boat (February 2020):
  - Net Increase of approx. 3200 jobs by 2030
  - Hiring of up to 18,000 workers to fill new positions, replace retirees, and address regular turnover

Source: Wikimedia Commons
Impact of Electric Boat Expansion

JLUS Findings (October 2019):
- Growth will strengthen demand for new housing but worsen existing affordability challenges
- Specific transportation improvements are warranted to improve safety, traffic flow, transit access and bike/pedestrian conditions

“Attention should focus on making the region’s municipalities places where new employees will want to remain, even if they leave the job that brought them to the region.”
Key Takeaways

- Dramatic increase in retirement-age seniors, staying in their communities
  - *Retirees will be building their retirement identities*

- Influx of young people drawn by jobs
  - *Millennials place higher value on Quality-of-Place*