# ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET 2016/2017

# Town of Avon

**60 West Main Street – Avon, Connecticut 06001**

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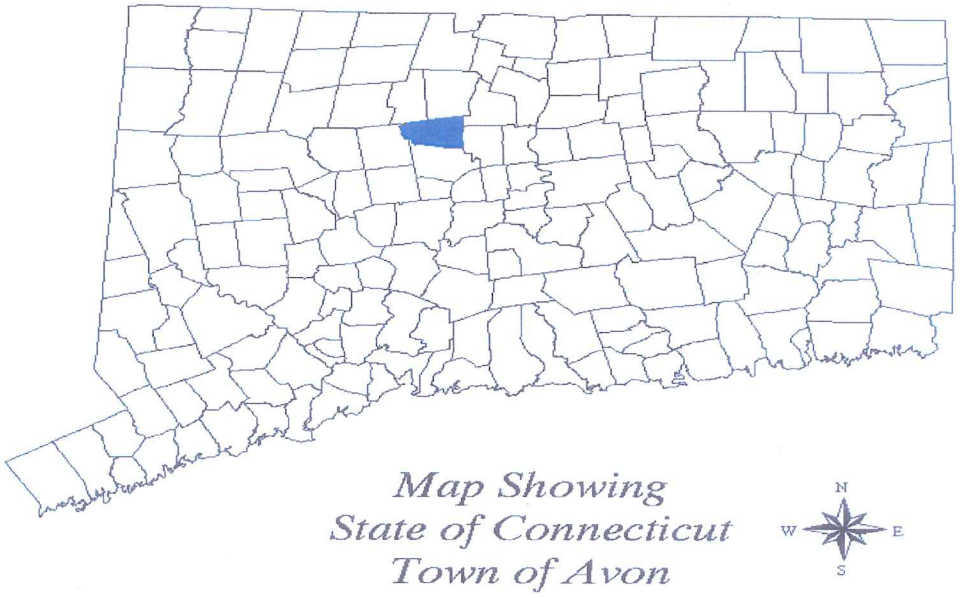
# AVON AT A GLANCE




The Town of Avon, named for the Avon River in England, covers 23.15 square miles (14,454 acres) in central Connecticut along the Farmington River and was incorporated in 1830 from the Town of Farmington. The Town was originally settled around 1645 and before incorporation was known as Northington, the North Parish, or North District (often abbreviated as No. D. to later become Nod). During the early 1800's, Avon was a bustling inland port along the Towpath Canal which provided recreational and commercial barge services from New Haven to Albany. Lying ten miles west of the City of Hartford, the Town ranks thirty-fourth in terms of the 2010 Equalized Net Taxable Grand List ($3,572,440,736) as prepared by the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management. The 2000 Census reflects that Avon's per capita income of $51,706 ranks tenth in the state.

Contiguous to the Towns of Canton and Simsbury to the north, Bloomfield and West Hartford to the east, Farmington to the south and Burlington to the west, Avon is primarily a suburban residential community. The Town's population has continued to grow over the last two decades (11,201 in the 1980 Census; 13,937 in the 1990 Census; 15,832 in the 2000 census, and 18,098 in the 2010 census). Residents are predominately executive, professional, technical, and managerial people employed in the finance and insurance industries located in the Greater Hartford area. Most homes in Avon are single-family homes selling anywhere from $300,000 to over $1,000,000 with many new houses selling in the $600,000 to $800,000 range. Condominiums are generally valued between $150,000 and $600,000.

Roughly, 7,775 acres of land have been developed for residential purposes resulting in 5,050 single family and 1,961 multi-family dwellings. Approximately 590 acres of land have been developed for commercial and industrial uses. At present, there are approximately 850 businesses located in Avon. The Town's two business parks still have remaining undeveloped land which can support about 400,000 square feet of additional office and industrial space and 150,000 thousand square feet of retail space.

Avon is served by Connecticut Routes 10, 44 (Albany Turnpike), 167, 177, and 202 (16 miles of state roads) that provide thoroughfare access to the 109.70 miles of Town roads and 23.3 miles of private roads. Interstate 84, a major east-west limited access highway, lies six miles to the south. Numerous public and private passenger and freight common carriers serve the Town. Bradley International Airport is a half-hour drive to the north. Passenger and freight rail service is available in Hartford ten miles to the east.

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# FY 2016/2017
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# Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United and Canada (GFOA) presented an award of Distinguished Presentations to the Town of Avon for its annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015.

In order to receive this award, a governmental unit must publish a budget document that meets program criteria as a policy document, as an operations guide, as a financial plan, and as a communications device.

The award is valid for a period of one year only. We believe our current budget continues to conform to program requirements, and we are submitting it to GFOA to determine its eligibility for another award.