

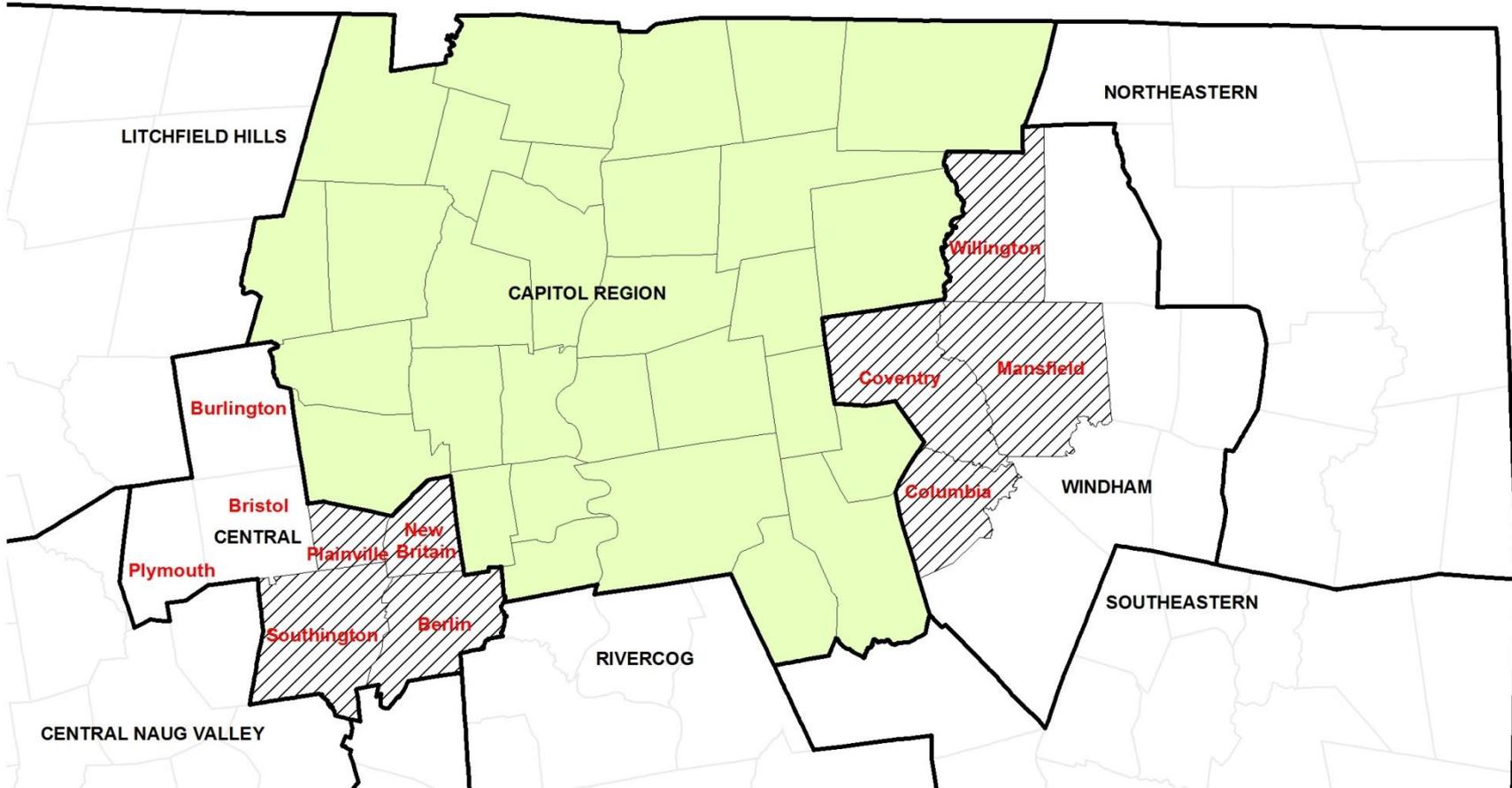
Regional Approach to Materials Management

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Question: Which solid waste management roles and responsibilities should be at the metro or rural regional level in CT?

- The Metropolitan and Rural Councils of Governments should be reorganized and in place with stable boundaries by January 1, 2015
- In the past metro and rural regions have had a role in recycling education
- Most states have assigned modest or significant roles to the metro regional organizations

Candidate Tasks

- Core: table of tasks with state, metro regional, city/town, private sector columns
- Implementation plan to meet solid waste management targets in a metro or rural region
- Recycling education resource for towns
- Metrics and public communications
- Governance functions in recycling, waste to energy, and innovations areas

Conclusions

- When thinking of regions, use the metropolitan and rural councils of governments as the platform over time for solid waste management tasks
- Consider piloting new responsibilities in one or two metro and rural regions
- Phase in changes over time with attention to resources needed to carry out the tasks