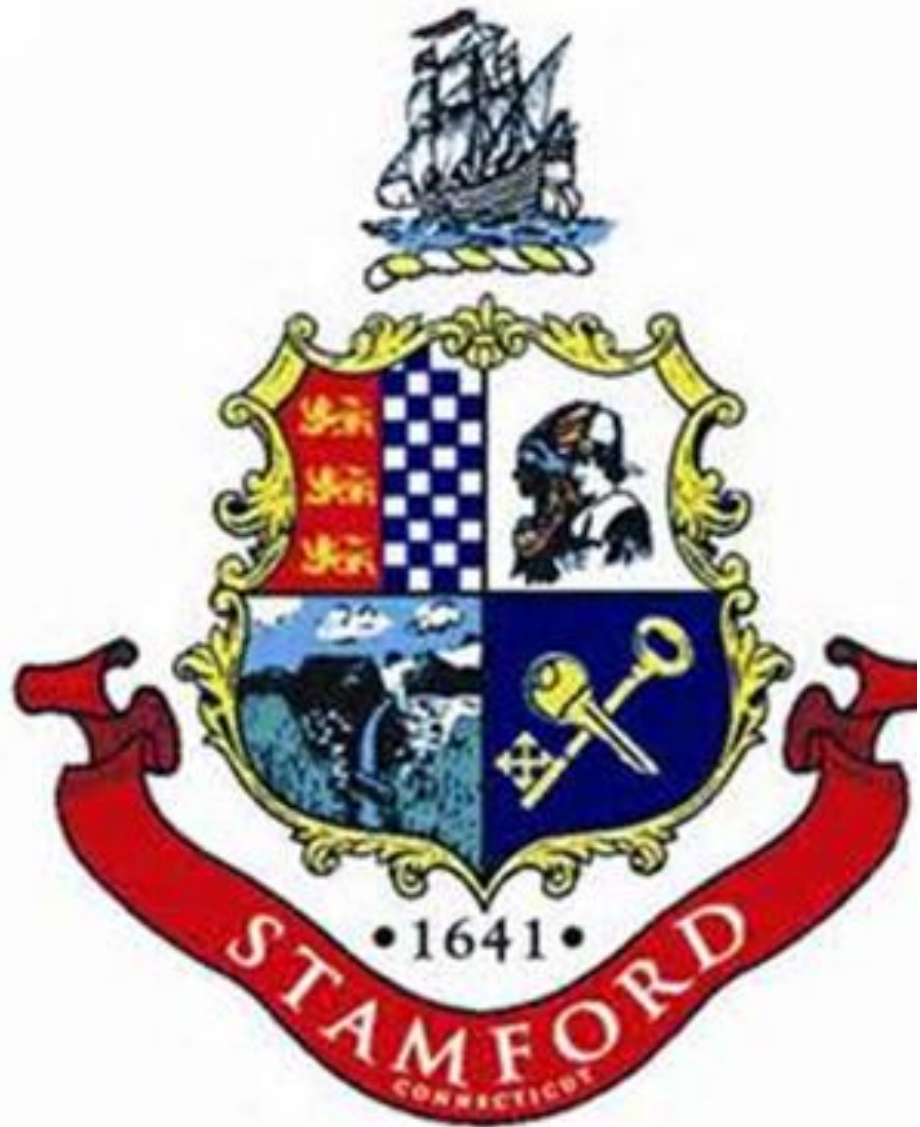


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# *Board Of Representatives - Requirements*



**Budget Summary:** (Provide an overview of all significant department or division changes, including staffing adjustments and capital budget requests for FY 2025-26.)



**New or Expanded Services/Programs:** (Outline any new initiatives or service expansions planned for FY 2025-26.)



**Discontinued or Reduced Services/Programs:** (Identify any services or programs that will be phased out or scaled back in FY 2025-26.)



**Departmental Challenges & Anticipated Changes:** (Highlight key challenges and expected shifts within the department or agency for FY 2025-26.)

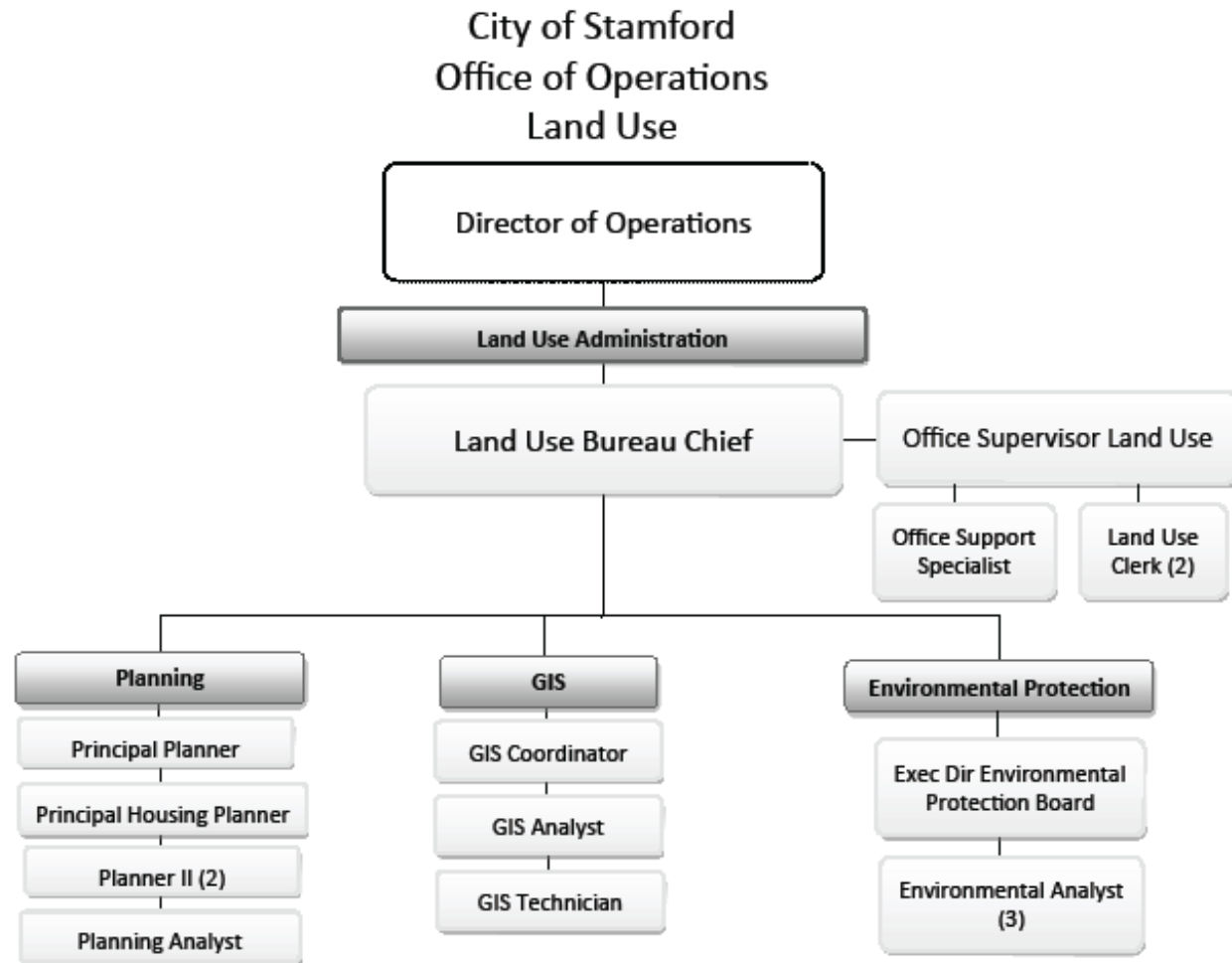


**Performance Improvements & Efficiencies:** (Summarize major service enhancements, operational efficiencies, and key accomplishments from FY 2024-25.)



**Note:** Presentations should be limited to 10 minutes, with an additional 5-10 minutes allocated for questions.

# Land Use Bureau Organizational Chart



**Provides technical and administrative support to the following Boards and Commissions:**

- Planning Board
- Zoning Board
- Zoning Board of Appeals
- Environmental Protection Board
- Historic Preservation Advisory Commission (HPAC)
- Stamford Affordable Housing Trust Fund

# Land Use Bureau Budget Summary (FY 2025-26)

## **1. Staffing**

No additional position but reorganization

## **2. Operating Budget**

Additional ask of \$ 131,500.00

## **3. Capital Budget**

Request for \$600,000 for four capital projects

**New or Expanded  
Services/Programs  
(FY 2025-26)  
OPERATING**

**2300 Land Use Administration**

	\$ 20,000.00	Seasonal
	\$ 25,000.00	Official Notices
	\$ 50,000.00	Professional Services
	\$ 500.00	Phone
<i>Subtotal Admin</i>	\$ 95,500.00	

**2310 Planning**

	no changes	
<i>Subtotal Planning</i>	\$ -	

**2330 Zoning Board of Appeals**

	no changes	
<i>Subtotal ZBA</i>	\$ -	

**2340 EPB**

	\$ 10,000.00	Seasonal
	\$ 1,000.00	Postage
	\$ 1,000.00	Protective Clothing
<i>Subtotal EPB</i>	\$ 12,000.00	

**2350 GIS**

	\$ 20,000.00	Professional Services
	\$ 4,000.00	Conferences & Training
<i>Subtotal EPB</i>	\$ 24,000.00	

**TOTAL LUB            \$ 131,500.00**

**New or Expanded  
Services/Programs  
(FY 2025-26)  
CAPITAL**

	<b>No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Request</b>
1.	CP4000005	Citywide Tree Inventory	\$100,000
2.	C66322	Citywide GIS	\$200,000
3.	001254	Needs Assessment for City Fields	\$250,000
4.	C56078	Parks Master Plan Update	\$50,000
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>

## **Key Challenges & Changes (FY 2025-26)**

### **Key Challenges for FY25/26 are:**

- Full transition to electronic application review
- Digitization of department files
- Make planning more neighborhood centric

## Performance Improvements & Efficiencies:

# FY 2024/25 Achievements

### Plans and Studies

- Completed Lathon Wider Study
- Started Comprehensive Plan (completion expected in fall 2025)
- Started Cove Neighborhood Study (with TTP)
- Started Coastal Resiliency Study
- Citywide Tree Inventory
- Barrett Park upgrades

### Development Projects

- 800 Long Ridge Road (354 Residential Units)
- 900 Long Ridge Road (463 Residential Units)
- 74 Broad Street (280 Residential Units)

### Text Changes

- Strengthened Cannabis Regulations
- Updates to Usable Open Space, PAAS and BMR requirements
- Incentives for Senior Housing

### Other

- Transition to electronic application system (underway)
- Housing Trust Fund distributed \$1.15 million to two affordable housing projects



Thank You!