

# 20BY20 RESULTS



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*A CLEAN AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT  
IS THE CORNERSTONE OF A*

**THRIVING ECONOMY  
AND GREAT QUALITY  
OF LIFE.**



*THE QUALITY OF CONNECTICUT'S AIR,  
LAND, AND WATER IS*

**A COMPETITIVE  
ADVANTAGE.**





WHAT ARE WE STRIVING FOR?

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We are proud to present DEEP's 20BY20 RESULTS: final 2020. We have successfully achieved nearly 80% of our goals, while demonstrating a high or moderate rate of progress on the remaining 20%.



***And growing...***

20BY20 has been about

# **PREDICTABILITY, EFFICIENCY, & TRANSPARENCY**



**20 MEASURABLE PROCESS  
IMPROVEMENTS GOALS**

***18 Months***

***1 Pandemic***

***5 Reports***



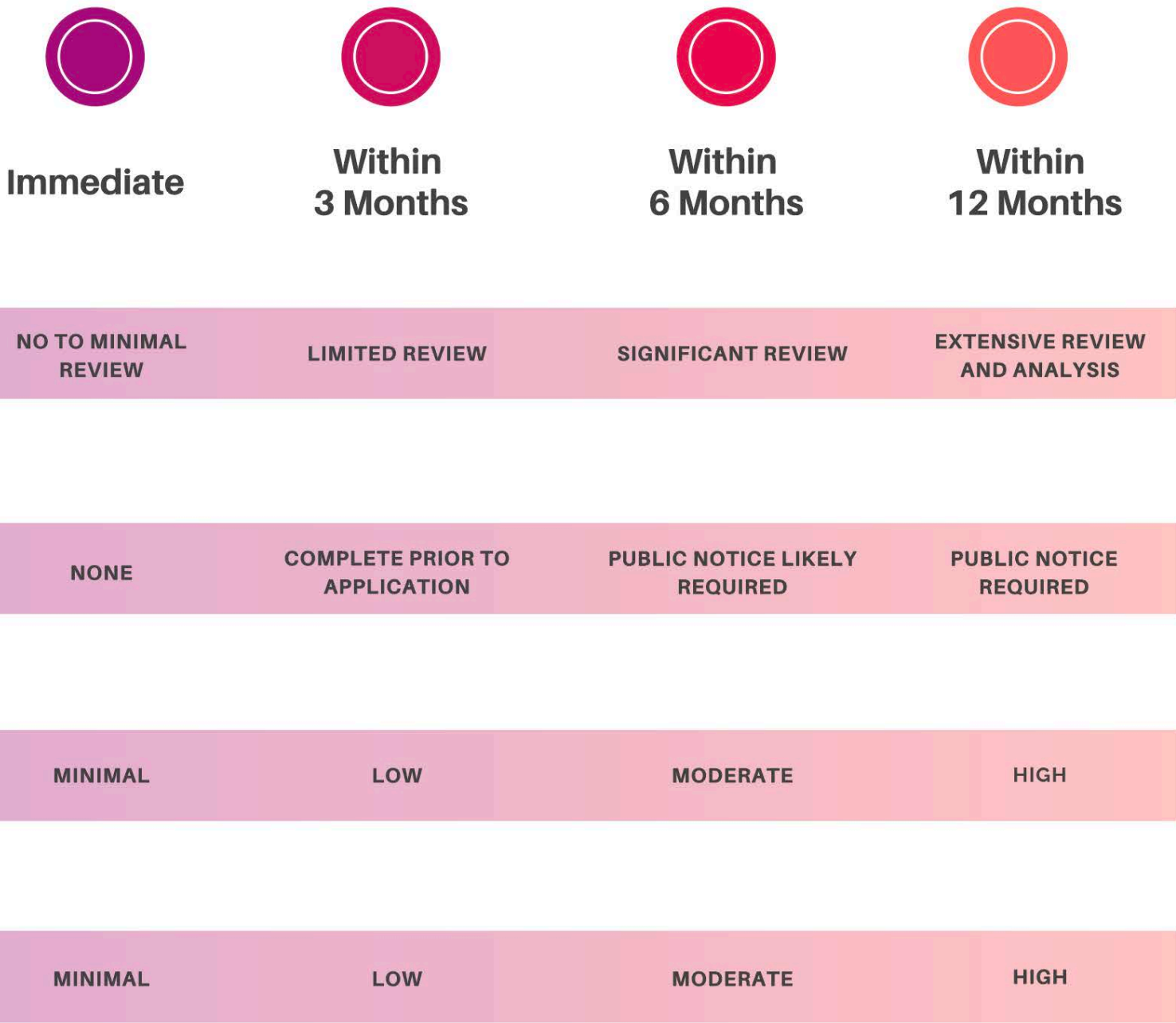
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**1981-2020**

# GOAL 1: MAKE PERMITTING TIMEFRAMES MORE TRANSPARENT

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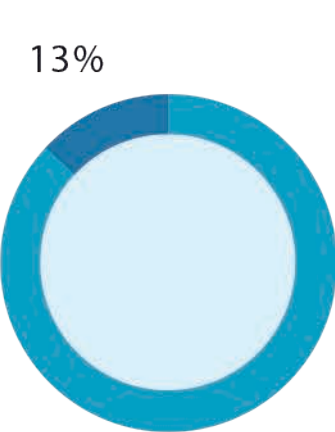
## Expected Permitting Timeframes



# This Quarter

## 3 Month

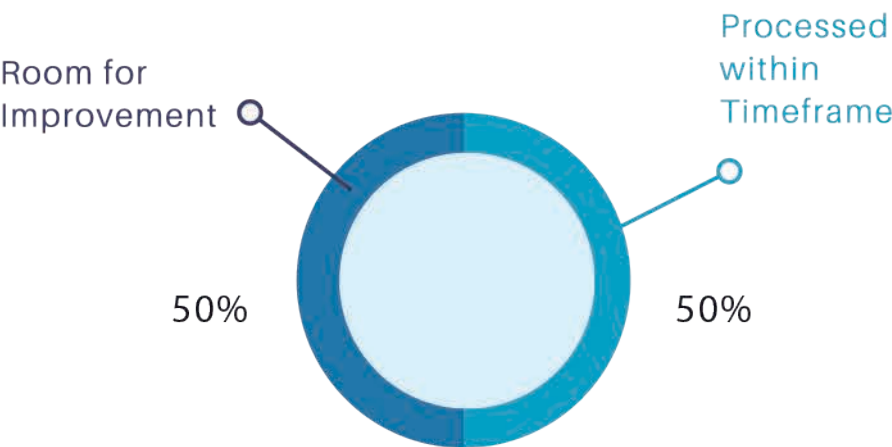
6,086 applications in this category in the past 48 months



87%

## 6 Month

1,501 applications in this category in the past 48 months

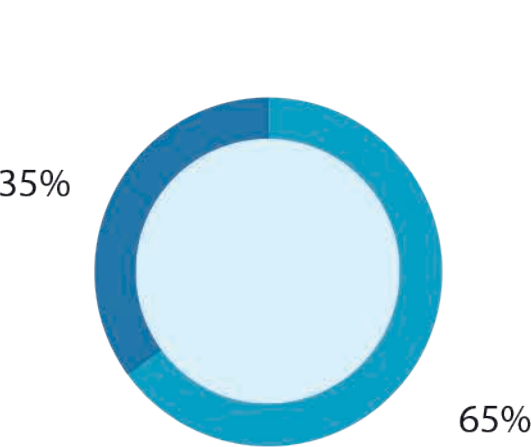


50%

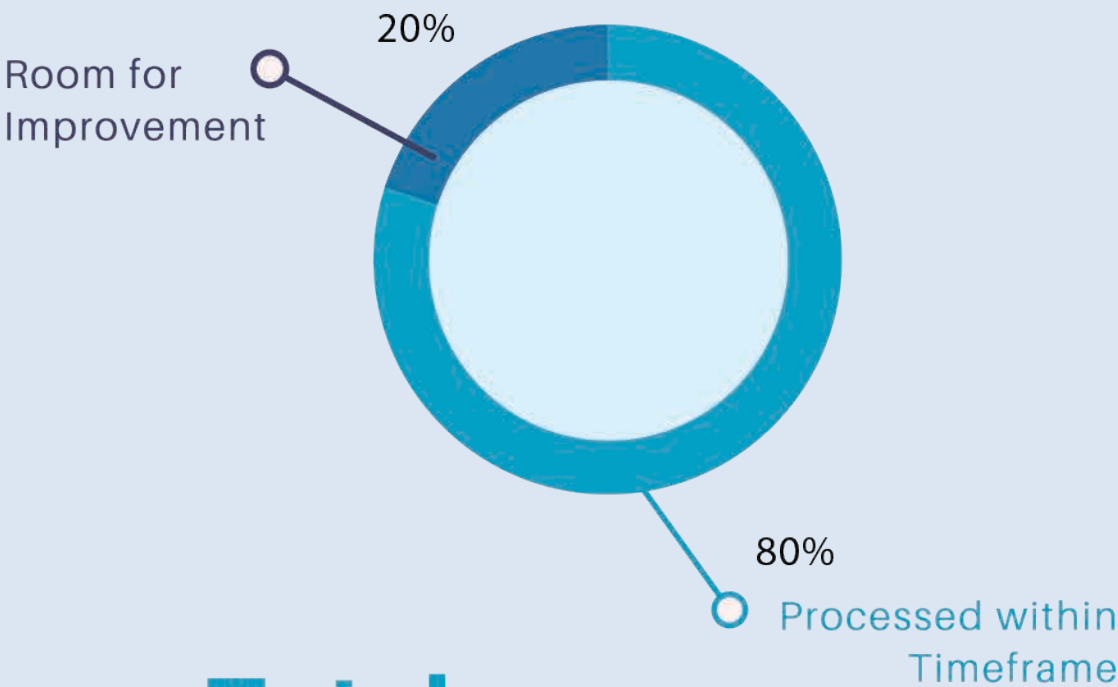
50%

## 12 Month

132 applications in this category in the past 48 months



65%



**Total**  
**Out of 8,229 Applications**  
7,719 applications processed

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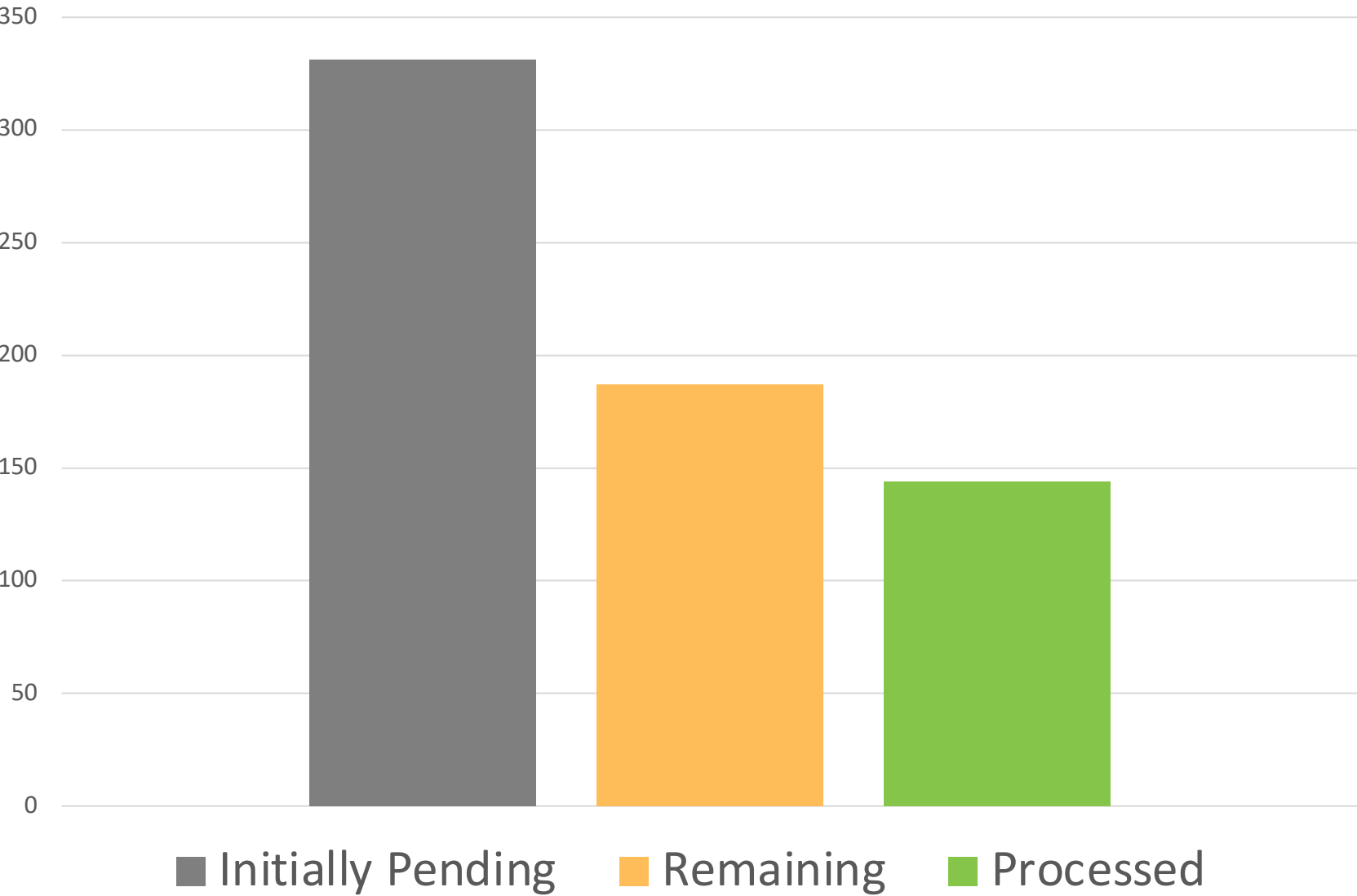


# GOAL 3: REDUCE NUMBER OF LEGACY APPLICATIONS

- Majority of remaining applications are renewals
- Many have complicated history and collateral issues which need to be addressed first
- Continuing to work with our applicants to process the outstanding legacy while balancing meeting permit timeframes in Goal 1

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## Legacy Permit Applications:



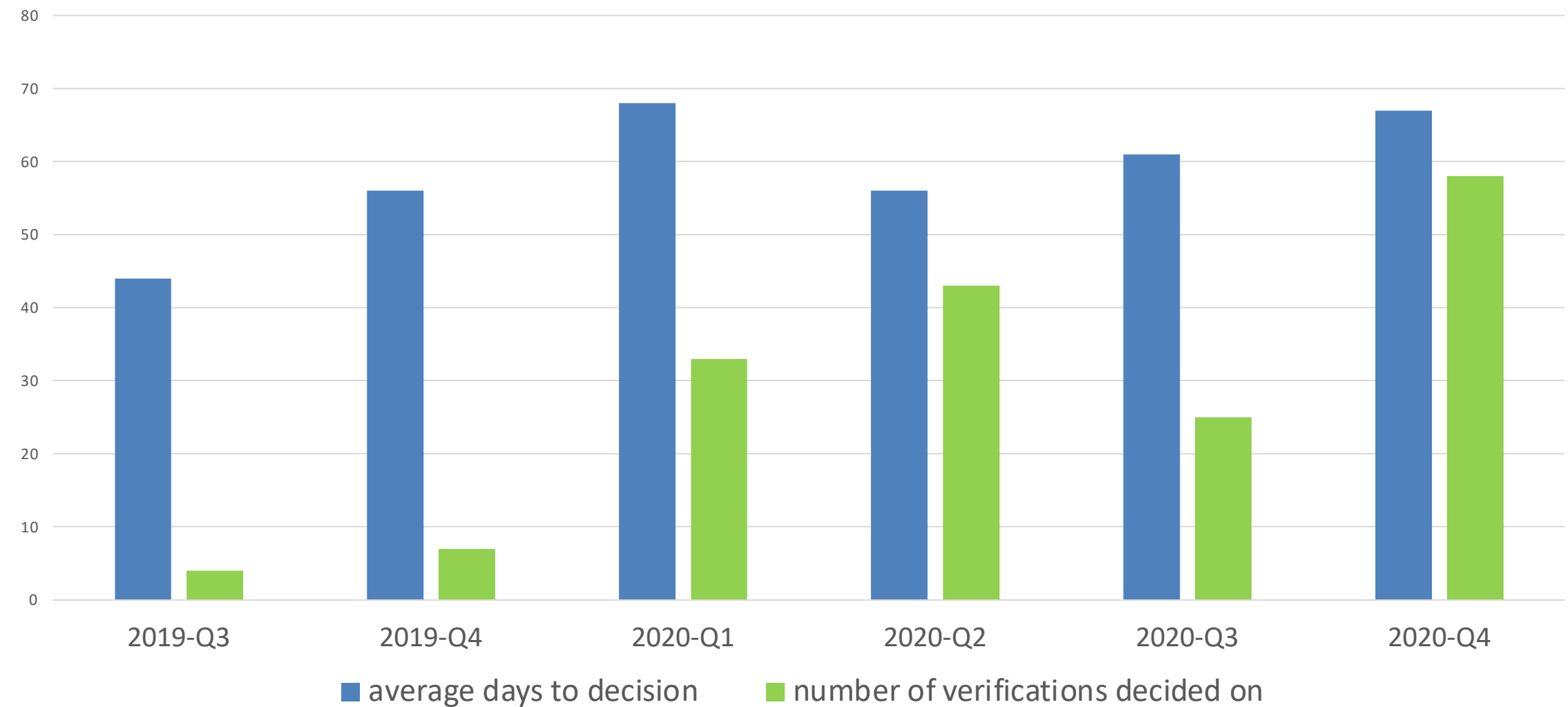
DEEP successfully reduced the legacy permit applications pending by 45%!

# GOAL 4: REDUCE TIME FOR TRANSFER ACT AUDITS

## 190 Day Reduction in Pre-and Post-20BY20 Average

6 Quarter Avg. prior to 20BY20:  
**247 days**

6 Quarter Avg. since 20BY20:  
**57 days**

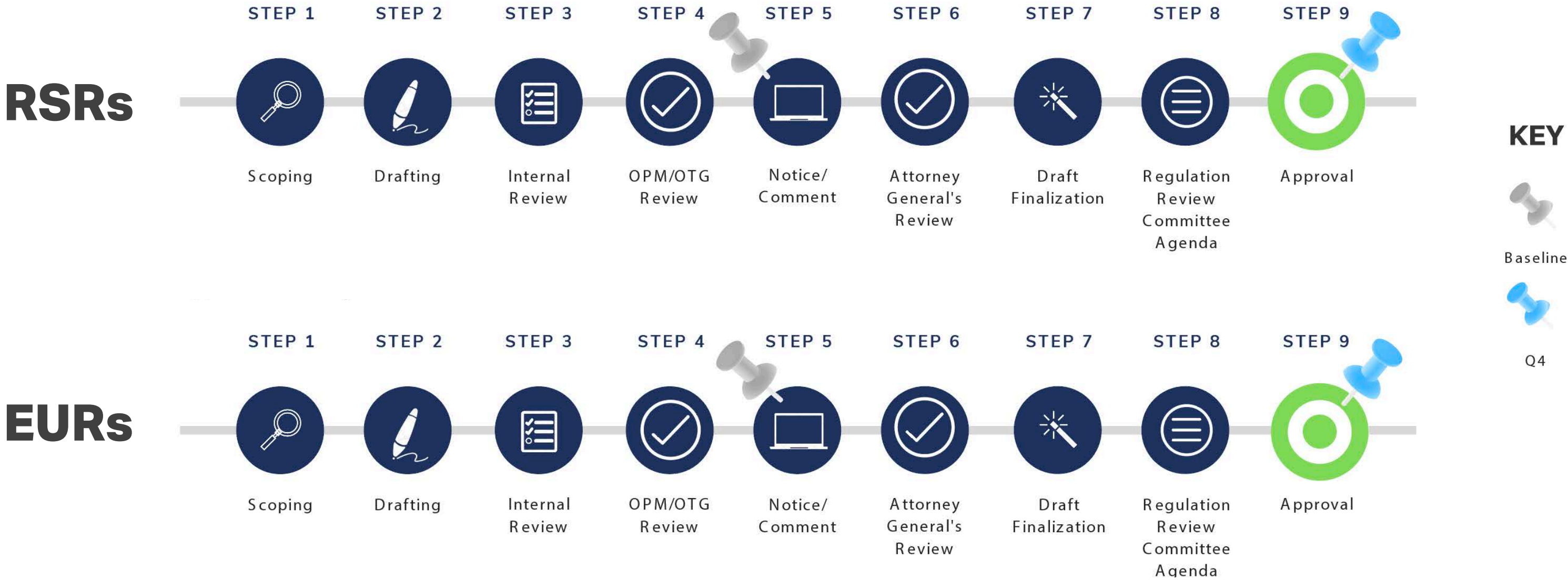


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# GOAL 5: FINALIZE RSR AND EUR REGULATIONS

Effective February 2021



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# Greater Efficiency in RSRs and EURs Will Expedite Cleanups

## **LEP-implemented alternative criteria added for:**

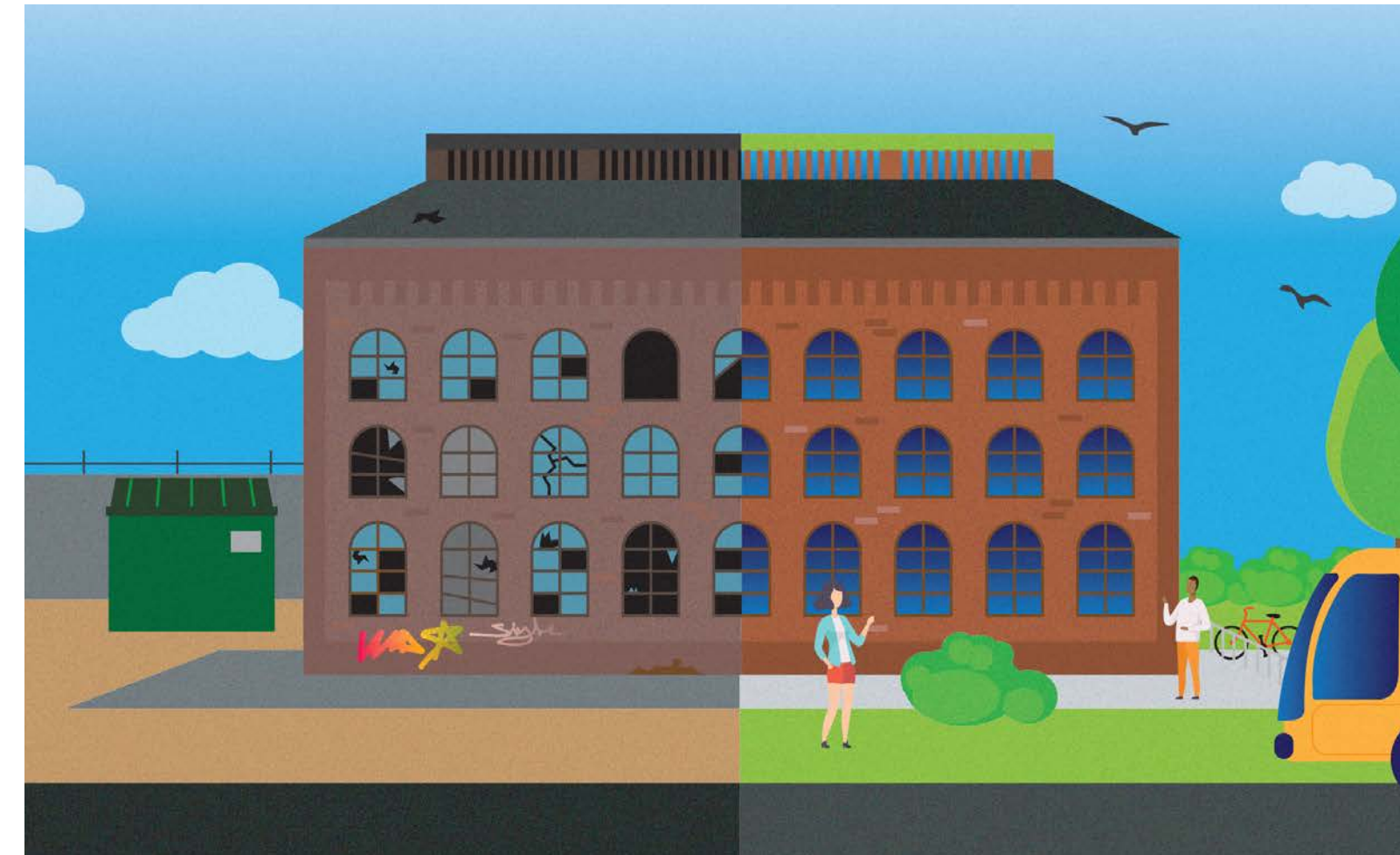
- Pollutant Mobility Criteria
- Groundwater Protection Criteria
- Surface Water Protection Criteria

## **Engineered and Institutional Controls**

- LEP-implemented Direct Exposure Criteria Engineered Controls
- LEP-implemented Notice of Activity and Use Limitations
- LEP-implemented Allowable Disturbances for Environmental Use Restrictions

## **Streamlining Measures**

- Wide-spread Polluted Fill Exemption
- Pesticide Exemption



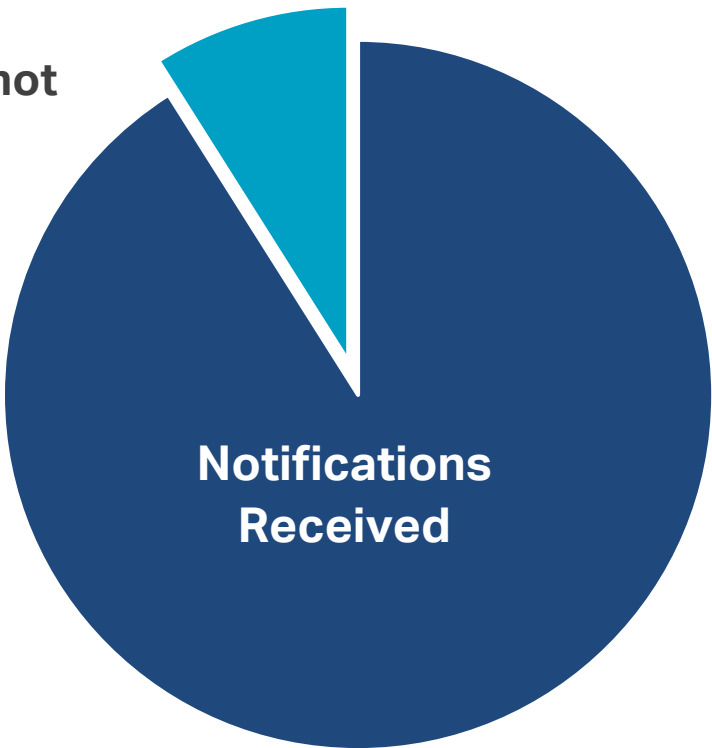
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# GOAL 8: ELIMINATE SOME PERMITS AND MOVE TO “PERMIT BY RULE”

Notifications Received Under  
Sections 33a and 33b

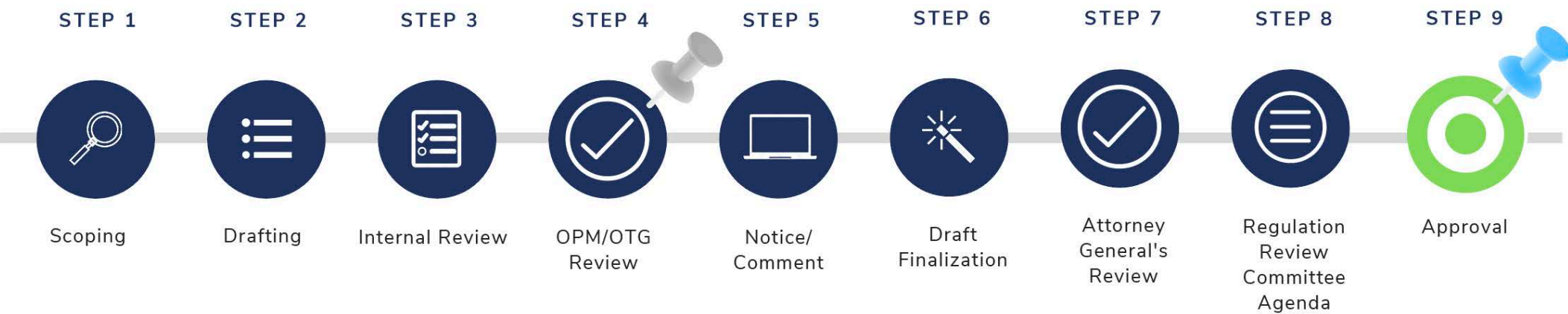
27 eligible  
facilities are not  
covered



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## Conversion of General Permit to Limit Potential Emissions

Approved September 2020



## Status: Goal Completed

On September 24, 2020 sections 22a-174-33a and 33b became effective and 169 businesses could avail themselves to operate under the permit by rule.

## Metric

142 facilities are currently regulated by GPLPE “permit by rule”.

# **GOAL 12: ESTABLISH PERMITTING CONCIERGE SERVICE**



**Central Office's front door for assistance  
with environmental permitting**

- Facilitate communication between applicants and permit programs
- Guide projects through the complex permitting process
- Conduct outreach to stakeholders

Contact the team at [DEEP.Concierge@ct.gov](mailto:DEEP.Concierge@ct.gov)

To learn more, visit the [Permitting Concierge Website](#)

Sign up for [email updates](#)

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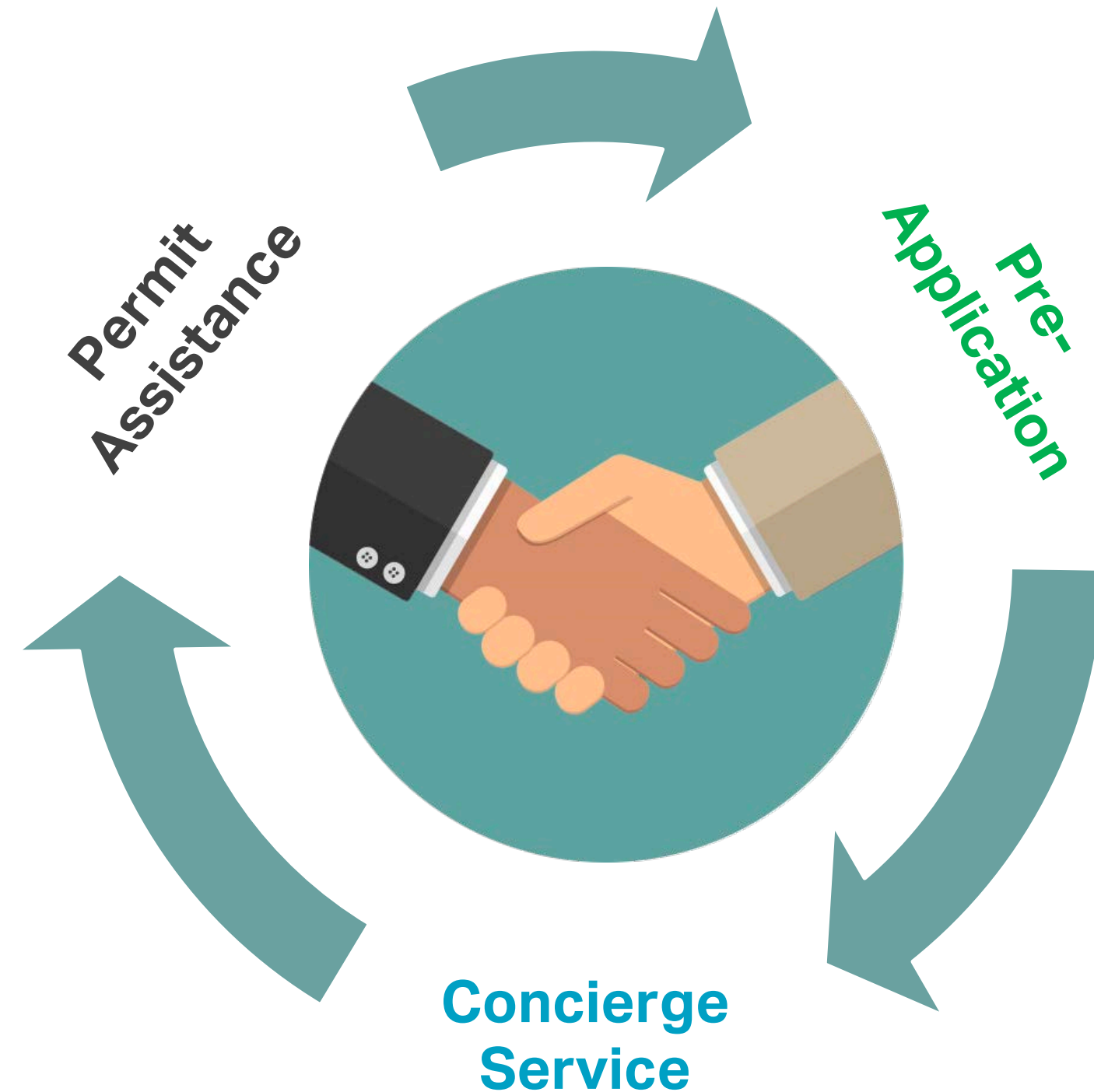
# DEEP's Permit Assistance

## Pre-application Assistance

- Assists any applicant
- Provides application assistance before submittal to permit program
- Pre-application Questionnaire and Guidance
- Pre-application Meeting

## Concierge Service

- Focuses on complex, multi-permit projects
- Provides additional assistance during and after submittal to permit program
- Permit sequencing
- Communication with permit program
- Follow up on projects within DEEP and with other State agencies (e.g., DECD)



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# Stakeholder Outreach

- Presentations to stakeholders, business organizations, and environmental advocate groups
- [Concierge Video](#) to explain service
- [Virtual Brochure](#) - regular updates, highlighting current projects
- Permitting factsheets by sector – Solar and Offshore Wind, others coming soon



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# **GOAL 16: INCREASE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT IN PROCESS IMPROVEMENT EFFORTS**



**GC3** Governor's Council  
on Climate Change

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## GOAL 19: FINANCIAL ASSURANCE

- Financial assurance to drive compliance in enforcement and permitting contexts
- Efforts underway to bring some consistency and flexibility to FAs for remediation through newly adopted RSRs and for compliance assurance in context of more recently issued general permits:
  - A more general FA webpage
  - Internal process to ensure the FA intake, tracking, and return process is secure and consistent
  - Electronic system developed to save electronic documents within enterprise-based system



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# GOAL 20: UPDATED SPILL-REPORTING REGULATIONS



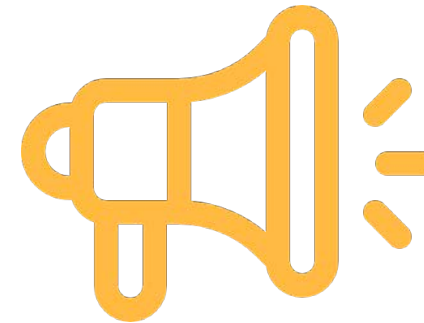
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# **FUTURE COMMITMENTS**

## **to predictability, efficiency, and transparency**



**Farm-Based Anaerobic  
Digesters Fact Sheet**



**Spill Reporting  
Public Notice**



**Expand the Number of files  
uploaded into the DEEP  
Portal – SPILL REPORTS**



**Continue to Address  
Legacy Permits**



**Permitting  
Timeliness Dashboard**

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# WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

"Everyone I dealt with at CT DEEP was extremely helpful and attentive, which is amazing during this tough time of everyone working from home during the Covid-19 crisis. I hope that my future dealings with CT DEEP are as great as this one!"

"I have worked in MA, NY, IL, VA, MD, MN, and more. So much focus and helpful feedback was provided by CT DEEP that was rare when comparing to other states."

"Given that a number of different permits are required involving different offices and jurisdictions, the fact that DEEP was able to get all of involved parties together at the same time was extremely beneficial. Its inherently a complicated process but with everybody in attendance, I am not able to come up with an improved methodology."