

NHARPC Legislative Priority Policy Areas 2008 Legislative Session

The following list of Legislative Priorities and Legislative Policies was endorsed by NHARPC at their August 9, 2007 meeting.

Legislative Priorities:

- Increase current state funding levels for regional planning and explore alternative funding sources that could provide an increase in future funding.
- Strengthen provisions for review of developments of regional impact.
- Support programs which encourage protection of natural, cultural and historic resources such as LCHIP.
- Increase funding for safe and adequate transportation infrastructure and greater flexibility in spending for transportation improvements.

Legislative Policies:

These policies are organized within the four general categories of NHARPC's Planning Principles for New Hampshire.

Sustainability:

- Promote groundwater withdrawal regulation and groundwater preservation and protection.
- Promote shoreland protection and regulation.
- Promote the establishment of permanent funded programs and incentives which promote proper disposal of household hazardous waste.
- Support stormwater management efforts including stormwater utility enabling legislation.
- Support efforts to protect wetlands.
- Promote measures to mitigate climate change.
- Support the development and increased use of sustainable/renewable energy.

Prosperity:

- Support workforce housing.
- Support appropriate mechanisms for regional water, wastewater, septage management and solid waste management.
- Support financial and regulatory incentives for public water supply systems to interconnect their systems and implement conservation measures.
- Support regional economic development consistent with NHARPC planning principles.

Mobility:

- Support transit and multi-modal transportation.

Livability:

- Promote smart growth.
- Support regionalism.
- Support policies which strengthen municipal and regional planning authority.