

OUR MISSION



NHARPC's mission is to support and promote NH's Regional Planning Commissions.

This is done through maintaining strategic partnerships with state agencies, developing shared planning policies, promoting education on planning-related topics, and monitoring upcoming legislation related to the activities of the RPCs. NHARPC also provides a forum to coordinate regional planning initiatives on a statewide basis and to disseminate information about RPCs to other agencies and organizations

ACHIEVING THE MISSION

NHARPC is governed by a board of directors made up of two representatives and the executive directors of each RPC. The board, in addition to individual RPCs and their staff, work toward the mission by offering the following support:

Data Management and Development

- Geographic Information Systems.
- U.S. Census Data Center Affiliates.

Land Use, Environmental Planning, and Community Development

- Local master plans & zoning ordinances/regulations.
- Environmental, economic development & emergency management planning.

Transportation Planning and Technical Assistance

- Development and maintenance of regional transportation plans.
- Traffic analyses, transit planning, special studies, and other technical assistance.

OUR MEMBERS



**Southwest
Region
Planning
Commission**



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Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission
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Southwest Region Planning Commission
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Strafford Regional Planning Commission
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Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission
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NH ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS



PLANNING PRINCIPLES

LIVABILITY

- Support vibrant community centers that meet residents' needs.
- Use design principles to create neighborhoods with character.
- Provide a wide range of affordable housing.
- Promote social and cultural values, amenities, and activities.

MOBILITY

- Provide for the safe and efficient movement of people and goods.
- Promote a balanced transportation system that incorporates all viable modes of travel.
- Reduce dependence on single-occupant vehicles.

PROSPERITY

- Integrate economic development into the planning process.
- Incorporate costs and nonmonetary values into policies and decision-making.
- Balance employment opportunities and the cost of living.

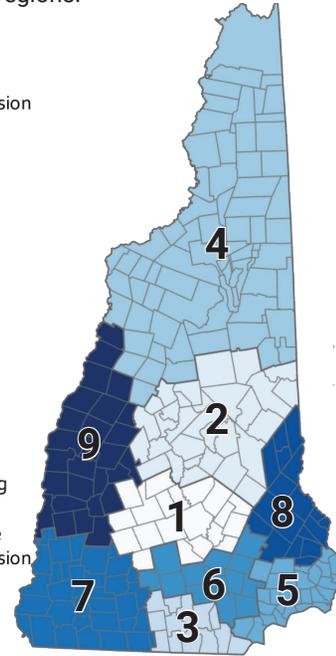
SUSTAINABILITY

- Retain viable options for future generations.
- Design for energy efficiency.
- Preserve the natural carrying capacity of land and water resources.
- Create choices in housing opportunities.

NH'S NINE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS (RPCs)

The 234 municipalities in the state of New Hampshire are divided into nine planning regions.

- 1 Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission
- 2 Lakes Region Planning Commission
- 3 Nashua Regional Planning Commission
- 4 North Country Council
- 5 Rockingham Planning Commission
- 6 Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission
- 7 Southwest Region Planning Commission
- 8 Strafford Regional Planning Commission
- 9 Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission



FIVE THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT NH'S REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS

- 1 In 1968 the New Hampshire Legislature enabled the creation of regional planning commissions.
- 2 Each city and town that joins an RPC has between two and four representatives depending on its population, and each county that joins has two.
- 3 The representatives that govern each RPC are nominated by their local planning boards and appointed by their municipal governing bodies.
- 4 State statutes require each RPC to perform a variety of duties, including create a regional comprehensive plan, complete a housing needs assessment, and review developments of regional impact.
- 5 Each RPC supports the planning and community development activities of the member communities in its region.

WHAT WE DO

NH Association of Regional Planning Commissions (NHARPC) assists its RPC members in a variety of ways, including the following:



Meet quarterly, or as needed, to coordinate and exchange information.



Promote regional and statewide cooperation, collaboration, and coordination among the RPCs themselves and between the RPCs and other agencies.



Expand the RPCs' capabilities by sharing information, resources, and expertise.



Promote the RPCs' skills and services.



Help make the delivery of state and local services more efficient and effective.



Identify legislation that is important to planning and land-use decisions in New Hampshire, and legislation related to our planning principles.



Promote education on planning-related topics for the benefit of New Hampshire's communities and other stakeholders.

LEARN MORE

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