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ANNUAL REPORT

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LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION



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Message from the Executive Director

Lakes Region Planning Commission's 47th annual meeting was a capstone to a productive year with over 130 commissioners, new sponsors, state and federal representatives, community activists, and other guests in attendance at the Chase House in Meredith. The venue was sold out and a good time was had by all.



LRPC's planning focus in FY 2015 (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015) included adopting and beginning implementation of several major overarching regional planning efforts including: the Regional Transportation Plan, Lakes Region Broadband Plan, Lakes Region Economic Opportunity and Environmental Quality Plan, and Lakes Region Comprehensive Economic Development Plan.

Some of our other major accomplishments and highlights include:

- Safeguarding the region's overall water quality and environment through coordination of the 27th annual household hazardous waste collection days handling over 35 tons of hazardous substances from 1,936 households in 24 communities;
- Forming the Lakes Region Tour Scenic Byway Advisory Committee to preserve the regional scenic quality and enhance visitor experiences;
- Continuing to develop the Winnepesaukee Gateway website featuring the region's first online dynamic Watershed Management Plan;
- Providing valuable environmental consulting assistance through Phase I and Phase II brownfield assessments and redevelopment activity on nearly a dozen Lakes Region sites;
- Updating and distributing the Lakes Region Development Trends Report, which documented an increase in housing activity throughout the region;
- Assisting over 11 Lakes Region communities in developing and updating Hazard Mitigation Plans for acceptance by NH Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency and local adoption;
- Providing Geographic Information System services and technical land use assistance to our communities.

The Commission turned another page over the last year by modernizing our office space. We replaced our 30-year-old phone system with a Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) phone system tied to fiber optics. Many of our office computers and our network server were running pre-millennium software that was no longer eligible for virus protection support. LRPC now has color copying and scanning capability from the workstation and cloud-based software. Our new server has terabytes of computer storage capacity for archiving our nearly 50-year-old library. And yes, we also got a fresh coat of paint and a six year extension on our lease!

The Lakes Region Planning Commission continues to focus on environmental quality, especially water quality, while promoting tourism and the large number of manufacturers who are located in the region. Over the next year, we will be pursuing more regional sharing and group purchasing opportunities, transportation-oriented water protection planning, regional health and climate change planning, and kicking off our local transportation technical assistance (LTA) program.

I want to thank the Executive Board, Commissioners, and staff for a productive year and I look forward to another big year of change and seeking new ways to serve the cities and towns of the Lakes Region.

Sincerely yours,

Jeffrey R. Hayes, Executive Director

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST COMMISSIONERS (FY14-FY15)

David Allen (Barnstead)	Dave Nickerson (Sanbornton)
John Ayer (Gilford)	Wayne Ogni (Gilmanton)
Cheryl Cox (Ashland)	Paul Punturieri (Moultonborough)
Tony Giunta (Franklin)	Ian Raymond (Sanbornton)
James Hidden (Tamworth)	Jonathan Scanlon (Tilton)
David Hughes (Center Harbor)	Rick St. Jean (Ossipee)
Hamilton McLean (Laconia)	Philip Wittmann (Alton)

THANK YOU TO OUR RETIRING LRPC COMMISSIONERS (FY14-FY15)

Stanley O. Bean, Jr. (Gilmanton), LRPC Chair 2011—2014
 Maureen Criasia (Center Harbor)
 Scott Dunn (Gilford)
 Toby Eaton (Sandwich)
 Herb Farnham (Moultonborough)
 Patricia Jones (Ossipee)
 George Luciano (New Hampton)
 Don St. Germain (Wolfeboro)
 Roger ter Kuile (Ossipee)
 Janet Towse (Alexandria)

ANNUAL MEETING

The June 29, 2015 Annual Meeting was held at the Chase House in Meredith with featured speaker Dr. Lindsey Rustad. Over 130 attendees socialized, enjoyed the awards presentations and Dr. Lindsey Rustad's speech. Dr. Rustad is a research ecologist for the USDA Forest Service Center for Research on Ecosystem Change in Durham, NH, co-director of the USDA Northeastern Hub for Risk Adaptation and Mitigation to Climate Change, and Team Leader for the Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest in NH.



Dr. Rustad said the climate is changing and we can read the signature of change in our own backyard. She gave a presentation on what she called "the Conundrum of Climate Change", or "what we know, don't know, and need to know" from both a global and local perspective. Dr. Rustad began tracking the rising levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere since 1800, which have reached unprecedented levels, and have continued to rise at a quickening pace. As the concentration of carbon dioxide increases, temperatures have climbed. Ten of the hottest years on record have occurred in the last 15 years and the hottest year ever was 2014 according to Dr. Rustad.

Warming temperatures have hastened the melting of sea ice, leading to rising sea levels. At the same time, the warming world has been marked by changing patterns of precipitation levels and a greater frequency of what she calls "extreme events" like heavy precipitation, severe droughts, and heat waves. Rustad explained that because of the diminished snow cover, the soil freezes to greater depths in the winter. This impairs the capacity of the roots of trees and shrubs to absorb nutrients, chiefly nitrates and phosphorus, and stunts the growth of their root systems. Instead, elevated levels of nitrates and phosphorus leach into the ground and surface water.

At Hubbard Brook, Dr. Rustad said the ice storm of 1998 was simulated by spraying trees with a fire hose amid freezing temperatures. The experiment confirmed that when the capacity of trees to absorb nutrients is impaired, elevated levels of nitrates and phosphorus are found in nearby surface water after an icing event.

She said more and more people, especially those whose livelihoods and life styles are affected, understand from experience that the climate is changing. "People are beginning to care," she said.



The Climate Change Conundrum:

What We Know, Don't Know, and Need to Know from Global to Local Perspectives

ANNUAL MEETING AWARDS



The highly coveted *B. Kimball Ayers, Jr. Award* was presented to *Janan Hays* of New Hampton for her countless hours championing the protection of New Hampshire lakes, particularly focused on loon preservation, controlling invasive exotic weeds such as purple loosestrife, and effectively creating public awareness of these and many other issues. The *B. Kimball Ayers, Jr. Award* is given annually by the Lakes Region Planning Commission in memory of B. Kimball Ayers, Jr. who faithfully and persistently worked to maintain and improve the environmental quality of the Lakes Region. (Pictured: Jeffrey Hayes, LRPC Executive

Director; Warren Hutchins, LRPC Executive Board Chair; and Janan Hays.)

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 John Cotton, LRPC Commissioner (Andover)
 Warren Hutchins, LRPC Commissioner (Laconia)
 Joseph Jesseman, LRPC Commissioner (Tilton)
 David Kerr, LRPC Commissioner (Barnstead)
 Jean Marshall (Chair), LRPC Commissioner (Freedom)

Carol Pierce, Regional Leadership Committee
 Shanna Saunders, Laconia City Planner
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 Robert Snelling (Vice-Chair) LRPC Commissioner (Holderness)
 Stephen Wingate, LRPC Commissioner (Tuftonboro)

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Joe Jesseman, LRPC Commissioner (Tilton)
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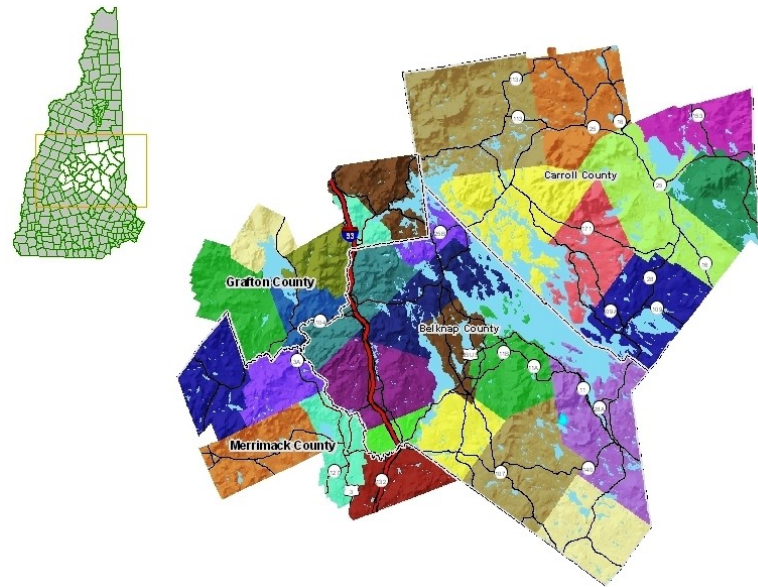
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 John Dever, III, (Alt.) Alton
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 Eli Badger, Ashland
 David Toth (Alt.), Ashland
 David Kerr, Barnstead
 Candace Daigle (Alt.) Belmont
 Rick Ball, Belmont
 Michael Capone (Alt.), Bristol
 Steve Favorite, Bristol
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 Elizabeth Dragon, Franklin
 Scott Brooks, Freedom
 Peter Nourse, Gilford
 Sheldon Morgan (Chair), Gilford
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 Barbara Lucas (Alt.), New Hampton
 Robert Pollock, New Hampton

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 David Bowles (Alt.), Tamworth
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THE LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION—1200 SQUARE MILES



LRPC COMMISSIONERS—FY 15

Alexandria TBD	Bridgewater TBD	Gilford John Ayer John Morgenstern	Meredith William Bayard Herb Vadney	Sandwich TBD
Alton Philip Wittmann	Bristol Steve Favorite	Gilmanton Wayne Ogni	Moultonborough Barbara Perry Paul Punturieri	Tamworth Patricia Farley James Hidden
Andover John Cotton	Center Harbor David Hughes	Hebron Mitch Manseau	New Hampton TBD	Tilton Joseph Jesseman Jonathan Scanlon
Ashland Cheryl Cox	Danbury Charlotte McIver	Hill TBD	Northfield Wayne Crowley Doug Read	Tuftonboro Dan Duffy Stephen Wingate
Barnstead David Allen David Kerr	Effingham Theresa Swanick	Holderness Robert Snelling	Ossipee Rick St. Jean	Wolfeboro Roger F. Murray, III Chuck Storm
Belmont TBD	Franklin Tony Giunta	Laconia Dean Anson, II Warren Hutchins Hamilton McLean	Sanbornton Dave Nickerson Ian Raymond	
	Freedom Jean Marshall			

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF—FY15

Jeffrey Hayes, MRP Executive Director	Carl Carder Bookkeeper	Michael Izard Principal Planner	Allen Constant Transportation Technician
Daniel Callister Regional Planner	Rosemarie Gelinis Administrative Assistant	David Jeffers Regional Planner	Ian McClure Transportation Technician

An **Award of Excellence** was presented to the **Laconia Boys & Girls Club** for providing youth with life enhancing programs and character development experiences that assist in developing productive, responsible, and caring adults. Walter Flinn accepted the award on behalf of the Laconia Boys & Girls Club. (Pictured: Jeffrey Hayes, LRPC Executive Director; Walter Flinn; and Warren Hutchins, LRPC Executive Board Chair.)



Karin Nelson, Chair of the Moultonborough Milfoil Committee accepted an **Award of Excellence** on behalf of the **Moultonborough Milfoil Committee** for protecting the quality of Lake Winnepesaukee and the economic health of the region. Other committee members include: Ginny Gassman, Paul Ardito, Al Hoch, Paul Daisy, Bev Nelson, Scott Bartlett, Dave Joyce and Cathy Cunningham. The goal is to bring the infestation of milfoil under control in all recreational waters, and streams. (Pictured: Karin Nelson and Warren Hutchins, LRPC Executive Board Chair.)

A **Community Service Award** was presented to **John Sherman**. Mr. Sherman is a retired local businessman who was one of the originators of Meredith's highly successful Great Rotary Fishing Derby. John served more than 30 years as trustee of the Meredith Village Savings Bank, was a former President of the NH Association of Independent Insurance Agencies and supported many important regional conservation projects. (Pictured: Jeffrey Hayes, LRPC Executive Director; John Sherman; and Warren Hutchins, LRPC Executive Board Chair.)



A **Community Service Award** was presented to **Ken Knowlton** who served 17 years (15 years as Chairman) providing guidance and leadership to the Belmont Conservation Commission and the community in making sound, environmentally progressive decisions. While employed with the State, Ken elevated the junkyard inspection and certification program into an effective method of protecting the environment. Ken has supported town projects sensitive to the environment through his 18 years on the Budget Committee, 8 years on the Public Works Advisory Committee, as well as participating on the Master Plan, Capital Improvements Plan, and Town Hall Study committees. (Pictured: Ken Knowlton and Warren Hutchins, LRPC Executive Board Chair.)

A **Community Service Award** was presented to **Robert Hatch**, who is a current member of the Freedom Conservation Commission. He has spent considerable time researching the impact of effluent on Ossipee Lake after noticing a significant decline in the water quality over the last 20 years. He became very concerned about the number of occupants in rental houses on the lake and the number of bedrooms served by older inadequate septic systems. Rob brought his concerns to the attention of the Freedom Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, and the Green Mountain Conservation Group. (Pictured: Robert Hatch; Jeffrey Hayes, LRPC Executive Director; and Warren Hutchins, LRPC Executive Board Chair.)



LRPC would like to thank its Annual Meeting Sponsors:

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Commissioners
Lakes Region Planning Commission
Meredith, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of the Lakes Region Planning Commission which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, and the related statements of resources and expenses and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United State of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

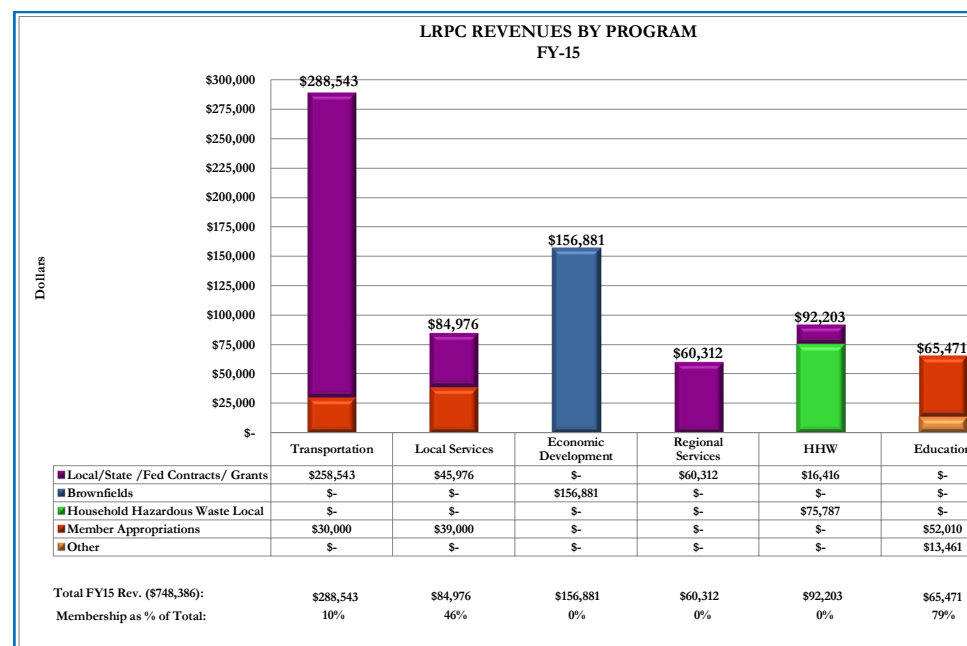
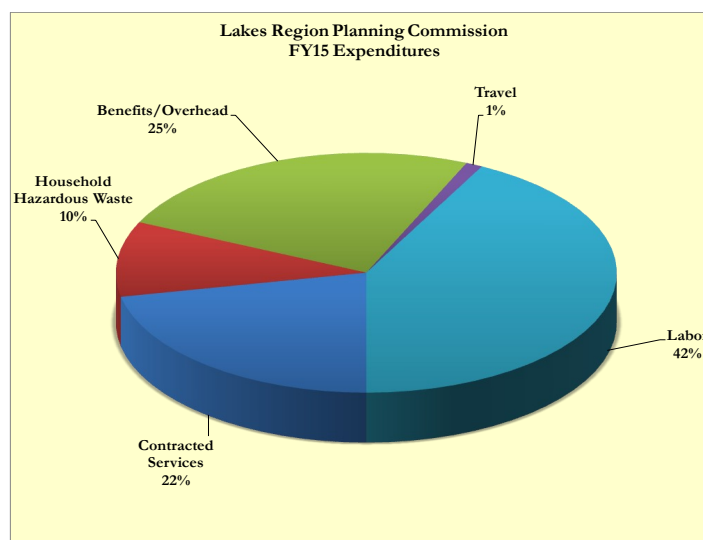
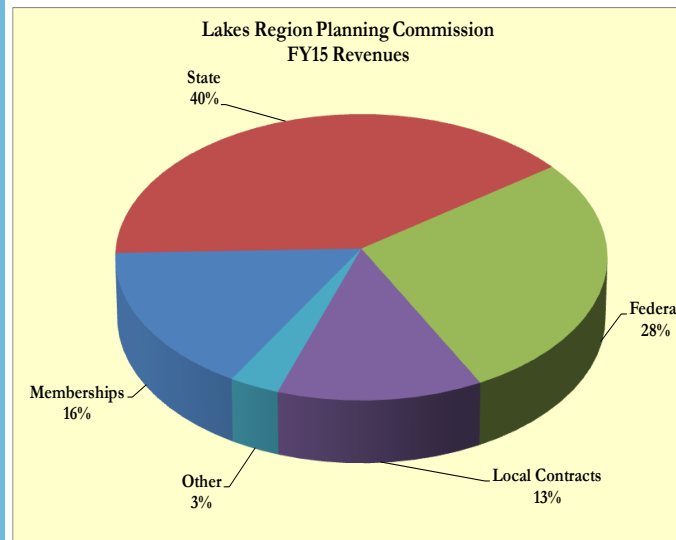
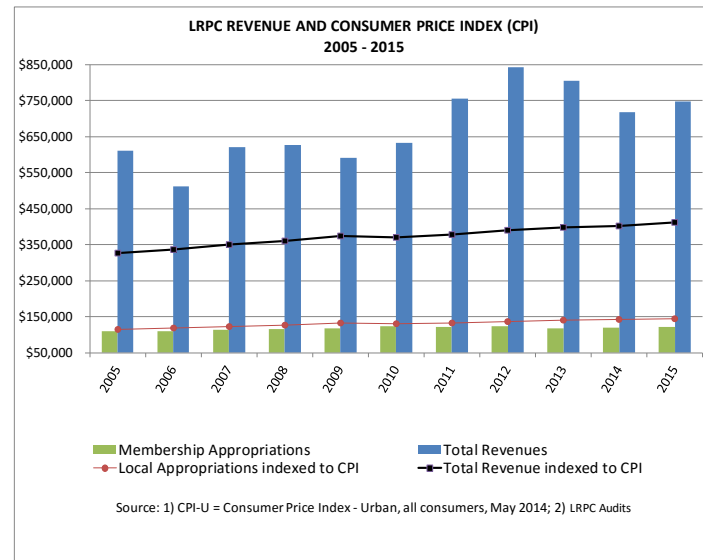
Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Lakes Region Planning Commission as of June 30, 2015 and 2014, and the changes in its fund balances and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Burnham & Malmborg
Concord, New Hampshire
August 27, 2015

FY15 Budget

The charts below show the distribution of actual revenues and expenditures from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Every membership dollar leveraged nearly *seven dollars* in contracts, grants, and other income.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The Commission's services are organized around six program areas: Regional Services, Local Services, Household Hazardous Waste, Transportation, Economic Development, and Education/Resources. Examples of each are described below.

Regional Services

From the beginning, the Planning Commission has focused on a variety of challenges from conserving and protecting the region's natural resources to planning for modern infrastructure. Our focus on these issues remains undiminished today.

In cooperation with the NH Office of Energy and Planning, the NH Department of Environmental Services, the University of New Hampshire, our regional watershed associations, and local communities, the bulk of our current regional services are as follows:

- Watershed protection;
- Stormwater management;
- Commercial, industrial, and residential Development trends;
- High-speed broadband planning;
- River corridor management;
- Regional planning.

Regional Services FY15:

- LRPC accomplished the following:
- Completed a Comprehensive Lakes Region Plan in accordance with NH RSA 36;
 - Produced updated regional development trends report of commercial and industrial permitting;
 - Assisted with the Suncook River fluvial erosion hazard study;
 - Provided administrative and technical assistance to the Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee;
 - Further developed the Winnepesaukee Gateway website;
 - Completed a regional broadband plan with updated broadband coverage maps.

Local Services

Local technical assistance continues to be a mainstay of our activities. As communities continue to face important questions about how best to plan for their future, we are available to:

- Prepare local master plans and capital improvement plans;
- Assist with innovative planning tools such as impact fees, steep slope ordinances, stormwater management, site plan review;
- Prepare and update hazard mitigation plans in cooperation with NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management;
- Offer guidance on preparing or amending zoning ordinances and subdivision and site plan review regulations;
- Assist local planning and zoning boards and conservation commissions with the review of development proposals through our Circuit Rider program;
- Create and produce a variety of useful and attractive maps.

Local Services FY15:

- In FY15, LRPC accomplished the following:
- Continued Circuit Rider assistance;
 - Prepared hazard mitigation plans for submission to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA);
 - Produced maps on request using our Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for member communities;
 - Provided technical planning assistance via phone, internet, and in person;
 - Conducted extensive mapping services for Alton;
 - Assisted Bristol with a master plan update;
 - Conducted a Natural Resources chapter for the Laconia Master Plan in coordination with NH Audubon.



LRPC VISION STATEMENT

The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is recognized as the leader in providing a balanced approach to planning throughout the region. Interactions between the communities and the LRPC are effective in representing the region to the state and federal organizations.

Household Hazardous Waste

The annual Lakes Region household hazardous waste (HHW) collections are a highly anticipated Lakes Region summer tradition. Initiated by LRPC in 1986, the regional collections in late July and early August are supported by the two dozen participating communities with supplemental funding from the NH Department of Environmental Services. All communities are welcome.

In 2002, the LRPC provided seed funding to construct a Lakes Region permanent household hazardous product facility that has progressed to six monthly May through October collections. In 2013, founding members Alton and Wolfeboro were joined by Tuftonboro.

Household Hazardous Waste FY15:

This summer, a decade-high 1,936 households from 24 communities participated and safely disposed of over 35 tons of HHW. Sixty percent (60%) responded that they would like to see medicine collections added in the future. Please check our website at <http://www.lakesrpc.org/servicehhw.asp> for alternatives to hazardous products disposal options, and details about our collections.



Transportation

In partnership with the NH Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration, LRPC has been committed to improving the regional transportation system for more than 25 years. Among our typical services, we:

- Conduct annual traffic counts and road inventories;
- Maintain an extensive database of traffic-related information;
- Facilitate and prepare regional transportation plans and studies that are used in the NH Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan;
- Assist communities with Safe Routes to School, bike paths, intersection improvements, and advocate for local and regional transportation needs;
- Encourage public involvement, primarily through an active Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) of local representatives and public meetings;
- Provide technical assistance to regional transit providers.

Transportation FY15:

In FY15, LRPC accomplished the following:

- Conducted annual traffic counts at approximately 174 locations around the region;
- Assisted communities with road safety management systems analysis;
- Coordinated and conducted meetings of the regional Transportation Technical Advisory Committee;
- Completed a Travel Demand Management Plan;
- Conducted substantial work on the Lakes Region Scenic Byway;
- Provided staff assistance to two public transportation groups: the Carroll County Regional Coordinating Council, and the Mid-State Regional Coordinating Council;
- Updated a regional transportation chapter for the Comprehensive Lakes Region Plan;
- Developed and launched a Regional Transportation resources webpage;
- Began piloting a regional asset management inventory;
- Completed a regional travel and tourism livability report.



Economic Development

The region's early heritage includes agriculture and industrial mills that were built during the 1800's. Today tourism, medical care, retail businesses, social services, public and private schools and colleges, as well as advanced manufacturing drive the local economy. To facilitate the potential reuse of lands and buildings and to actively engage in improving the regional economy, the LRPC:

- Interacts with representatives from local economic development organizations;
- Serves on the Boards of the Belknap Economic Development Council, NH Business Finance Authority, and NH Economic Development Advisory Committee;
- Maintains and supports a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS); and
- Convenes forums on development issues affecting the region.

Economic Development FY15:

In FY15, the LRPC supported projects that were included in the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy completed by LRPC in FY14.

LRPC's brownfields program received a boost from a new three-year \$200,000 grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to assist Lakes Region communities with assessments of vacant and underutilized sites due to concerns about environmental contamination. The LRPC and Brownfields Advisory Committee identified sites having good potential for redevelopment and offered environmental assessments.

The LRPC continues to work with area and statewide economic development organizations and pursue relevant opportunities with the Economic Development Administration .



Laconia Public Library



Scenic View of Red Hill



Agriculture



Tourism



Education/Resources

The LRPC convenes a number of informative workshops and meetings and offers a wealth of published resources online and in our library. Our knowledgeable staff also provide technical assistance by email, over the phone, and in-person meetings. For example, we:

- Host citizen education workshops on issues of local and regional importance, e.g. housing, water quality, law lecture series, economics, etc.;
- Maintain a digital and traditional library of significant planning documents from air quality to zoning;
- Prepare strategic planning reports such as demographic studies, build-out analyses, and attitude surveys;
- Offer facilitation and consensus building on pressing local and regional issues;
- Provide access to LRPC resources through our website www.lakesrpc.org;
- Scan large format maps and maintain a large mapping library;
- Conduct commission meetings each year, featuring a different topic of interest and different regional locations.

Education/Resources FY15

A fundamental service of the Commission is the collection and dissemination of current, timely, and reliable information to our cities and towns. While information technology has dramatically changed the way we process and report information, our steadfast commitment to educate, inform, and converse with local officials and the public on local and regional planning topics and legislation remains. From the preparation of maps using Geographic Information Systems to review of new zoning amendments, the LRPC staff is available to serve our members. LRPC provides professional staff to answer questions from our communities. Timely access to information services and trained planners remains a focus and core strength of the LRPC and will continue into the future.

MISSION

The Lakes Region Planning Commission serves the communities of the Lakes Region. Our mission is to provide effective planning, in order to achieve and sustain a quality environment, a dynamic economy, and local cultural values by supporting community efforts through leadership, education, technical assistance, information, advocacy, coordination and responsive representation.