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Strafford Regional Planning Commission 2014 Report

Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) has been active in regional planning for over 40 years as one of nine regional planning commissions established by the New Hampshire Legislature. SRPC strives to create strong community connections to accurately reflect municipal priorities and values. SRPC's planning staff use collaborative processes with our eighteen municipalities and partner agencies contributing to the successful development of plans and projects that preserve and enhance the quality of life in the region.

SRPC ensures the region is responsive to the needs of its residents and municipalities. This process is guided, not only by staff knowledge, but with able assistance from Commissioners, appointed volunteers who provide support and guidance to the overall organization. With this range of expertise and advice, SRPC is able to provide effective planning and facilitation services in transportation, broadband, master plans, demographics, economic development, land use, housing, natural resources, water resources, data collection and analysis, mapping and GIS, hazard mitigation, and climate change adaptation.

2014 Specific Accomplishments in Farmington:

- Completed update to the Farmington Hazard Mitigation Plan; the plan was approved by FEMA
- Conducted forty-eight culvert assessments to support local planning efforts
- Updated map sets: crash data, conservation, water resources, transportation, community features, aerial and land use
- Distributed *New Hampshire Planning and Land Use Regulation* books to local land use boards

Goals for 2015 for the Region:

- Adoption of the Regional Master Plan – **Local Solutions for the Strafford Region**
- Adoption of the Regional Broadband Plan and Regional Housing Needs Assessment
- Update the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy 2011-2016
- Update the 2015-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan
- Carryout transportation project solicitation for the Ten Year Plan
- Continue to seek Brownfields assessment grant for the region
- Receive federal designation as Economic Development District from the Economic Development Agency providing municipalities with access to additional infrastructure and program development grants (pending EDA final action)
- Assist UNH Wildcat and COAST transit providers in development of transit routes and services
- Work with municipalities and residents to pilot the Park n Ride Toolkit
- Develop online web maps and applications for use by the public, using ArcGIS online
- Conduct culvert assessments and sidewalk inventories to support local planning efforts
- Continue to enhance water resource protection by working with municipalities to improve drinking water protection
- Educate and enhance awareness and implementation of green infrastructure
- Enhance public health in the region through participation on the Public Health Advisory Council
- Host EPA Building Blocks Smart Growth trainings with communities on walkability and complete streets audits
- Work with municipalities and businesses to attract new public and private investments to the Strafford region
- Assist citizens in the development of agricultural databases and development of production systems and capacity
- Continue to provide education and outreach on multi- hazard mitigation strategies, low impact development
- Continue local transportation planning tasks in support of safety, mobility, and access management

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We look forward to working with the citizens and officials of Farmington in 2015. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and for your continuing support of regional planning. Further questions or comments can be referred to Cynthia Copeland, AICP, Executive Director at cjc@strafford.org. We can be found on Twitter and Facebook! We also have a blog at http://strafford.org/magazine/ Please visit our website at www.strafford.org for more information.

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