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Strafford Regional Planning Commission 2015 Report

Established by state legislation in 1969 the regional planning commissions serve in an advisory role to local governments and community organizations. The Strafford Regional Planning Commission is composed of eighteen municipalities including all thirteen in Strafford County, three in Rockingham County, and two in Carroll County. Its mission is to assure that the region is responsive to the needs of its residents through cooperative actions with municipalities and federal and state agencies, through the implementation of regional plans, and through local planning assistance. Together these actions foster sustainable development and improve the quality of life in the region. The Commission's professional staff provide transportation, land use, economic development, hazard mitigation, water, public health, and natural resource planning services; geographic information services (GIS); data collection and analysis; facilitation; and project management.

2015 Specific Accomplishments in Barrington:

- Worked with Planning Board on town master plan. SRPC drafted the Existing Land Use and Housing & Demographics chapters. The draft chapters are being reviewed by the Planning Board and will be adopted in December 2015.
- Worked on fluvial erosion and FEMA 100-year flood zone maps for the Isinglass River.
- Updated Barrington's Watershed and Conservation Lands Map.
- Initiated the update to the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan will be completed in 2016.
- Met with Town officials to solicit transportation projects for the Statewide Ten Year Transportation Plan.
- Distributed *New Hampshire Planning and Land Use Regulation* books to local land use boards.
- Adopted an update to the Regional Master Plan – **Local Solutions for the Strafford Region**.
- Adopted a Regional Broadband Plan and updated Regional Housing Needs Assessment.

Goals for 2016 for the Region:

- Provide technical assistance through mapping efforts.
- Develop online web maps and applications for use by the public using ArcGIS online.
- Carryout Brownfields assessment grant for the region.
- Update the 2015-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.
- Carry out SHRP2 performance measure project with NHDOT, MPOs, our communities, and other stakeholders.
- Continue to implement regional data collection and analysis in preparation for performance metrics.
- Continue local transportation planning tasks in support of safety, mobility, and access management.
- Use federal designation as an Economic Development District to provide municipalities with access to additional infrastructure and program development grants.
- Work with municipalities and businesses to attract new public and private investments to the Strafford region.
- Provide technical assistance to communities updating their floodplain and/or stormwater regulations.
- Pilot an accounting and tracking tool in order to assist the region in complying with MS4 requirements.
- Continue to work with municipalities on efforts that improve drinking water protection.
- Boost the implementation of green infrastructure projects.
- Continue to provide education and outreach on multi-hazard mitigation strategies, and low impact development.
- Continue development in the following three planning program areas to benefit the region's communities: energy/utilities, community health and safety, and resiliency to climate adaptation.
- Enhance public health in the region through participation on the Public Health Advisory Council and Executive Committee for Strafford County.

We look forward to working with the citizens and officials of Barrington in 2016. 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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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cynthia Copeland". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C'.