



WELCOME TO THE Lakes Region Planning Commission

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.

VISION

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.

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WHAT THE COMMISSION IS

The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is a voluntary association of local governments dedicated to providing multiple services that enhance the overall living conditions and environment of the region. Authorized under NHRSA 36:45, the LRPC's basic purpose is to "prepare a coordinated plan for the development of the region". In addition to its well-known role in regional planning, the agency is responsive to the changing conditions and demands of its members and the general public. Per RSA 36:47, "a regional planning commission's powers are advisory, and shall generally pertain to the development of the region within its jurisdiction as a whole."

RSA 36:50 further states that "a regional planning commission may assist the planning board of any municipality within the delineated region to carry out any regional plan or plans developed by said commission". We also provide assistance to city councils, selectmen, conservation commissions, and local boards or groups. Our mission is to provide a quality environment, to increase economic opportunity and to encourage cultural development by supporting local efforts with education, technical assistance, information, advocacy, and responsive representation.

Throughout the United States, communities continue to be under pressure to find the most efficient and effective solutions for a multitude of challenges. Here in the Lakes Region, public concern for viable communities, open space, lake access, and a clean environment are interwoven with current demands for effective public education, desirable jobs, affordable housing, and efficient roads, among others. Reliance on municipal budgets alone often make individual solutions impractical. To meet these challenges, the LRPC exists to assist our area with improving and developing responsive and innovative efforts to address these issues.

The Lakes Region Planning Commission prepares an annual program describing the activities the organization expects to carry out during the next twelve months. The Work Plan identifies work, sets priorities, and defines tasks in each of the LRPC's program areas. These programs continue the Board's orientation toward a locally-directed effort, responsive to regional needs and issues.

We invite you to inquire about our efforts and to become more knowledgeable about the many regional and local issues that LRPC addresses in this special part of New Hampshire.