Strafford Regional Planning Commission 2010 Report

Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC), a political subdivision of the State of New Hampshire, serves in an advisory role to the Town of Lee and seventeen other communities. We provide planning services to assist officials, boards and citizens in managing growth and development and to foster regional collaborative efforts.

SRPC’s professional staff offers a range of planning services in transportation, land use, economic development, natural resources and geographic information systems (GIS) mapping and analysis. These services are available in customized modes to meet the diverse needs of communities. Access is also provided to SRPC educational resources including our website, library, workshops and forums, and customized training.

2010 Accomplishments:

- Collected Broadband Internet data from community anchor institutions as part of the NH Broadband Mapping Program
- Completed four traffic counts for NHDOT’s annual traffic count program
- Completed Air Quality Conformity travel demand model runs for Transportation Plan and NH Ten Year Plan transportation projects
- Updated the Conservation Commission’s land conservation maps for Town Meeting
- Prepared a crash rate map based on reported vehicle accidents in 2009
- Updated the Town’s standardized map set to include transportation, conservation land, water resources and aerial maps
- Coordinated with Town officials to update new conservation parcels into the NH Conservation/Public Lands layer for GRANIT
- Collected building permit data for all new construction; geocoded information to create an updated building permit map of all locations
- Worked with Town officials for submittal of the Oyster River into the NH Rivers Management and Protection Program
- Worked with Oyster River Watershed Association preparing nomination documents for Oyster River
- Coordinated Bike Walk to Work Day activities
- Distributed New Hampshire Planning and Land Use Regulation books to Town land use boards
- Assisted Town in preparation of grant proposals

SRPC provided the following services to all municipalities in 2010:

- Hosted presentation with Washington DC Census Bureau staff regarding the Census 2010 draft criteria for developing Urban Area boundaries
- Approved amendments to 2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Developed and approved the 2011 –2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Published the maps and database for 2010 Annual Listing of Obligated Projects receiving federal transportation funds
- Collaborated with Alliance for Community Transportation (ACT) to provide coordinated transportation for human service agencies in southeastern NH
- Published an email newsletter and alerts to keep communities informed of meeting schedules, events, local news and other beneficial information
• Downloaded and displayed the latest demographic and economic data to SRPC web page as tools for municipalities to utilize in planning effort

Goals for 2011:

• Create a Strafford County Comprehensive Economic Development document by June 2011, including Brookfield and Wakefield in Carroll County
• Assist communities in their efforts to increase energy efficiency through the Energy Technical Assistance & Planning for NH Communities (ETAP) Program
• Solicit transportation projects for inclusion in the NH Ten Year Plan and Strafford Metropolitan Transportation Plan
• Begin broadband planning for the region as next phase of the NH Broadband Mapping and Planning Project

We look forward to working with the citizens and officials of Lee in 2011. 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. Please visit our website at www.strafford.org.

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