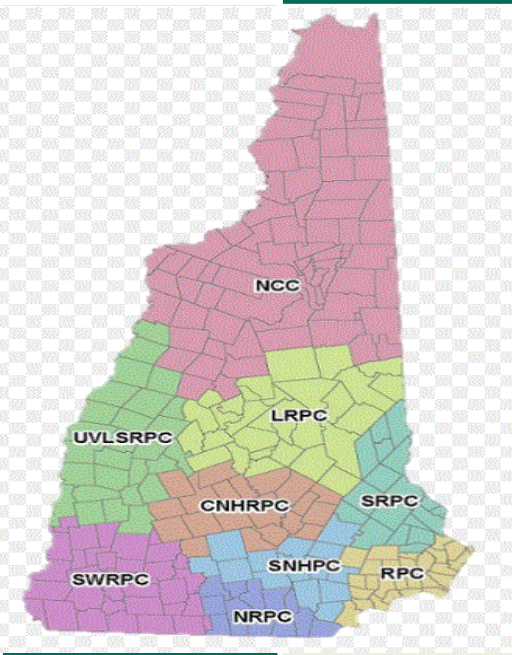


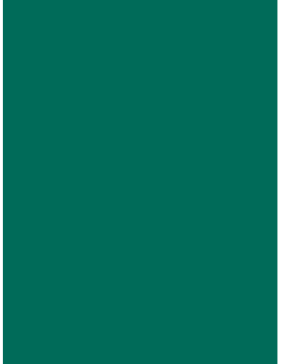


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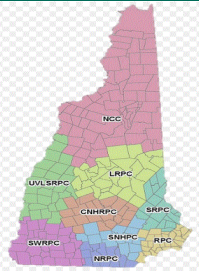


The ABCs of RPCs

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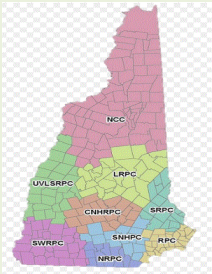


Why were Regional Planning Commissions formed?



“A well-defined regional planning program will supply the various communities with the help they require in planning for the present and future needs of New Hampshire residents, aiding in the growth, development, and prosperity expected for the years ahead.”

Report of Governor John W. King’s Committee on Regional Planning, March 1969.





Why were Regional Planning Commissions formed?



REGIONAL PLANNING NEW HAMPSHIRE

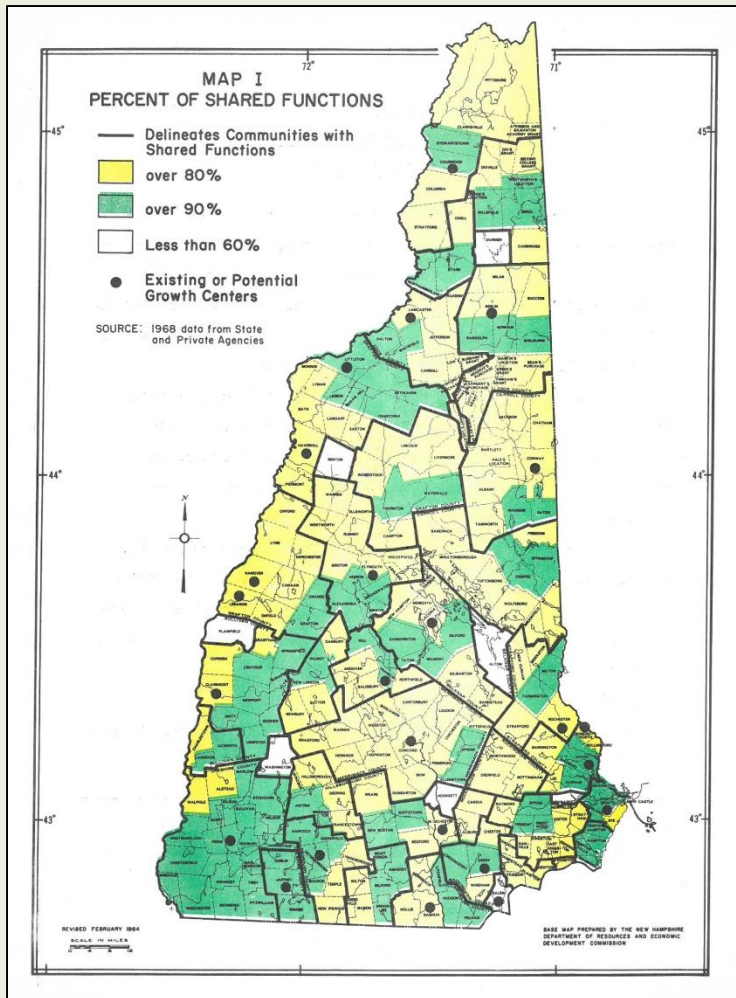
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The Governor's Committee on Regional Planning identified the following needs:

- Ensure that municipalities were coordinated in the access to and delivery of federal grant programs.
- Facilitate the development of regional relationships for the delivery of certain community services.
- Conduct comprehensive regional planning to support community planning.



How were RPC Regions formed?



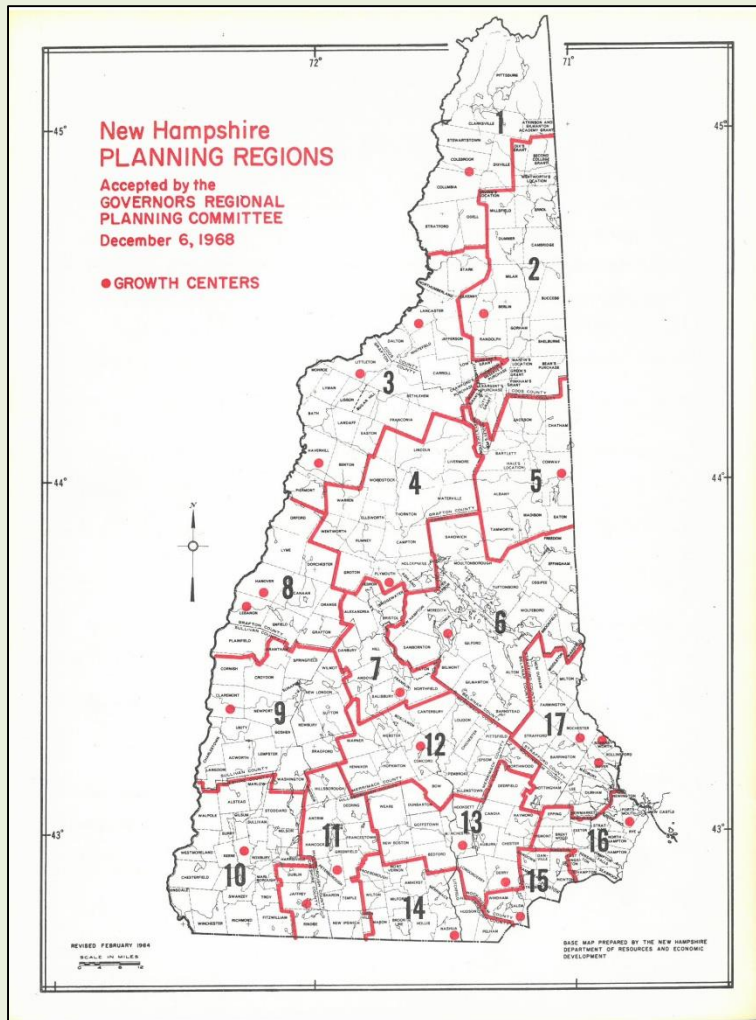
The University of New Hampshire completed a “Delineation Study” to determine regional boundaries.

The Delineation Study considered:

- Regional groupings in use at the time by State Government (e.g. tourism);
- Shared functions between municipalities;
- The “potential for urban activity” in municipalities; and
- The location of existing or potential regionally-significant “growth centers.”



How were RPC regions formed?

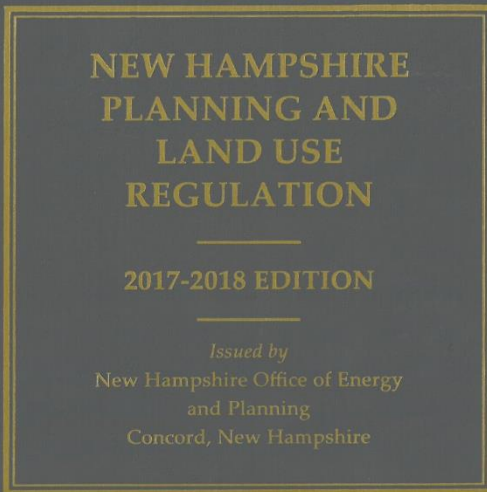


Originally, 17 regions were identified. Eventually, these consolidated into the nine regions we know today.

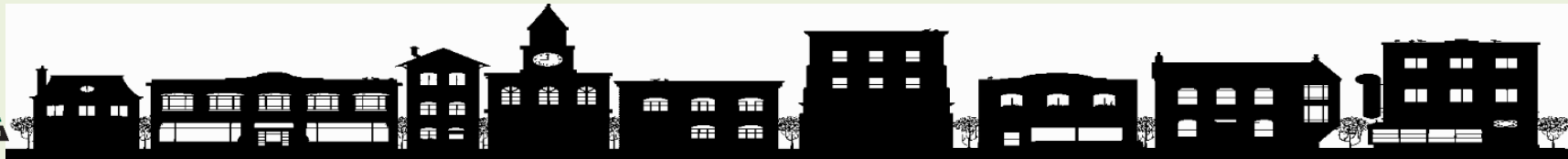
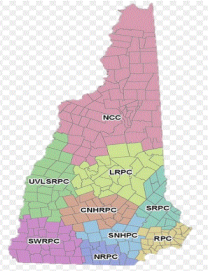
- Regions 1-5: North Country Council
- Regions 6-7: Lakes RPC
- Regions 8-9: Upper Valley Lake Sunapee RPC
- Regions 10-11: Southwest RPC
- Region 12: Central NH RPC
- Region 13: Southern NH RPC
- Region 14: Nashua RPC
- Regions 15-16: Rockingham RPC
- Region 17: Strafford RPC



The Establishment of RSA Chapter 36



- In March 1969, the report of the Governor's Committee on Regional Planning was published.
- The recommendations from the report were implemented quickly, as RSA Chapter 36 went into effect on August 29, 1969.
- RSA Chapter 36, as revised over the years, continues to be the enabling legislation that establishes the powers and duties of Regional Planning Commissions.



Name the first director of the Office of State Planning who was instrumental in organizing RPCs in New Hampshire?

1. Walter Peterson
2. Dudley Dudley
3. Mary Louise Hancock
4. Stuart Arnett
5. Jeff Taylor





Powers and Duties of Regional Planning Commissions (RSA 36)



1. Provide **ADVISORY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE** on local planning matters as requested by municipalities or counties. Municipalities may ask for and take the advice of RPCs, but jurisdiction for development decisions lies with local planning boards.
2. Prepare a comprehensive **REGIONAL MASTER PLAN**.
3. Prepare a **REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT**.
4. Cooperate with municipalities and counties to **IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS** for the “full development, improvement, protection, and preservation of the region’s physical and historical resources.”
5. Assume the status of a butter to review and provide formal comments on designated **DEVELOPMENTS OF REGIONAL IMPACT**.

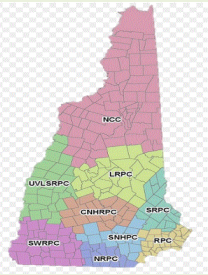




Other Powers and Duties of Regional Planning Commissions



6. Provide a **REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM** to the NHDOT by April 1st of each odd-numbered year (RSA 228:99).
7. Form **INTERSTATE REGIONAL PLANNING COMPACTS** through negotiation with counterparts in Maine, Massachusetts, and/or Vermont (RSA 36-B).
8. Serve on **STATE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS** including the Business Finance Authority (RSA 162-A), NH Rail Transit Authority (RSA 238-A), State Coordinating Council for Community Transportation (RSA 239-B), and numerous others.
9. Recommend the formation of **REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICTS** to affected local legislative bodies (RSA 38-B).





Organization and Financial Structure of Regional Planning Commissions



- RPCs are **POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS** of the State of New Hampshire under RSA 36:49-a. As such, RPCs are public sector agencies.
 - RPCs are not non-profit organizations, corporations, political, or lobbying organizations.
- RPCs have no power to tax. RPCs are financially supported by **MEMBERSHIP DUES VOLUNTARILY PAID BY MUNICIPALITIES**.
 - Under RSA 36:49, municipalities may not vote in the affairs of the Commission unless their annual dues have been paid.
 - RPCs may not incur debts exceeding a term of one-year.





The Federal Role of Metropolitan Planning Organizations



- Four RPCs also serve as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) within their regions.

- **Nashua Regional Planning Commission**
- **Rockingham Planning Commission**
- **Southern NH Planning Commission**
- **Strafford Regional Planning Commission**



- As MPOs under 23 CFR 450, these four RPCs have a direct role in the programming of Federal transportation funding, including:
 - Developing and Maintaining a Transportation Improvement Program and a Long-Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan.



RPC Services Today



- Circuit Rider Planning Services
- Master Plan Assistance
- Assistance with Updating Local Regulations
- Capital Improvement Program Development
- Impact Fee Development
- Public Engagement and Third-party Facilitation
- GIS Mapping and Analysis
- Hazard Mitigation Planning
- MS4 Permitting Assistance
- Solid Waste Planning
- Brownfields Assessment
- CEDS and Economic Development Assistance
- Traffic Counting
- Road Surface Management Systems
- Road Safety Audits
- Transit Service Design

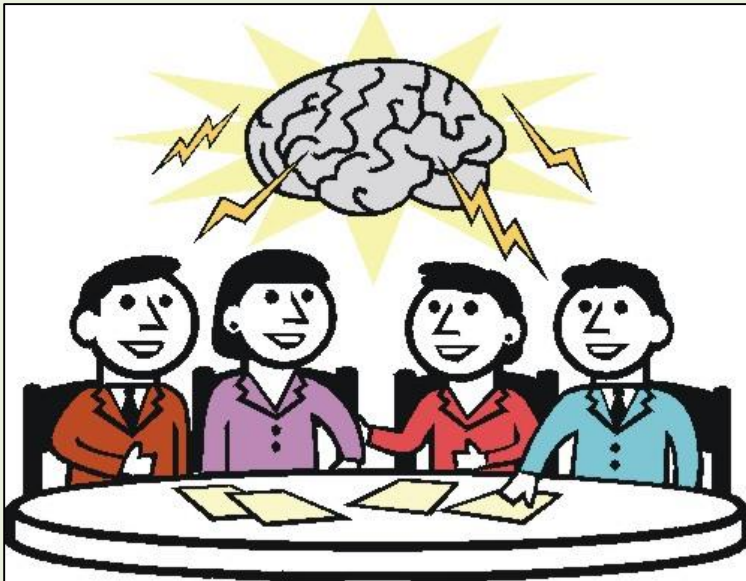
...and many more!



RPC Services Tomorrow



The RPC services of tomorrow will be steered by RPC Commissioners.



- Implementing Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Projects?
- Integrating Public Health and Planning?
- Planning for Age-Friendly Communities?
- Planning for Autonomous Vehicle Deployment?
- Facilitating Public-Private Partnerships for Infrastructure?
- All of the above?



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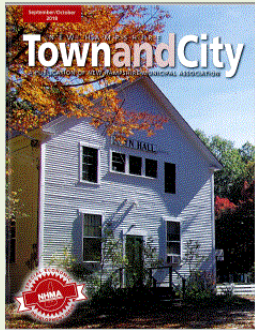
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Sept./Oct., 2017 Article: *What is the 2017 NH Small MS4 General Permit and How Can Your RPC Help?*

Sept. 13, 2017 Webinar: *Demystifying the MS4 Permit*

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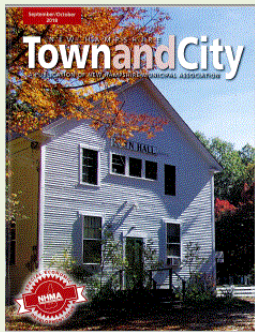
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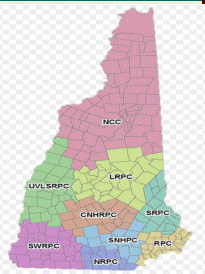
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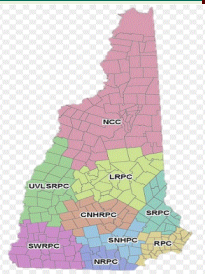
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Friday, September 28

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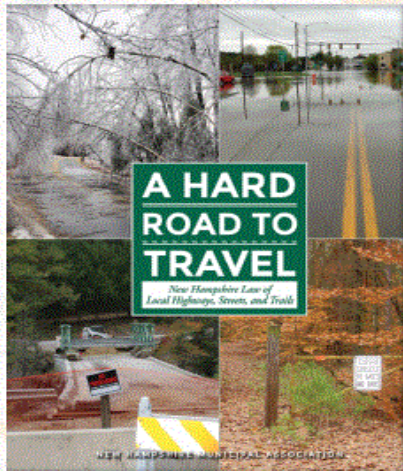
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