



Strafford Regional Planning Commission

“Planning and action for sustainable development and an improved quality of life”.

PRESS RELEASE

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REGIONAL PLANNERS PROPOSE NEW TOWN AT PUBLIC WORKSHOP

PUBLIC WORKSHOP REPORT

By 2020, there will be 30,000 new residents living in the region requiring 12-15,000 new dwelling units according to the SRPC. This development will be coupled with related needs for transportation, business services, schools, water and wastewater treatment. Where are these new residents going to live? What type of housing is needed? When should the development occur? What will it cost?

Citizens concerned about growth management, water resources, property taxes, open space, traffic congestion, and other regional issues gathered at the Public Workshop sponsored by the Strafford Regional Planning Commission. The Public Workshop took place at the Roland Roberge Community Center in Rochester on Saturday, October 2, 2004 from 8 am to 12 noon. Attendees included citizens, municipal officials, business owners, and non-profit organization representatives.

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The Vision 2020 Workshop's purpose was to hear public and business sector views on regional issues, and to obtain suggestions for policies and strategies needed to achieve results. During the workshop participants broke out into two focus groups to discuss concerns and goals for the region. The final product of the Vision 2020 program will be an adopted Regional Master Plan Vision Statement, policy goals and implementations strategies.

Public Access to Information

Information about the Vision 2020 – Strafford Region Planning Program is posted on the SRPC website at www.strafford.org and is available at the SRPC office, via mail, or by calling SRPC.

Persons wishing to comment on regional planning issues, the vision for the region, goals and projects are welcome to send email at srpc@strafford.org, call (603) 742-2523, or attend meetings of the Strafford Regional Planning Commission.

The vision statement will be adopted in the Regional Master Plan. The Master Plan functions like a municipal codebook. It includes policies (i.e., commitments to take action) and implementation strategies (i.e., how it will be accomplished) that will be periodically updated and used to guide decision making and budgeting.

Additional Meetings

Additional SRPC meetings planned as part of the Vision 2020- Strafford Region Master Plan update process include:

- Tuesday, November 23, 2004, 7-9PM

SRPC Second Quarter Commission Meeting: Vision 2020 - Public Hearing and Adoption

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of Vision Statement section of Regional Master Plan

Frisbie Community Education & Conference Center Strafford Room, Rochester.

Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC)

SRPC's mission is to plan and take action to achieve sustainable development and improve the quality of life in the region. To do this SRPC serves as an advisor to local governments and organizations on planning, development and conservation issues. SRPC has been active in regional planning for over 30 years as one of the nine Regional Planning Commissions established by the New Hampshire legislature through RSA 36:46. SRPC is composed of eighteen communities including all thirteen municipalities in Strafford County, three communities in Rockingham County and two communities in Carroll County.

SRPC works to improve the region by coordinating local planning, balancing economic progress with environmental protection and community well-being, promoting orderly growth and efficient land use and transportation systems, and addressing issues of regional concern. SRPC's professional planning staff assists in land use, transportation, environmental and economic development planning; support services; project management; and geographic information system mapping and analysis.

Municipalities, persons or organizations may contact SRPC by calling 603/742-2523 or by e-mail at srpc@strafford.org

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