



Strafford Regional Planning Commission

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

PRESS RELEASE

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TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND LOSS OF NATURAL AREAS TOP CONCERNS OF REGIONAL OFFICIALS

SRPC REGIONAL SURVEY REPORT

Traffic congestion, loss of natural areas, lack of public transportation, water quantity, water quality, and growth are the top issues of concern as determined by a survey issued by Strafford Regional Planning Commission. The survey, sent out in early September, asked for citizens to list their top three concerns in response to Regional, Local, and Local Planning Administrative Issues. As of November 1, 2004 62 surveys have been received representing 17 communities within the Strafford Region. In response to local planning administrative issues participants were most concerned with a need to update ordinances, lack of communication/cooperation between boards, lack of staff/volunteers, and a lack of training for community leaders. To address these issues SRPC is making an effort to update the vision statement along with policies and implementation strategies in the Master Plan.

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.

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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 Meeting

Additional SRPC meeting 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 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

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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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