Established in 1959, the Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) is the oldest of New Hampshire's nine regional planning commissions. Formed by the City of Nashua and the Town of Hudson to address highway congestion and coordinate land use development, that same spirit of regional cooperation and problem-solving characterizes the commission's activities today.

Now serving 13 municipalities, including Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Litchfield, Lyndeborough, Mason, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, Pelham, and Wilton, the commission focuses on developing and implementing innovative planning strategies that preserve and improve the quality of life in Southern New Hampshire. NRPC provides its member communities with comprehensive planning services addressing environmental, land use, transportation, and regional planning issues as well as offering mapping and data services that utilize the latest technologies.

The commission's maxim: "Value Yesterday, Enhance Tomorrow. Plan Today," characterizes NRPC's integrated and results driven approach to planning. In a region with a long and storied history, the commission strives to honor the past and preserve its historic traditions while contributing to make the region the best possible place to live, work, and play both today and for the benefit of future generations.

NRPC's skilled staff and acumen at collaborating with multiple and diverse parties results in planning that is innovative, inclusive, technically sound, and driven by public involvement. The commission's commitment to meeting the highest professional standards has been formally recognized by the Northern New England Chapter of the American Planning Association.



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# NRPC Community Planning Services

A customized planning approach for communities in the Nashua region

Master Plans
Neighborhood Plans
Town Center Plans
Overlay Districts
Corridor Plans
Recreation Plans

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## Community Planning Services

Community planning includes Master Planning, as well as neighborhood plans, town center master plans, overlay districts, corridor plans, and recreation plans. We know our communities and appreciate their unique character. We'll work with you on a customized approach that considers the goals and priorities of the Board, the status of existing community regulations, and other concurrent planning initiatives. Our plans are distinguished by realistic and effective strategies for public outreach, plan development, and adoption -all of which can be scaled up or down according to available fiscal, staffing, and information resources.









#### Initial Consultation Research and Scope Development

Define community goals and priorities, discuss menu of options and outreach strategies. Develop an approach that best suits community needs and budget.

#### **Public Outreach**

Conduct public outreach strategies selected from NRPC's suite of proven public outreach techniques.

#### Plan Development and Adoption

Incorporate public input and data analysis to develop plan. Create maps, visuals and presentations to promote discussion and adoption.

#### Customized Approach for Maintaining and Updating Community Plans

Develop an implementation program and provide recommendations for grants and other funding opportunities.

### NRPC's Master Plan Illustrations

NRPC's master plan illustrations and renderings reinforce the vision of local planning strategies by providing a visual interpretation of specific goals, putting the plan into a perspective that people can understand. The illustrative plan also serves as a reference that is accessible outside of a written plan and can be viewed off the shelf.



#### Sample Work, Merrimack, NH

NRPC assisted the Town of Merrimack with developing a Town Center and Pedestrian Trail Master Plan in 2009, which provided recommendations for the town to take specific actions to achieve a unified and well developed town center. The plan addresses sidewalks, trails, safety, design and parking; all critical elements of a successful town center.

Merrimack
Town Center Pedestrian
and Trail Master Plan

