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Value yesterday. Enhance tomorrow. Plan today.

The NRPC provides comprehensive planning services for local land use, transportation, and environmental planning efforts, and delivers extensive mapping and data assistance utilizing the latest technologies. Membership in NRPC allows communities to access customized services by request as well as resources such as:

- **Transportation Planning:** Grant writing, custom traffic counts and data, transportation modeling, intersection analysis, road safety audits, road surface management, and parking studies.
- **Land Use Planning:** Customized land use board training and materials, draft ordinance and regulation review, special projects and research assistance, fact sheets, guidebooks and educational resources, master plan consultation, and project scoping.
- **Data and GIS Mapping:** Demographic data and analysis, mapping data and standard map sets, GIS community needs assessments, production of annual tax maps and online interactive apps.
- **Environment and Energy:** Group energy purchase for municipal and school facilities, consultation for local Energy Committees, MS4 Permit coordination, and household hazardous waste collections.

NRPC uses local dues to leverage grant funds and support the planning needs of local communities. The most recent NRPC budget was comprised of 72% federal funding, 15% local grants, 11% local dues and 1% from the State. Highlights of 2015's regional initiatives of benefit to all communities include:

- **Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety:** NRPC was successfully awarded a grant from the U.S. DOT to promote best practices regarding pipelines and land-use planning, to engage local fire/first responders, and to advance public and inter-organizational data exchange.
- **Modernization of the NRPC GIS Database:** NRPC has made a significant investment in upgrades to its GIS architecture. This multi-user environment will improve our data management, development, and QA workflows for parcels, buildings, roads, trails, conserved lands, and critical infrastructure.
- **Regional Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan:** The Plan lays out a vision for a more bicycle and pedestrian friendly region and was guided by a 21-member Work Group made up of local representatives and stakeholders.
- **Nashua Region Water Resiliency Planning Project:** With US EPA grant support NRPC has commenced a regional vulnerability assessment with a focus on community and water infrastructure resiliency in areas at risk for climate change impacts. Focus will be on the FEMA designated 100 and 500 year flood zones and other flood risk locations identified in each municipality's Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- **Ten Year Plan:** NRPC solicited new transportation projects eligible for federal aid funding for consideration in the State's 2017-2026 Plan. 32 projects were evaluated and ranked for submission to NHDOT.
- **Granite State Future:** NRPC concluded its coordination of Granite State Future, the statewide planning collaborative developed to support each of the nine RPCs in their efforts to prepare their regional plans. Final products include the Statewide Snapshot, several Statewide Research Studies, the nine Regional Plans, and essential Planning Metrics for local master plans. (www.granitestatefuture.org/our-plans/)

HIGHLIGHTED MILFORD MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS	ESTIMATED VALUE
<p>ELECTRICITY SUPPLY AGGREGATION www.nashuarpc.org/energy-environmental-planning/energy-aggregation</p> <p>NRPC serves as an aggregator to facilitate a bid process among competitive electricity suppliers licensed with the NH Public Utilities Commission. Each aggregation member signs its own contract with the supplier for a fixed electricity supply rate. Rates and contracts are identical for each member within a given electric distribution territory. In 2015, the Town of Milford and the Milford School District both signed an 8-month contract with a competitive supplier as part of the aggregation.</p>	<p>Town of Milford savings: \$47,310 (compared to the default utility rate)</p> <p>School District savings: \$58,062 (compared to the default utility rate)</p> <p>NRPC Staff Time: 140 hours</p>
<p>HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION www.nashuarpc.org/hhw</p> <p>NRPC staff conducts six HHW collections each year on behalf of the Nashua Region Solid Waste Management District (NRSWMD) to allow residents to properly dispose of hazardous products. Five of the events were located in Nashua and one was held in Milford. Residents of Milford could attend any of the six events. In 2015, a total of 1,696 households participated in the HHW collections District-wide.</p>	<p>NRPC Staff Time: 500 hours</p> <p>Milford households served: 164 (9.67% of total served)</p> <p>Single collection event cost savings to NRSWMD: \$16,000.</p>
<p>TRAFFIC COUNTING www.nashuarpc.org/transview</p> <p>NRPC collected traffic counts at 11 locations within Milford. These counts were collected in cooperation with NH Department of Transportation to support the Highway Performance Monitoring System. The data that was collected included total traffic volume at all 11 locations, directional data at 1 location and vehicle classification data at 1 location.</p>	<p>NRPC Staff Time: 40 hours</p>
<p>TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ADMINISTRATION</p> <p>NRPC maintained the region's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Long Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan. These documents list multimodal projects over a 25-year planning horizon and serve as the source from which specific projects are identified, prioritized and selected for funding through the Ten Year Plan. This is a critical step to ensure federal highway transportation dollars are available to Milford and the rest of the region. There are 5 Milford transportation improvement projects included in the regional TIP including safety improvements on NH 101 from Wilton Rd to Elm St, improvements at the "Oval", South Street downtown revitalization improvements, the NH 101 west bound on-ramp and widening, and the recently completed Route 13, Emerson and Amory Roads signal modifications and additional turn lanes.</p>	<p>NRPC Staff Time: 200 hours</p>
<p>ONLINE GIS www.mapgeo.com/nrpcnh</p> <p>MapGeo, NRPC's award-winning Live Maps App, is a public-facing resource for GIS property information in the region. Milford has a link to this resource on the Town's assessing webpage.</p>	<p>Licensing fee \$5,000/year</p> <p>NRPC staff time: 72 hours</p>

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<p>HAZARD MITIGATION</p> <p>NRPC worked with Milford's Hazard Mitigation team to complete an update to the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan. The 2015 update included new fluvial erosion hazard data, which documents the causes of erosion and other river movements, identifies property and infrastructure at risk, and determines how areas at greatest risk can be targeted for mitigation opportunities such as culvert replacements or bank stabilization projects. The 2015 Milford Hazard Mitigation Plan was formally approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), which requires that municipalities update their hazard mitigation plans every 5 years in order to maintain eligibility for federal mitigation grants.</p>	NRPC Staff Time: 120 hours
<p>PROPOSED NED PIPELINE SERVICES www.nashuarpc.org/hot-projects/project-pipeline/</p> <p>NRPC convened an Energy Facilities Advisory Committee in response to the proposed Kinder Morgan pipeline project. The Committee met frequently and compiled primary source materials, hosted expert speakers, completed an environmental impact analysis related to the proposed route, and prepared three comment letters to FERC. NRPC staff created pipeline posters, extracted alignment sheets from the FERC filings, and forwarded information gathered on bi-weekly agency conference calls to affected communities.</p>	NRPC Staff Time: 250 hours

Payments to NRPC

FY 16 Membership Dues:	\$10,858
Other Contractual Amounts:	\$0

REPRESENTATIVES FROM MILFORD TO NRPC:

NRPC extends its heartfelt thanks to the citizens and staff of Milford who volunteer to support regional planning. The work of NRPC would not be possible without the support of the dedicated Commissioners and Advisory Committee members from Milford. Special thanks to:

Commissioners: Janet Langdell, Chris Costantino
Transportation Technical Advisory Committee: Bill Parker
Energy Facilities Advisory Committee: Mark Bender
Nashua Regional Solid Waste Management District: Tammy Scott

Respectfully Submitted,

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