

2012-2013 NHARPC LEGISLATIVE POLICIES:

The NHARPC Legislative Policies are broad policy statements that guide the NHARPC and the Legislative Policy Committee in responding to proposed legislation

Sustainability:

1. Promote shoreland and wetlands protection.
2. Promote the establishment of programs and incentives which promote product stewardship and proper disposal of household hazardous waste.
3. Support the development and increased use of sustainable/renewable energy.
4. Support sustainable use and conservation of our agriculture and forest resources.
5. Improve regional energy transmission to ensure capacity for future energy development projects that maximize community benefits.
6. Recover and use methane gas from landfills, wastewater treatment plants (WWTP), sewage systems, and agricultural operations.
7. Promote the conservation, preservation and protection of surface and groundwater resources.
8. Support appropriate mechanisms for regional water, wastewater, septic tank waste, stormwater, and solid waste management and facilities.
9. Support financial incentives for public water supply systems to interconnect their systems and implement conservation measures.

Prosperity:

1. Support workforce housing.
2. Promote and support sustainable, regional economic development consistent with NHARPC planning principles.
3. Promote an adequate and diverse supply of quality and affordable housing.
4. Work closely with State and local governments in promoting regional economic development in partnership with business organizations.
5. Encourage mixed-use developments in areas where appropriate.
6. Promote and support adaptive reuse of historic and community resources.

Mobility:

1. Support transit and multi-modal transportation.
2. Support ongoing efforts to promote coordinated community transportation programs.
3. Support sustainable funding for transit and passenger rail.
4. Support Intelligent Transportation Systems and other innovative transportation systems to help with the congestion management.
5. Support alternative funding sources for roads, bridges and multi-modal transportation, including bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

Livability:

1. Promote smart growth.
2. Support regionalism.
3. Support policies which strengthen municipal and regional planning authority.
4. Support preservation of historical resources.
5. Promote regional solutions to help solve local issues.
6. Encourage the coordination, cooperation, and communication of communities to work with each other.

As amended at the July 19, 2012 NHARPC Meeting

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2012-2013 Annual Legislative Action Priorities

The NHARPC Annual Legislative Action Priorities are intended to address specific legislation that NHARPC should support, oppose or propose

2012 Legislative Action Priorities:

1. Support restoration of state funding to the 2010 level for the regional planning commissions Targeted Block Grant.
2. Support programs that encourage protection of natural, cultural and historic resources.
3. Increase funding for safe and adequate transportation infrastructure and greater flexibility in spending for transportation improvements.
4. Promote the regional planning commissions as a priority partner for state agency contracts if the planning commissions have the appropriate expertise.
5. Support efforts to restore funding to LCHIP funding through the legislative process.
6. Encourage cooperation and collaboration for regional economic development.
7. Restore the funding for the Regional Environmental Planning Program through NHDES.
8. Support efforts to restore and enhance shoreline protection.
9. Support efforts to provide funding for adaptation planning for severe weather events, flooding and sea level rise.
10. Support the establishment of effective broadband internet connections throughout the entire state.
11. Support healthy local food systems.
12. Promote stormwater management efforts including public education and stormwater utility enabling legislation.

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