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The Planning Region:

The Berkshire Regional Planning Commission's planning region constitutes two cities and 30 towns in the westernmost part of Massachusetts. The region is bordered on the north by Vermont, on the west by New York, on the south by Connecticut, and on the east by the Connecticut River Valley. Rough and rolling terrain makes up most of the area's 945 square miles, home to nearly 135,000 people.

Member Cities* and Towns:

Adams	Egremont	Lee	New Marlborough	Richmond	Tyringham
Alford	Florida	Lenox	North Adams *	Sandisfield	West Stockbridge
Becket	Great Barrington	Monterey	Otis	Savoy	Washington
Cheshire	Hancock	Mt. Washington	Peru	Sheffield	Williamstown
Clarksburg	Hinsdale	New Ashford	Pittsfield *	Stockbridge	Windsor
Dalton	Lanesborough				

The Commission:

The Berkshire Regional Planning Commission is composed of representatives from the region's 32 member cities and towns. Delegates are members of local planning boards, while alternates are appointed by their communities' chief elected officials. The full commission meets bi-monthly; the Executive Committee generally meets monthly. The Berkshire County Industrial Development Commission sponsored the formation of the Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission in 1966. The original commission was formally organized by the votes of 10 Berkshire County cities and towns—Adams, Dalton, Great Barrington, Lanesborough, Lee, Lenox, New Marlborough, North Adams, Pittsfield, and Stockbridge—and was formally approved in May 1966. In February 1997, the word "County" was officially dropped from the name. All 32 municipalities in the region are members of BRPC.

Services for Member Communities and the Region:

The Berkshire Regional Planning Commission provides a broad scope of land use, economic development, environmental, and transportation planning services to its member cities and towns. These services include comprehensive master planning, technical assistance with zoning, data preparation and analysis, grant proposal writing, planning board education and training, Geographic Information System mapping services, environmental review of development projects, and traffic planning. More specifically, BRPC reviews development projects and proposals under the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act and is charged with developing a long-range transportation plan and transportation improvement program under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA).

Other Services in the Region:

The Berkshire Regional Planning Commission is the convenor of Berkshire Connect, which is improving the region's telecommunications infrastructure. Through an agreement with Global Crossings, Ltd. and Equal Access Networks, Inc., this infrastructure is being supplemented with a new network capable of providing high-speed data, voice, and video transmission. BRPC also provided support to the Berkshire Charter Commission, which has proposed a charter for a Berkshire Council of Governments. Pending voter approval, the Berkshire COG will provide services and advocacy for the region.

Key Staff:

Executive Director:
Principal Planner:
Senior Planner:
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Senior Transportation Planner:
Environmental Planner:
Information Services Planner:
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Associate Planner:
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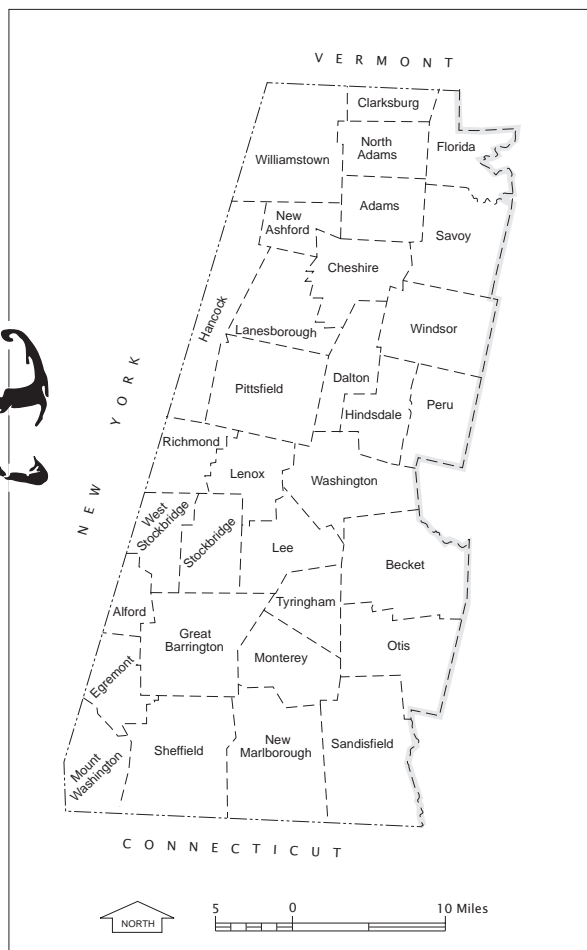
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Chair:
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Member-at-Large:
Member-at-Large:
Transportation Committee Chair:
Regional Issues Committee Chair:
Commission Development Committee Chair:
Clearinghouse Review Committee Chair:

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Richard Roussin (*Hinsdale*)
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Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC)





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The Planning Region:

The Cape Cod Commission's planning region covers the 15 towns in Barnstable County on the Cape Cod peninsula in southeastern Massachusetts. The area is framed on the south by Vineyard and Nantucket Sounds, on the north by Cape Cod Bay, and on the east by the Atlantic Ocean. Nearly 212,000 people live in the 395-square-mile planning region.

Member Towns:

Barnstable	Chatham	Falmouth	Orlean	Truro
Bourne	Dennis	Harwich	Provincetown	Wellfleet
Brewster	Eastham	Mashpee	Sandwich	Yarmouth

The Commission:

The Cape Cod Commission is composed of 19 members: 15 representatives of member towns (appointed by local officials), one representative of minority interests, one representative of Native American interests, one county commissioner, and one governor's appointee. The full commission meets twice a month, as do CCC's regulatory, planning, and executive standing committees. Subcommittees are appointed and meet as needed to review Developments of Regional Impact.

Recognizing that Barnstable County possesses unique natural, coastal, historical, architectural, and other values whose preservation is important on regional, state, and national levels, the Cape Cod Commission was created by Chapter 716 of the Acts and Resolves of 1989, as amended. The Act was approved by Barnstable County voters in March 1990, thereby establishing CCC as the county's regional planning and land use agency.

Services for Member Communities and the Region:

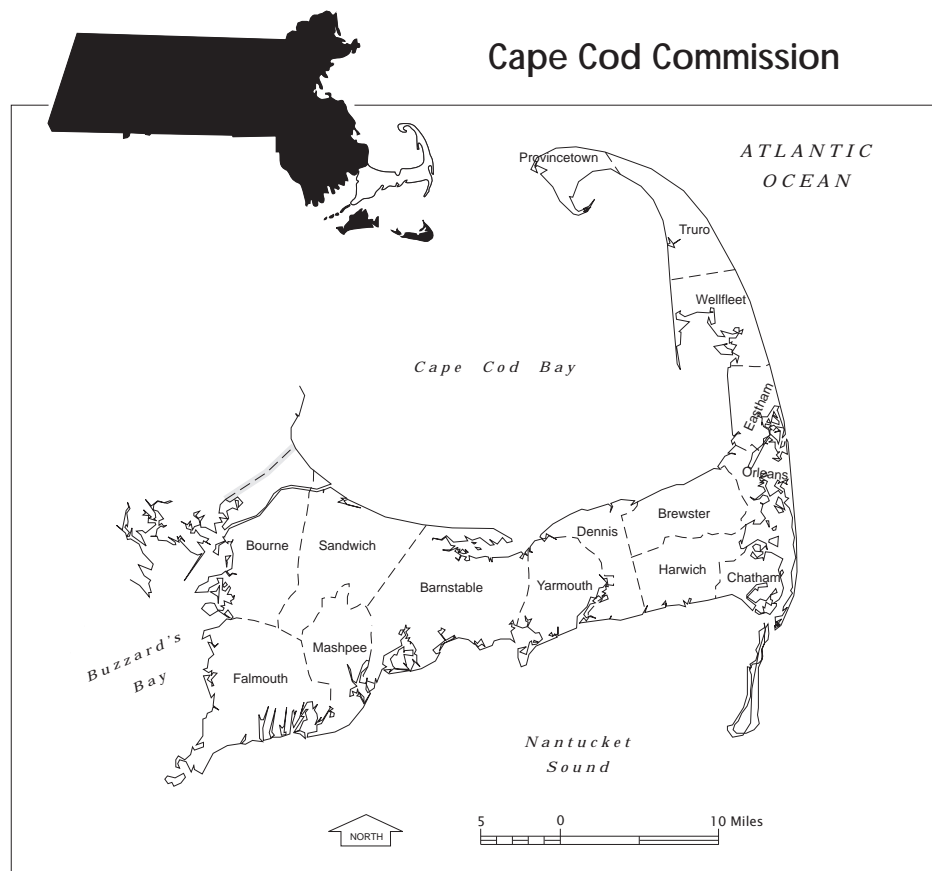
The Cape Cod Commission is a land use planning and regulatory agency. Its key responsibilities under this rubric are establishing a Cape Cod regional policy plan, certifying local comprehensive plans for consistency with the regional plan, reviewing and approving major Developments of Regional Impact, and establishing Districts of Critical Planning Concern. CCC also provides regional services and local technical assistance to member communities in numerous areas: wetlands, coastal management, open space protection, water quality protection, transportation, solid waste management, affordable housing, economic development, and historic preservation. The commission maintains a Geographic Information System, which was recently used to map a Cape-wide inventory of existing wireless communication antennas and towers in an effort to develop siting criteria and a model bylaw to minimize the structures' visual impact.

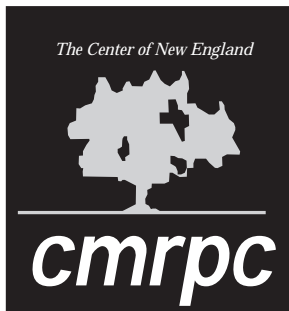
Key Staff:

Executive Director:	Margo Fenn
Chief Planner/Deputy Director:	John Lipman
Staff Counsel:	Margaret Callanan
Fiscal Manager:	Gail Coyne
Chief Regulatory Officer:	Dorr Fox
Water Resources Program Manager:	Tom Cambareri
Transportation Program Manager:	Bob Mumford
Systems Manager:	Gary Prahm
Economic Development Officer:	Jim O'Connell
Affordable Housing Specialist:	Ed Allard
Communications Coordinator:	Nancy Hossfeld

Commission Officers:

Chair:	Frank Shephard (<i>Falmouth</i>)
Vice Chair:	Elizabeth Taylor (<i>Brewster</i>)
Secretary:	Robert Deane (<i>Bourne</i>)





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The Planning Region:

The Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission's planning region consists of the city of Worcester and 39 towns in central and southern Worcester county. The area is framed on the west by the central uplands and on the east by the Boston metropolitan area. More than 500,000 people live in the nearly 1,000 square-mile-region. Worcester is New England's second largest city, with a population of 170,000.

Member Cities * and Towns:

Auburn	Douglas	Leicester	Northbridge	Southbridge	Webster
Barre	Dudley	Mendon	Oakham	Spencer	West Boylston
Berlin	East Brookfield	Millbury	Oxford	Sturbridge	West Brookfield
Blackstone	Grafton	Millville	Paxton	Sutton	Westborough
Boylston	Hardwick	New Braintree	Princeton	Upton	Worcester *
Brookfield	Holden	North Brookfield	Rutland	Uxbridge	
Charlton	Hopedale	Northborough	Shrewsbury	Warren	

The Commission:

The Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission, established in 1963, is composed of 64 delegates and 40 alternates named annually to represent their communities. CMRPC's membership, originally the city of Worcester and five towns, has grown to include all the communities in the planning district. The full commission meets four times a year with an additional annual meeting in June. Special meetings may be called by the chair. CMRPC's 11-member executive committee of commission officers and sub-regional delegates meets monthly. Standing committees for transportation, community development, and legislation meet throughout the year to oversee staff activities and keep abreast of new programs and changing requirements.

Services for Member Communities and the Region:

To coordinate the region's orderly growth and development, the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission has created and staffed four program divisions: Transportation, Community Development, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and Administration. CMRPC, a member of the Central Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization, develops and maintains the area's regional transportation plan and annual Transportation Improvement Program, operates a pavement management systems program, and provides technical services to the Worcester Regional Transit Authority. The Community Development program develops and implements. CMRPC's Regional Development Framework and provides services such as local planning assistance for member communities, a matching program for town planning projects, and grantsmanship and administration of Community Development Block Grant programs for eligible towns. The GIS program, recently selected as a regional GIS Service Center for four major river basins, provides member communities with computerized mapping services, including build-out analyses. The Administration program coordinates the work of the planning programs with the commission and its executive committee. CMRPC also provides information and timely alerts on state legislation of importance to local communities and the region.

Other Services in the Region:

CMRPC actively supports the efforts of other entities to further regional objectives. These include the Worcester Area Regional Education Project, which brings together Worcester and 25 surrounding towns to identify possible collaborative ventures for more cost-effective services; and the I-495 Campaign for Shared Solutions, which ad-

addresses traffic circulation, permitting, and future water and sewer capacity issues for 30 communities along Interstate 495.

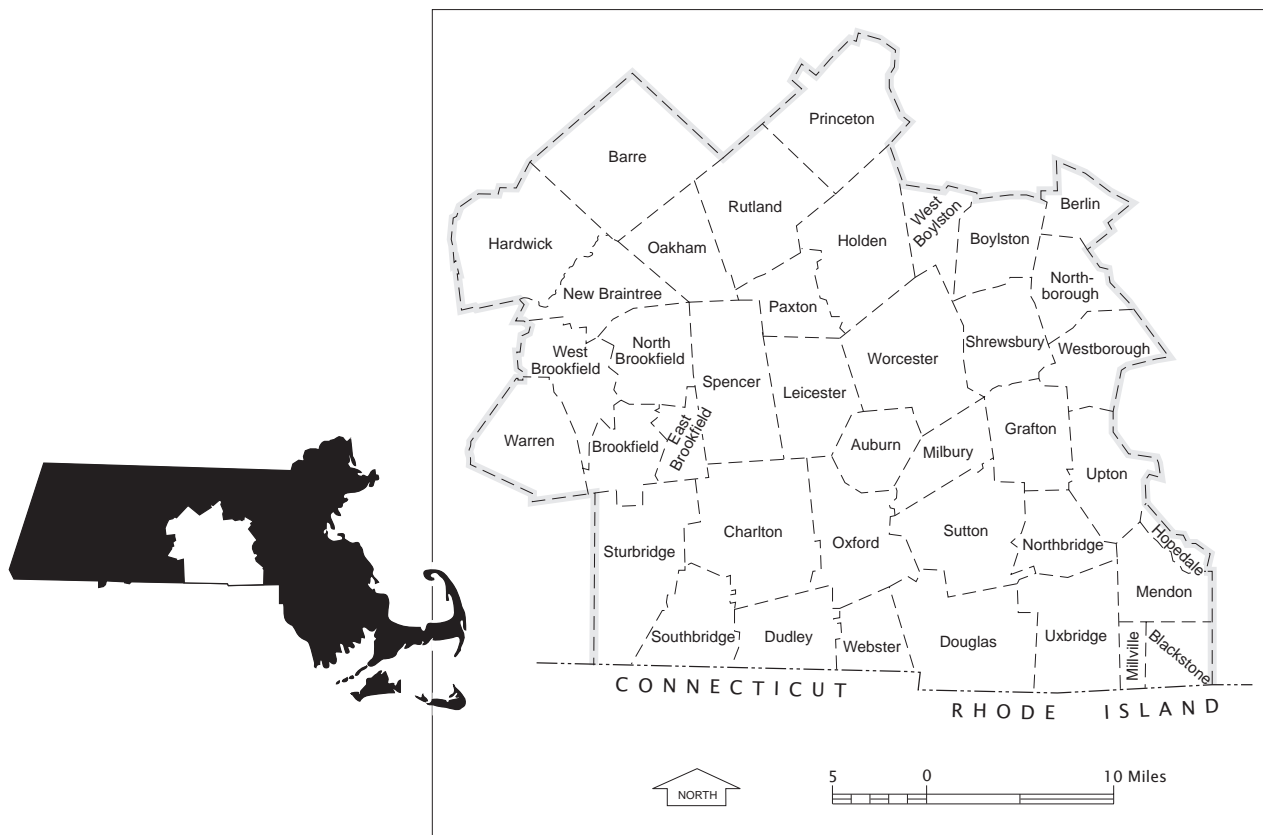
Key Staff:

Executive Director:	William H. Newton, AICP
Business Administrator:	Janet Chase
Community Development Manager:	William Scanlan, AICP
Transportation Manager:	Carl Hellstrom
Paratransit/Welfare to Work Manager:	Gail A. Heald
Geographic Information System Coordinator:	Paul Samara

Executive Committee / Commission Officers:

<i>Officers:</i>	Chair:	Arnold Lanni (<i>Southbridge</i>)
	Vice Chair:	Gina Betti (<i>Sutton</i>)
	Treasurer:	C. Richard Williams (<i>Rutland</i>)
	Clerk:	Timothy Wheeler (<i>Berlin</i>)
	Assistant Treasurer:	Christian Baehrecke (<i>Paxton</i>)
	Assistant Clerk:	John Knipe (<i>Shrewsbury</i>)
<i>Sub-Regional Representatives:</i>		
	Central City:	John Reynolds (<i>Worcester</i>)
	Northeast:	Charles F. Greenough (<i>West Boylston</i>)
	Northwest:	Carol Prager (<i>Holden</i>)
	Southeast:	Robert Hassinger (<i>Grafton</i>)
	Southwest:	Christopher Rath (<i>Auburn</i>)

Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission





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The Planning Region:

The Franklin Regional Council of Governments' region is composed of 26 towns in the upper Connecticut River Valley in mid-western Massachusetts. Bordered on the north by New Hampshire and Vermont, on the west by the Berkshires, and on the east by the central uplands, the region shares major economic, transportation, and natural resource corridors with the greater Pioneer Valley to the south. The most rural area in Massachusetts, the planning region covers 740 square miles and is populated by 70,000 people.

Member Towns:

Ashfield	Conway	Hawley	Monroe	Orange	Sunderland
Bernardston	Deerfield	Heath	Montague	Rowe	Warwick
Buckland	Erving	Leverett	New Salem	Shelburne	Wendell
Charlemont	Gill	Leyden	Northfield	Shutesbury	Whately
Colrain	Greenfield				

The Council:

FRCOG's Council comprises one selectman's appointee from each member town, two regionally elected representatives, and one member of the Regional Planning Board. The Regional Planning Board, which advises the council, is made up of one selectman's appointee and one planning board member from each town plus 18 at-large members, for a total of 70 members. The Executive Committee consists of two council members, the two regionally elected members, and one Regional Planning Board representative. The Executive Committee meets bi-weekly, the Regional Planning Board meets monthly, and the council meets quarterly.

The Franklin Regional Council of Governments was created in 1997 by a charter pursuant to 151 Acts 96 section 567, which abolished the former Franklin County government and called for town meeting votes to create FRCOG and vest it with regional planning agency powers. (Before 1997, county government served as the regional planning agency.)

Services for Member Communities and the Region:

The Franklin Regional Council of Governments integrates regional and local planning, human services advocacy and coalition building, and municipal services to secure regional goals and build healthier communities. Planning services to towns include bikeway development and traffic counts, grant proposal writing and master plans, and technical assistance in transportation and transit, environmental planning and land use, historic preservation, data research and analysis, and Geographic Information System mapping and graphics. FRCOG provides regional fee-for-service health inspection programs; roadway design and community facility engineering; procurement for highway materials, office supplies, and fuel; and grant resource development. In addition, the council's finance department gives "back-office" support services to municipal cooperatives and manages members' health insurance census data. FRCOG also provides regional services ranging from teen pregnancy prevention and smoking cessation to substance abuse intervention programming and home safety assessments for residents of Franklin County.

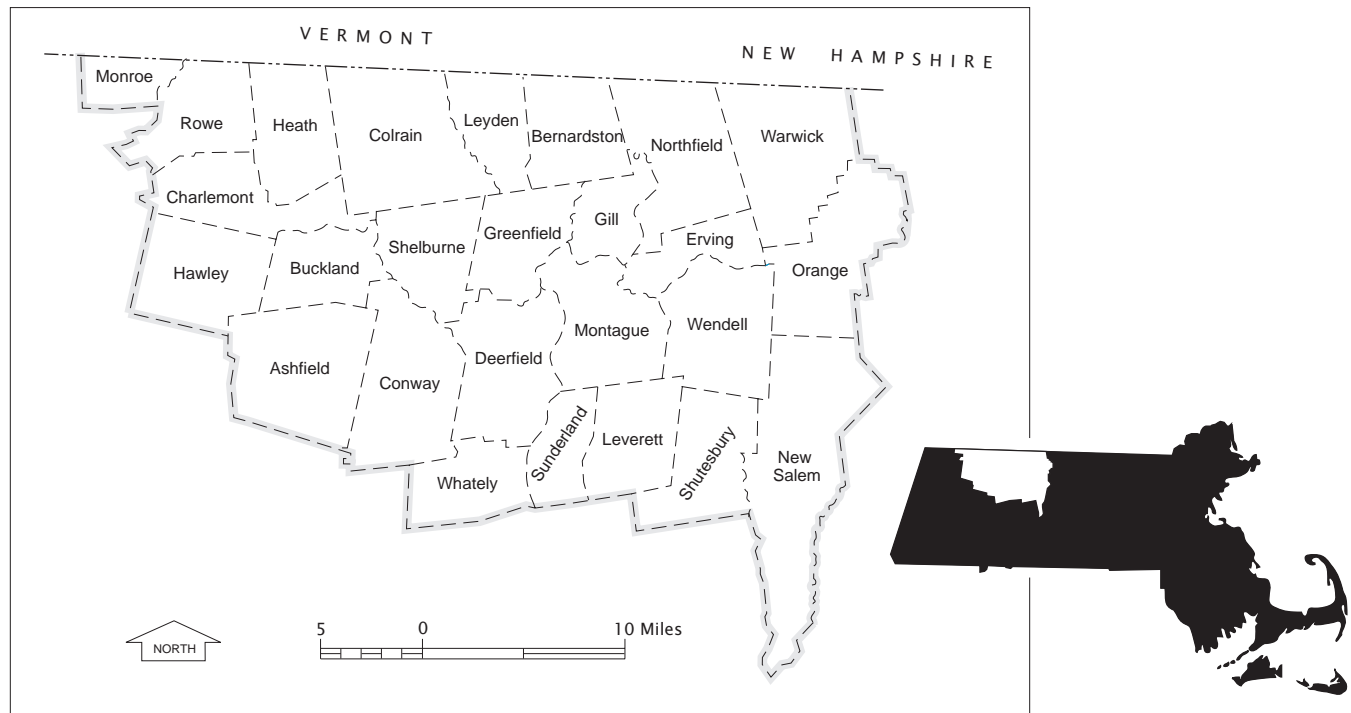
Key Staff:

Executive Director:	Linda Dunlavy
Director of Planning and Development:	Margaret Sloan
Director of Finance:	Pat Auchard
Director of Program Operations and Marketing:	Lisa White
Data Center:	Jessica Atwood
Geographic Information System:	Donald Campbell
Natural Resources:	Joe Dunn
Transportation:	Elizabeth Giannini, Maureen Mullaney, Keith Wilson
Land Use:	William Labich

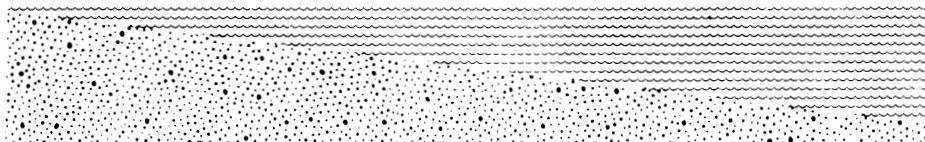
Executive Committee / Council Officers:

Council Chair:	Chuck Mackie (<i>Heath</i>)
Council Vice Chair:	Susan Wright (<i>Whately</i>)
Council Secretary:	Margaret Wolejko (<i>Sunderland</i>)
Executive Committee Chair:	Stanley Gawle (<i>regionally elected</i>)
Executive Committee Members:	Sam Lovejoy
	Ann Banash
	Stanley Gawle
	Daniel Hammock
Regional Planning Board Chair:	Lois Stearns

Franklin Regional Council of Governments



THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION



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The Planning Region:

The Martha's Vineyard Commission's planning region constitutes the seven towns of Dukes County, covering three island groupings situated 3.5 miles off the coast of Cape Cod—the Island of Martha's Vineyard, the Elizabeth Islands, and the Island of Noman's Land, a federal wildlife preserve. There are about 14,200 year-round residents and a seasonal population of 105,600 persons in the 100-square-mile planning region.

Member Towns:

Chilmark
Gosnold

Oak Bluffs

Edgartown

Tisbury

Gay Head

West Tisbury

The Commission:

The Martha's Vineyard Commission is composed of 21 members. Nine members are elected at-large and island-wide for two-year terms; six selectmen (or their designees) represent the member towns and serve one-year terms; and one county commissioner (or designee) serves a one-year term. The governor appoints one cabinet secretary (or designee) and four non-resident, non-voting property holders. The commission meets in regular session once a month and in special session as needed.

The Martha's Vineyard Commission was created by special legislation (Chapter 637 of the Acts of 1974, amended by Chapter 831 of the Acts of 1977) as the commonwealth's first regional land use regulatory agency. By referenda vote, all towns on the Island of Martha's Vineyard approved the commission's creation and became members on July 24, 1974. After representative elections that November, the first commission meeting was held December 5, 1974; at that time MVC's predecessor, the Dukes County Planning and Economic Development Commission, was dissolved. (NOTE: The Town of Gosnold participates only in the commission's planning functions, not in regulatory aspects.)

Services for Member Communities and the Region:

The Martha's Vineyard Commission offers numerous services to the island's towns and organizations to protect, preserve, and conserve the region's resources and character. These services include reviewing Developments of Regional Impact, creating Districts of Critical Planning Concern, developing trails and bikeways, managing coastal resources, conducting historic surveys, and developing grant applications. The commission also advises and assists with open space and comprehensive planning, harbor planning, traffic management and traffic counting, data collection and distribution, water quality planning, and historic preservation. In addition, MVC is part of an island liaison team for state agencies and is a watchdog for developments that may harm state interests.

Other Services in the Region:

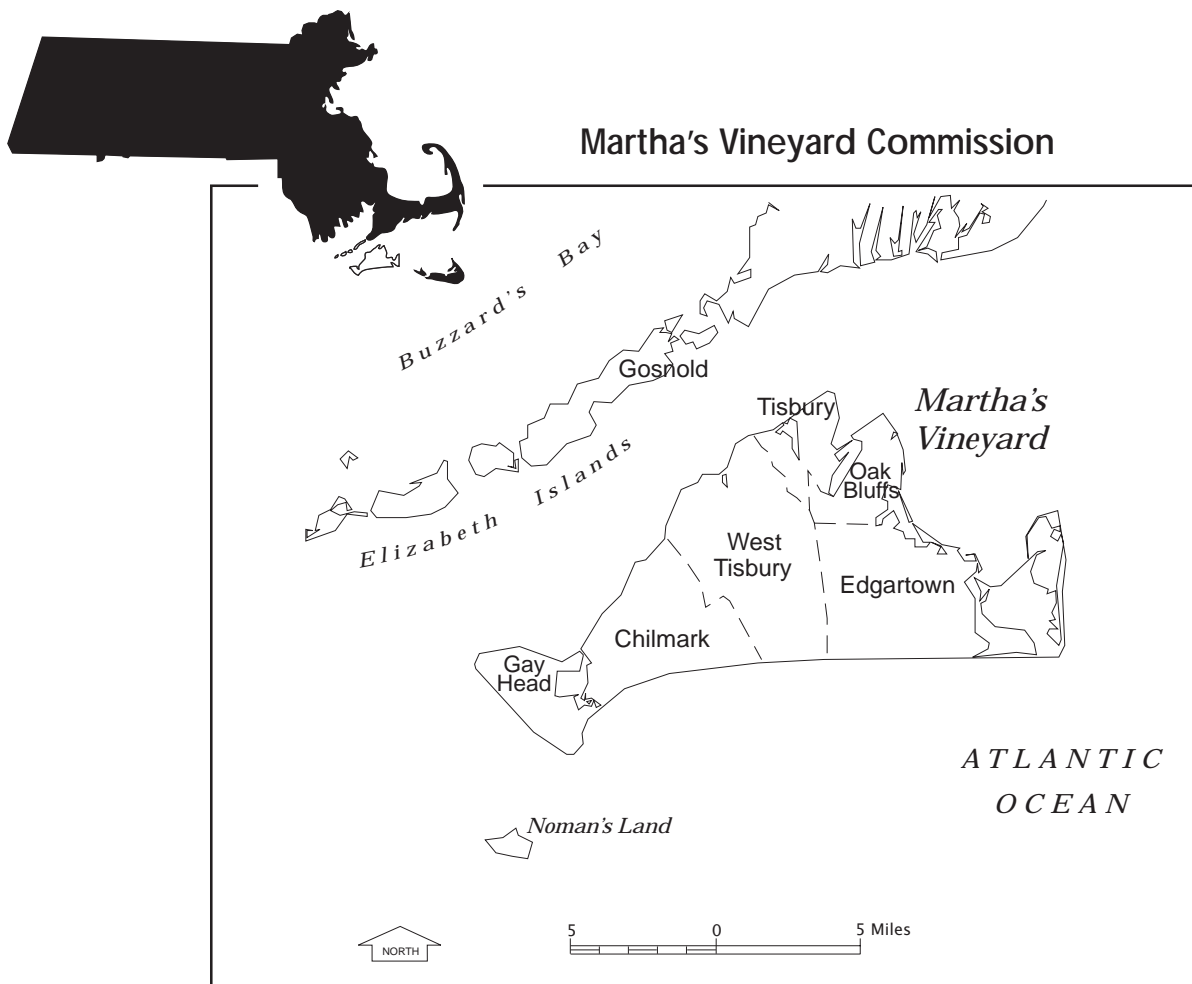
The Martha's Vineyard Commission undertakes planning, grant proposal writing, and other services on request for the federally recognized Aquinnah Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head. MVC also provides data, research, mapping, and photographic coverage to such organizations as the Martha's Vineyard NAACP, Nature Conservancy, Vineyard Conservation Society, and many other local groups.

KEY STAFF:

Executive Director:	Charles W. Clifford
Administrator:	Irene Fyler
Coastal Resources Planner:	Joanne Taylor
Regulatory Planner:	David Wessling
Housing/Economic Development Planner:	Christine Flynn
Water Quality Planner:	William Wilcox
Transportation Engineer:	Andrew Grant
Environmental/Local Assistance Planner:	William Veno

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE / COMMISSION OFFICERS:

Chair:	Richard J. Toole (<i>Oak Bluffs</i>)
Vice Chair:	Marcia Cini (<i>Tisbury</i>)
Clerk/Treasurer:	Jane A. Greene (<i>Chilmark</i>)
Co-Chairs- LUPC/Regulatory Committee	Christina Brown (<i>Edgartown</i>)
	Michael J. Donaroma (<i>Edgartown</i>)
Chair- PED/Economic Development Committee	John G. Early (<i>West Tisbury</i>)





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The Planning Region:

The Merrimack Valley Planning Commission's planning region includes five cities and 10 towns in northeastern Massachusetts. The region, which includes the lower Merrimack River and several coastal communities, is bounded on the north by New Hampshire and on the south by the Boston metropolitan area. Nearly 312,000 citizens live in the area, which contains some of the earliest settlements and industrial developments in the United States.

Member Cities* and Towns:

Amesbury*	Georgetown	Lawrence*	Newbury	Rowley
Andover	Groveland	Merrimac	Newburyport*	Salisbury
Boxford	Haverhill*	Methuen*	North Andover	West Newbury

The Commission:

Established in 1959, the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission is an independent public agency composed of one commissioner from each member city or town and one at-large commissioner representing the region's minority population. Commissioners generally are elected members of local planning boards and meet monthly.

Services for Member Communities and the Region:

The Merrimack Valley Planning Commission performs many services directly for communities and regional agencies in a broad scope of planning areas—transportation and transit, environmental protection, economic development, housing, growth management, coastal resource management, emergency response, data management, and community outreach and involvement. Specific services provided include water supply protection plans, economic forecasts, Geographic Information System mapping and graphics, bus and commuter rail planning, aquaculture, pavement management, traffic counts, permit streamlining, business financing, and workshops and training. MVPC carries out many of these services through a local technical assistance program allocated annually to member communities. In addition, the commission has been instrumental in the start-up of many regional implementation entities and authorities that address regional issues.

Other Services in the Region:

The Merrimack Valley Planning Commission is federally certified as the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization (with others, for transportation), Inter-Government Cooperation Agency, Economic Development District, Clean Air Agency (metropolitan), and Revolving Loan Fund manager. The commission also sponsors the "Eight Towns and a Bay" coastal program, a Regional Resource Center, and an Economic Development Corporation.

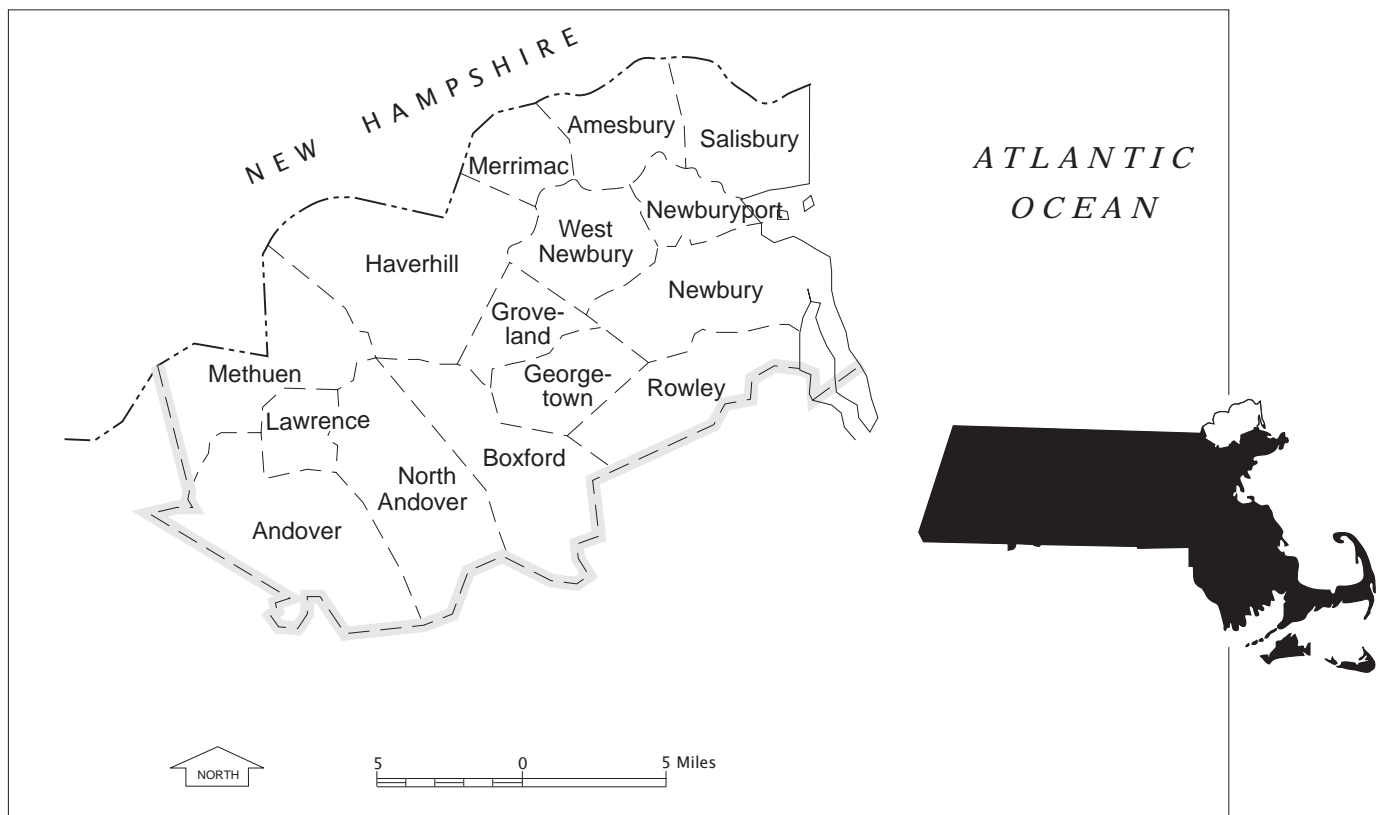
Key Staff:

Executive Director:	Gaylord Burke
Assistant Director/Environmental Manager:	Alan Macintosh
Transportation Program Manager:	Anthony Komornick
Economic/Community Development:	Jonathan Corso
Geographic Information System:	Jerrard Whitten

Executive Committee / Commission Officers:

Chair:	Ronald O. Waite (<i>Newburyport</i>)
Vice Chair:	John Smolak (<i>North Andover</i>)
Secretary:	Alex Evangelista (<i>Georgetown</i>)
Treasurer:	Susan Moses (<i>Rowley</i>)
Assistant Treasurer:	Stephen Colyer (<i>Andover</i>)

Merrimack Valley Planning Commission





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The Planning Region:

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council's planning region comprises 21 cities and 80 towns in the Boston metropolitan area in eastern Massachusetts. Three million people live in the 1,400-square-mile area, the largest metropolitan area in New England.

Member Cities* and Towns:

Acton	Cohasset	Hopkinton	Medway	Randolph	Topsfield
Arlington	Concord	Hudson	Melrose *	Reading	Wakefield
Ashland	Danvers	Hull	Middleton	Revere *	Waltham *
Bedford	Dedham	Ipswich	Milford	Rockland	Walpole
Bellingham	Dover	Lexington	Millis	Rockport	Watertown *
Belmont	Duxbury	Lincoln	Milton	Salem *	Wayland
Beverly *	Essex	Littleton	Nahant	Saugus	Wellesley
Bolton	Everett *	Lynn *	Natick	Scituate	Wenham
Boston *	Foxborough	Lynnfield	Needham	Sharon	Weston
Boxborough	Framingham	Malden *	Newton *	Sherborn	Westwood
Braintree	Franklin *	Manchester	Norfolk	Somerville *	Weymouth
Brookline	Gloucester *	Marblehead	North Reading	Southborough	Wilmington
Burlington	Hamilton	Marlborough *	Norwell	Stoneham	Winchester
Cambridge *	Hanover	Marshfield	Norwood	Stoughton	Winthrop
Canton	Hingham	Maynard	Peabody *	Stow	Woburn *
Carlisle	Holbrook	Medfield	Pembroke	Sudbury	Wrentham
Chelsea *	Holliston	Medford *	Quincy *	Swampscott	

The Council:

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council is composed of representatives from the region's 101 member communities, appointed by their chief elected officials. Twenty-one additional representatives are appointed by the governor of Massachusetts to represent the interests of various groups such as low income residents, minority citizens, and consumers. Fourteen ex-officio members representing 11 state agencies and three City of Boston agencies complete the council, which meets three times a year.

The council's executive committee has 25 members: five from MAPC's 80 towns, five from its 21 cities, five from the 14 state and city agency members, and five from among the 21 gubernatorial appointees. The executive committee meets monthly. The council, created in 1963, counted all 101 communities as MAPC members by 1971.

Services for Member Communities and the Region:

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council serves its member municipalities with comprehensive planning, technical assistance with local land use issues, review of legislative developments, and a host of services in economic development, environmental protection, transportation, housing, Geographic Information System, and statistics. MAPC also provides collaborative planning services to communities in such areas as joint

purchasing, training, and equipment sharing. The council serves the entire region in broad capacities—for example, as lead local representative on the Metropolitan Planning Organization for planning and programming of transportation improvements, and as the Economic Development District for federal planning and programming of federal grants and contracts. MAPC works intensively with land use and environmental quality issues, forming a Metropolitan Greenspace Initiative to coordinate public and private planning and land acquisition strategies, as well as participating actively in planning and managing water supply and water quality issues.

Key Staff:

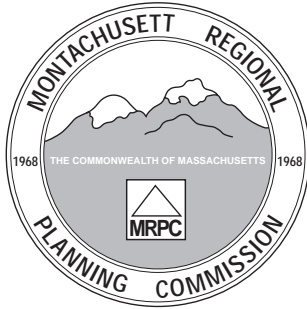
Executive Director:	David C. Soule
Deputy Director:	Edmund P. Tarallo
Deputy Director:	Stephen McGoldrick
Director of Administration and Finance:	Jonathan Todd
Communications Director:	Tracy Lawrence
Chief Transportation Planner:	Barbara Lucas
GIS Manager:	Allan Bishop
Manager of Comprehensive Planning:	Martin Pillsbury
Manager of Governmental Services:	Jean Christensen

Council Officers:

Chair:	Richard C. Walker (<i>gubernatorial appointee</i>)
Vice Chair:	William Mauro (<i>Marlborough</i>)
Treasurer:	Mary Ellen Lavenberg (<i>Medway</i>)
Secretary:	Donald Walsh (<i>Boston</i>)
Past President:	Grace S. Shepard (<i>Sherborn</i>)

Metropolitan Area Planning Council





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The Planning Region:

The Montachusett Regional Planning Commission's planning region encompasses three cities and 17 towns covering northern Worcester and western Middlesex counties in north central Massachusetts. More than 211,000 people live in the nearly 575-square-mile region.

Member Cities * and Towns:

Ashburnham	Gardner *	Leominster *	Sterling
Ashby	Groton	Lunenburg	Templeton
Ayer	Harvard	Phillipston	Townsend
Clinton	Hubbardston	Royalston	Westminster
Fitchburg *	Lancaster	Shirley	Winchendon

The Commission:

The Montachusett Regional Planning Commission is composed of one planning board member and one designee of the mayor or selectman from each of the planning region's member cities and towns. The Executive Committee consists of MRPC's five officers and two at-large representatives elected by the commission at the chair's request. Commission meetings are held monthly, with Executive Committee meetings convened as needed.

The Montachusett Regional Planning Commission was created in 1968, with 12 communities participating in its first organizational meeting.

Services for Member Communities and the Region:

The Montachusett Regional Planning Commission provides comprehensive planning services in a number of areas: housing and other community-related services, water quality and environmental planning, zoning, and economic development. In addition, transportation and transit development planning are a significant focus of MRPC's technical assistance to its member municipalities as well as to the towns of Athol and Petersham, which lie within the planning district but are not commission members. MRPC is the region's designated Metropolitan Planning Organization and helps operate the Regional Transit Authority. The commission is in the process of developing its Geographic Information System department, which will provide necessary assistance to its member communities (except Fitchburg, which has its own system).

Other Services in the Region:

The Montachusett Regional Planning Commission is working closely with the Devens Commerce Center to develop economic activities in the region, which lost more than 10,000 jobs and suffered a severe economic blow with the recent closing of Fort Devens, a U.S. Army military reservation that had provided employment and generated revenue in Ayer, Lancaster, Shirley, and Harvard—as well as the entire north central Massachusetts area—for 80 years.

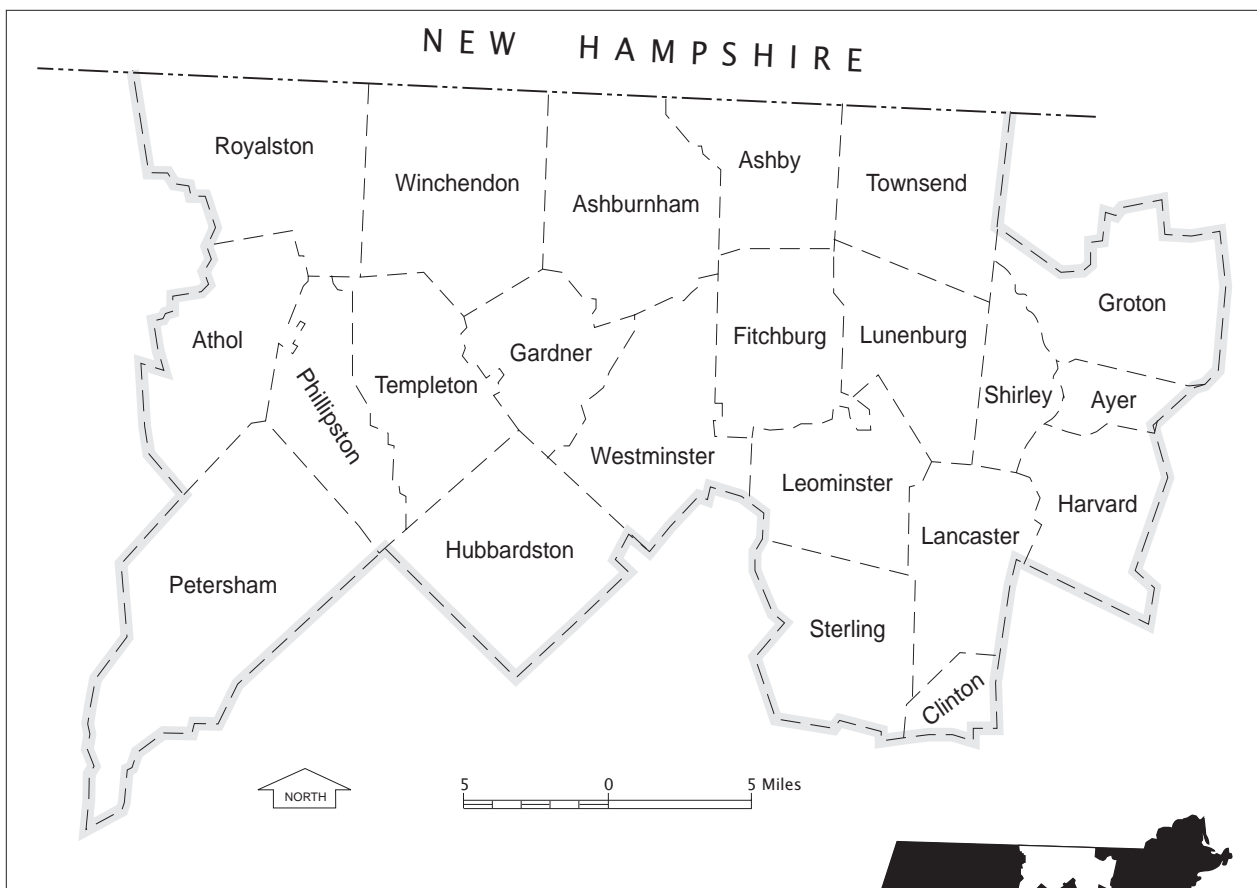
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Assistant Director:	Laila Michaud
Transportation Project Director:	Brad Harris
Economic Development Specialist:	Glen Eaton
Director of Fiscal Operations:	Susan Gallien

Executive Committee / Commission Officers:

Chair:	David Jarvenpaa (<i>Westminster</i>)
Vice Chair:	Vyto Andreliunas (<i>Royalston</i>)
Treasurer:	Joyce Huff (<i>Fitchburg</i>)
Assistant Treasurer:	Gary Feldman (<i>Townsend</i>)
Secretary:	Mary Olivier (<i>Leominster</i>)

Montachusett Regional Planning Commission





NANTUCKET PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (NP&EDC)

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The Planning Region:

The smallest regional planning agency in the commonwealth, the Nantucket Planning and Economic Development Commission encompasses the town of Nantucket, as well as the islands of Tuckernuck and Muskeget, in its 50 square mile planning region. Nantucket is home to 8,800 residents and has a seasonal peak population estimated at nearly 50,000.

Member Town:

Nantucket

The Commission:

The Nantucket Planning and Economic Development Commission is composed of all five members of the Nantucket Planning Board, four representatives of other Nantucket boards and commissions, and three at-large representatives. NP&EDC was formed under the authority of Chapter 561 of the Acts of 1973, as amended. The commission meets once a month, as does its duly appointed Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.

Services for Member Communities and the Region:

The Nantucket Planning and Economic Development Commission provides consultative and technical services to the town and county of Nantucket and its many commissions, boards, and committees. NP&EDC's services cover a broad range of planning areas: grant proposal writing, transportation planning for the Nantucket Regional Transit Authority, transportation and transit measurement and analysis, transportation project management and coordination, technical review services for the Nantucket Zoning Board, preparing planning reports and analyses, site planning, and technical review and administrative services for the Nantucket Planning Board, among others. In addition, the commission is in the process of preparing a comprehensive plan for the island.

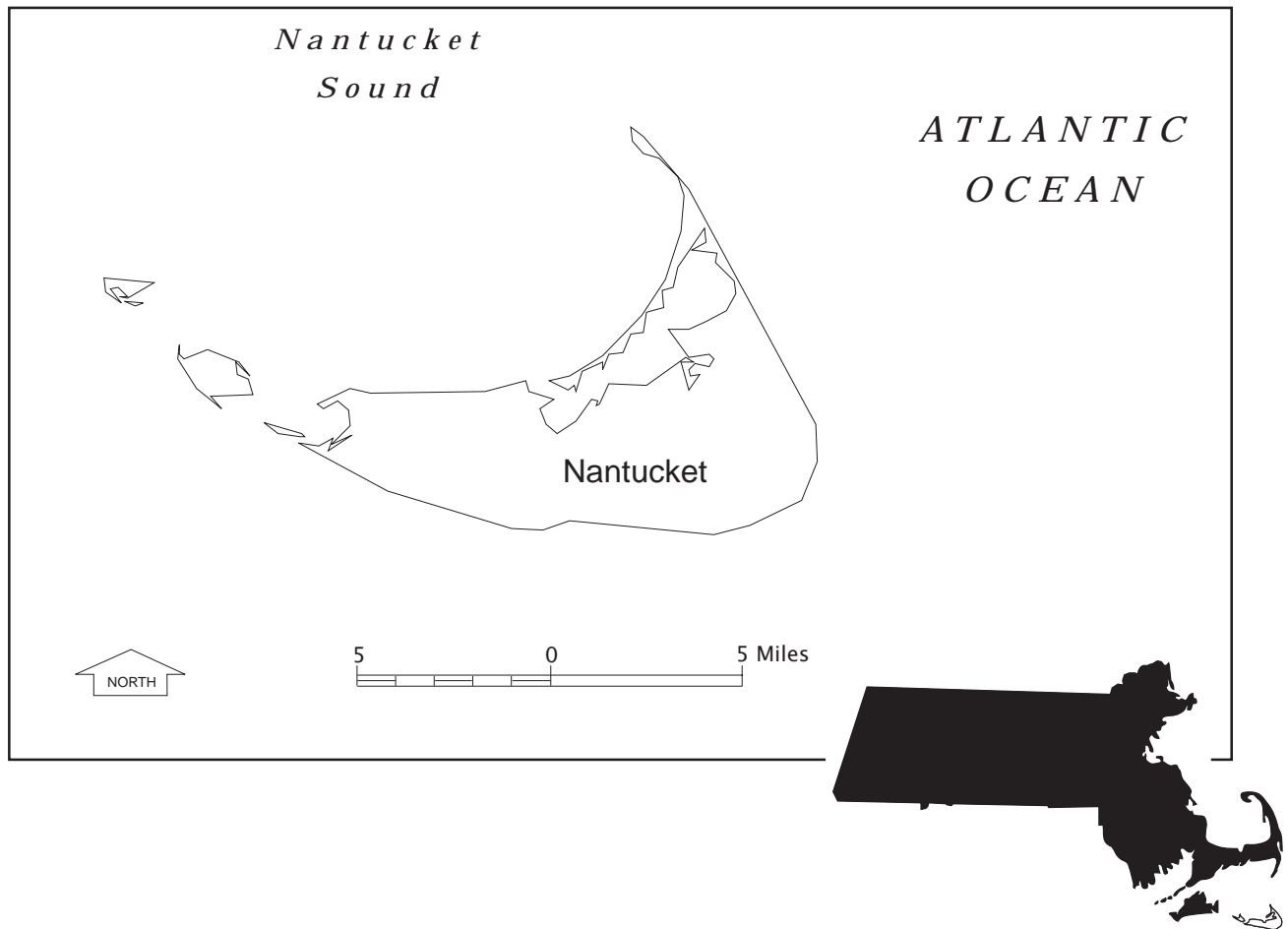
Key Staff:

Director:	John D. Pagini, AICP
Senior Planner:	Andrew V. Vorce, AICP
Transportation Planner:	<i>vacant</i>
Land Use Planner:	Matthew Young
Office Administrator:	Jeromette M. Hicks
Administrative Specialist:	Reema Sherry
Planning Assistant:	Kasra Khanbabai

Commission Officers:

Chair:	Alvin S. Topham
Vice Chair:	Penny Dey

Nantucket Planning and Economic Development Commission





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The Planning Region:

The Northern Middlesex Council of Governments' planning region consists of nine communities centered around Lowell, the commonwealth's fourth largest city in population. Situated in northeastern Massachusetts, the region lies north of the Boston metropolitan area and extends to the New Hampshire state line. The 200-square-mile region is home to approximately 275,000 people.

Member Cities * and Towns:

Billerica	Dracut	Lowell *	Tewksbury	Westford
Chelmsford	Dunstable	Pepperell	Tyngsborough	

The Council:

The Northern Middlesex Council of Governments is composed of representatives from the region's nine member communities. Each municipality is represented by a member of the board of selectmen or city council, a member of the planning board, and an alternate member appointed by the selectmen or city manager. The council meets monthly.

The agency was created in 1963 as the Northern Middlesex Area Commission. In 1972, the commission became the first regional planning agency in the commonwealth to require representation by the chief elected officials of member communities. With the advent of special legislation—Chapter 420 of the Acts of 1989—the commission was empowered to perform a wide variety of non-planning functions on behalf of its members. In late 1990, it voted to reflect these changes by renaming itself the Northern Middlesex Council of Governments.

Services for Member Communities and the Region:

The Northern Middlesex Council of Governments is involved in a variety of development-related and environmental systems subject areas. Major ongoing projects are concerned with transportation and transit planning, water supply and water quality issues, land use planning and zoning related issues, solid waste and recycling, economic development, housing, and historic preservation. In addition, NMCOG maintains a significant data library and serves as an Affiliate Data Center with the U.S. Census Bureau. Its local and regional data resources include census, transportation, trend, and environmental data; zoning, building permit, groundwater, hydrologic, solid waste, recycling, and historic preservation survey information; open space, recreation, and air quality conformity plans; maps of soil/vegetation cover and flood insurance rates; population projections; and specialized technical studies on a variety of subjects. The council also provides technical assistance with a host of municipal management issues.

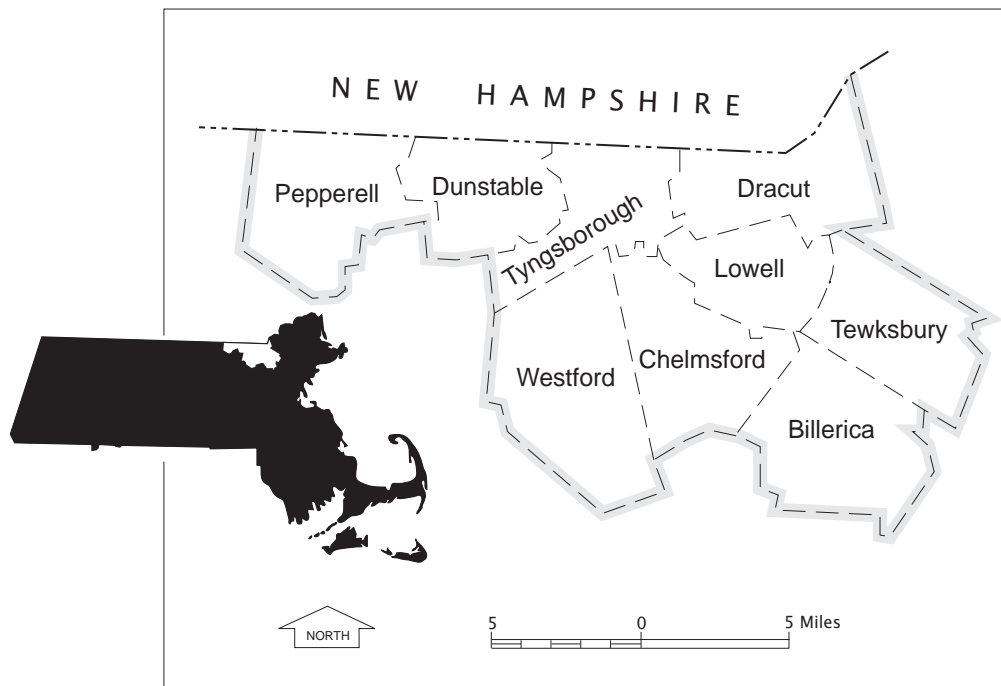
Key Staff:

Executive Director:	Robert W. Flynn
Assistant Director/Transportation Manager:	Beverly Woods
Transit:	Christopher R. Curry
Regional Planning:	Larissa Brown
Geographic Information System:	John Matley
Local Planning/Technical Assistance:	Patty McCloy

Council Officers:

Chair:	Ellen D. Rawlings (<i>Billerica</i>)
Vice Chair:	John E. Wrobel, Jr. (<i>Westford</i>)
Treasurer:	James Good (<i>Chelmsford</i>)
Assistant Treasurer:	Thomas Conlon (<i>Tewksbury</i>)
Clerk:	George Zaharoolis (<i>Lowell</i>)
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Northern Middlesex Council of Governments





OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL (OCPC)

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The Planning Region:

The Old Colony Planning Council's planning region constitutes one city and 14 towns covering portions of Plymouth, Bristol, and Norfolk counties in southeastern Massachusetts. The region is framed on the north by the Boston metropolitan area and to the east by Plymouth Bay. More than 310,000 people live in the 346-square-mile planning region.

Member Cities * and Towns:

Abington	Brockton *	Halifax	Pembroke	Stoughton
Avon	East Bridgewater	Hanson	Plymouth	West Bridgewater
Bridgewater	Easton	Kingston	Plympton	Whitman

The Council:

The Old Colony Planning Council includes one delegate and one alternate from each of the member communities, appointed by a concurrent vote of local planning boards and selectmen (or mayor). In addition, one delegate-at-large represents minority interests. Delegates and alternates serve three-year terms. OCPC's executive committee consists of all council officers, Brockton's delegate, and one or two additional members appointed by the council's president. The full council meets monthly; subcommittee meetings are convened as needed.

The OCPC is a multifaceted organization created under state statute (Chapter 332 of the Acts of 1967) as a comprehensive regional planning agency to prepare plans for the district's physical, social, and economic development. Nine communities—Abington, Avon, Brockton, Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, Easton, Hanson, West Bridgewater, and Whitman—participated at the council's inception.

Services for Member Communities and the Region:

The Old Colony Planning Council provides service and assistance to its member cities and towns in three primary areas: comprehensive transportation and transit planning; comprehensive planning, community, and economic development; and elder services. Specific transportation services include long- and short-range regional planning, transportation demand modeling, Geographic Information System mapping, Access to Jobs program, and studies of traffic and congestion management. OCPC offers assistance and technical support with community master and revitalization planning, commercial development analysis, sewage treatment projects, flood plain and watershed protection, environmental impact and water quality issues, minority business development, and grant proposal writing. Elder services include administering regional long-term care ombudsman and employment programs, private consulting, and technical assistance to the elder service network. OCPC also helps member communities with data analysis and interpretation, report writing, and expert testimony.

Other Services in the Region:

The Old Colony Planning Council is the commonwealth's only regional planning agency designated an Area Agency on Aging (AAA). The AAA service region covers OCPC's regular planning region plus the communities of Carver, Duxbury, Hanover, Lakeville, Marshfield, Middleborough, Rockland, and Wareham.

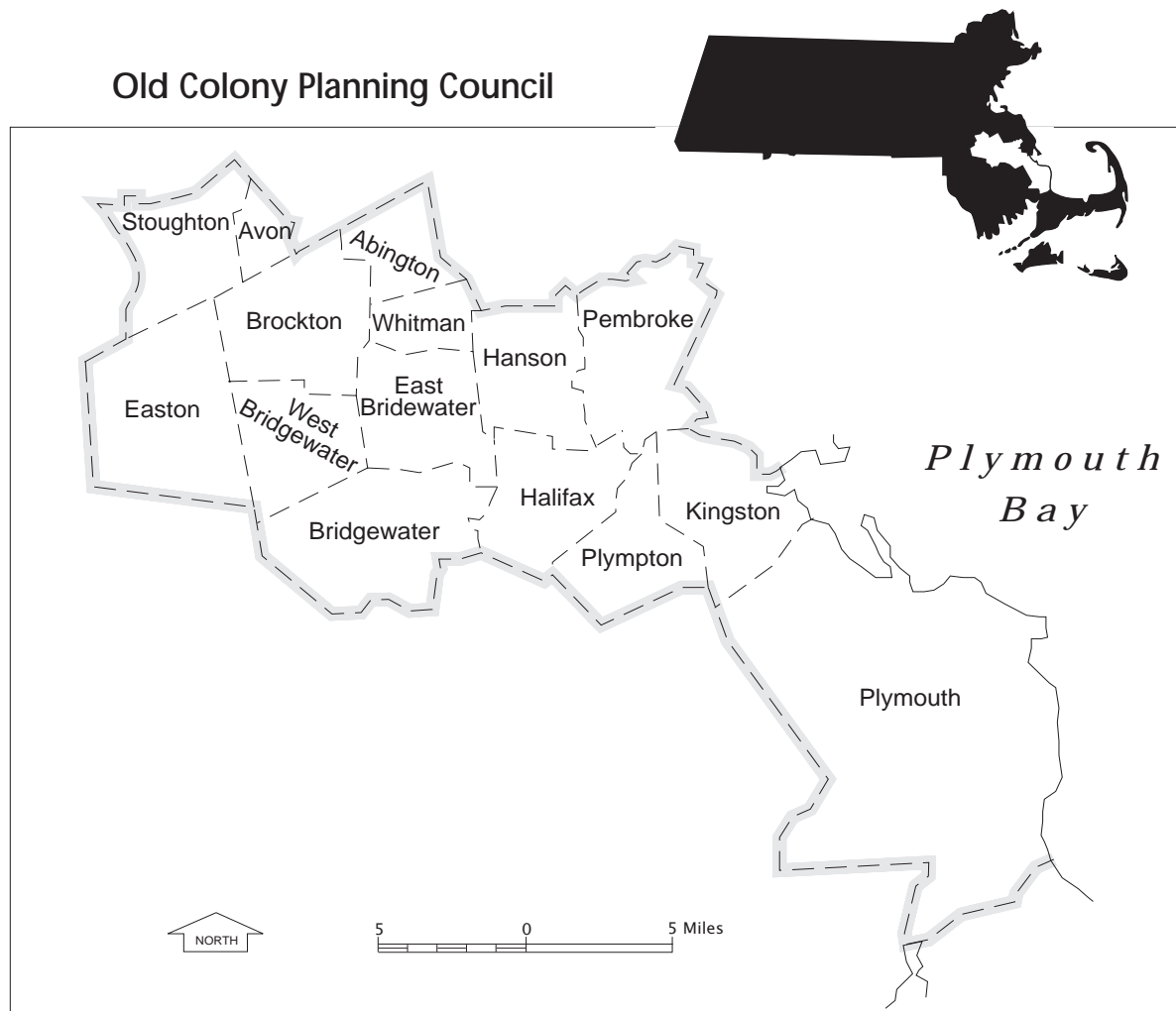
Key Staff:

Executive Director:	Daniel M. Crane
Assistant Director/Transportation Unit Supervisor:	Pasquale (Pat) Ciaramella
Comprehensive Planning Unit Supervisor:	James Watson
AAA Administrator:	Patrick Hamilton
Economic Development Specialist:	Bruce Hughes

Executive Committee:

President:	Eldon F. Moreira (<i>West Bridgewater</i>)
Secretary:	David A. Johnson (<i>East Bridgewater</i>)
Treasurer:	Joseph P. Landolfi (<i>Stoughton</i>)

Old Colony Planning Council





PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION (PVPC)

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The Planning Region:

The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission's planning region encompasses 43 cities and towns in the Connecticut River Valley in mid-western Massachusetts. The area is framed on the west by the Berkshires and on the east by the central uplands. More than 602,000 people live in the nearly 1,200-square-mile Pioneer Valley region, which includes the fourth largest metropolitan area in New England.

Member Cities * and Towns:

Agawam *	Cummington	Hampden	Middlefield	Russell	Ware
Amherst	East Longmeadow	Hatfield	Monson	South Hadley	West Springfield *
Belchertown	Easthampton *	Holland	Montgomery	Southampton	Westfield *
Blandford	Goshen	Holyoke *	Northampton *	Southwick	Westhampton
Brimfield	Granby	Huntington	Palmer	Springfield *	Wilbraham
Chester	Granville	Longmeadow	Pelham	Tolland	Williamsburg
Chesterfield	Hadley	Ludlow	Plainfield	Wales	Worthington
Chicopee *					

The Commission:

The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission is composed of representatives from the Pioneer Valley Region's 43 member cities and towns. Commissioners, who are generally elected annually, are members of local planning boards. In addition, an alternate commissioner is appointed by the chief elected official of each community. The full commission meets four to six times per year between September and June. PVPC's nine-member Executive Committee usually meets once a month.

The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission was created in 1962, with six communities participating in its first organizational meeting. By the early 1980s, all 43 cities and towns in the Pioneer Valley Region had voted to become members of PVPC.

Services for Member Communities and the Region:

The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission performs myriad services—from bikeway development and traffic counts to grant proposal writing and master plans—in a wide range of planning areas: transportation and transit, environmental planning and land use, community development and historic preservation, economic development, data research and analysis, and Geographic Information System mapping and graphics. Under these broad headings, PVPC offers assistance with business retention and job growth, strategic planning, river cleanup and watershed management, noise control planning (for Westover Air Force Base), community development block grant programs, scenic byway program implementation, rural land management, and social service self-sufficiency projects. PVPC also gives its member communities free technical assistance with individual issues—drafting zoning bylaws to regulate wireless communication towers, mapping a crime scene, and applying for National Register of Historic Places status, to name a few.

Other Services in the Region:

The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission has managed the Plan for Progress, the region's strategic economic plan, since its inception in 1993.

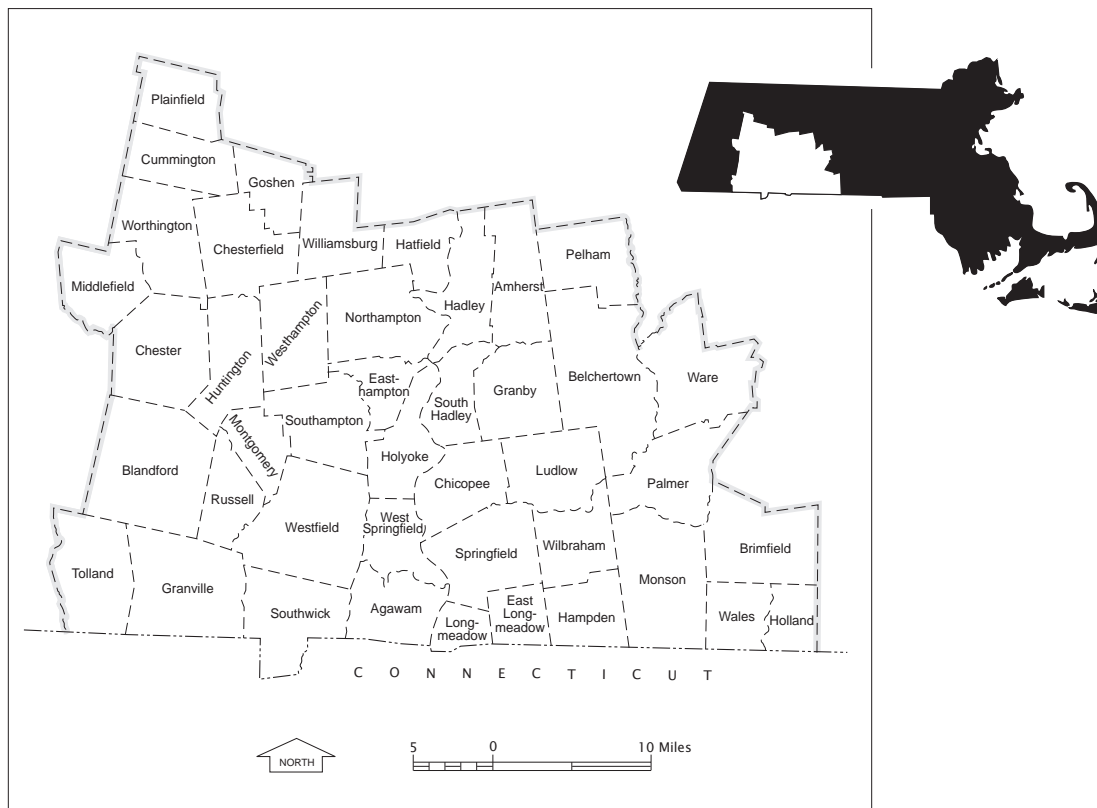
Key Staff:

Executive Director:	Timothy W. Brennan
Community Development/Historic Preservation:	James Mazik, AICP
Economic Development/Regional Data Center:	M. J. Adams
Environment and Land Use:	Christopher Curtis
Graphics/Geographic Information System:	Shaun Hayes
Transportation:	Dana Roscoe, Gary Roux
Communications:	Ashley Shea
Regional Information Center:	John Larsen

Executive Committee / Commission Officers:

Chair:	Henry Barton (<i>Southampton</i>)
Vice Chair:	Tamarin Laurel-Paine (<i>Middlefield</i>)
Secretary/Clerk:	Linda L. Petrella (<i>Springfield</i>)
Treasurer:	Richard E. Butler (<i>Wilbraham</i>)
Assistant Treasurer:	Stuart Beckley (<i>Easthampton</i>)
At-Large Members:	Douglas Albertson (<i>Belchertown</i>)
	Judith Eiseman (<i>Pelham</i>)
	Duane E. Mosier (<i>Hampden</i>)
	Raymond Phoenix II (<i>Ludlow</i>)

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission





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The Planning Region:

The Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District's planning region encompasses four cities and 23 towns in southeastern Massachusetts. The area is framed on the west by Rhode Island and on the south by the Atlantic Ocean. More than 569,000 people live in the 808-square-mile region.

Member Cities * and Towns:

Acushnet	Fairhaven	Mattapoisett	Plainville	Somerset
Attleboro *	Fall River *	Middleborough	Raynham	Swansea
Berkley	Freetown	New Bedford *	Rehoboth	Taunton *
Carver	Lakeville	North Attleborough	Rochester	Wareham
Dartmouth	Mansfield	Norton	Seekonk	Westport
Dighton	Marion			

The Commission:

The Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District's board is composed of 27 commissioners representing the mayors and boards of selectmen from member municipalities, 27 representatives of district planning boards, and six at-large members representing low income and minority group interests. The commissioners meet monthly.

Services for Member Communities and the Region:

The Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District performs a variety of services in major planning areas such as transportation and transit, economic development, land use, and environmental protection. The agency also serves as a data center for the region, operating a Geographic Information System for its member municipalities and hosting a regional website on the Internet. SRPEDD helps member communities by administering community development block grants and providing free technical assistance. The agency also operates programs for traffic counting, pavement management, and accident filing, and sets priorities for allocating federal transportation and economic development funds.

Other Services in the Region:

The Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District established and operates SEED Corporation, an affiliated certified development corporation for small business financing in the region. SEED Corporation makes 150 loans each year to small businesses and creates an \$11 million enterprise loan fund from local bank contributions.

SRPEDD, in conjunction with MAPC and OCPC, manages the Vision 2020 growth management initiative for southeastern Massachusetts.

KEY STAFF:

Executive Director:	Stephen C. Smith
Deputy Director/Transportation Manager:	Roland J. Hebert
Comprehensive Planning Director:	Gregory J. Guimond
Fiscal Officer:	LingLing Chang
Geographic Information System:	Paul L. Mission

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE / COMMISSION OFFICERS:

Chair:	Louis Martin (<i>Mattapoisett</i>)
Vice Chair:	Loretta Schaefer (<i>Marion</i>)
Past Chair:	Dr. Karl Eklund (<i>Berkley</i>)
Treasurer:	Emeline MacDonald (<i>Raynham</i>)
Assistant Treasurer:	Robert Rogers (<i>Mattapoisett</i>)
Secretary:	George Hovorka (<i>Fall River</i>)

Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District

