













#### **Regional Housing Workshop** Developing a long term vision for housing in the Nashua Region

March 29, 2013

Nashua Regional **Planning Commission** 









### What is a Housing Needs Assessment?

- Typically include:
- Housing Demand
- **Costs** and Affordability
- Housing Supply and Condition
- □ **Resources** for Affordable Housing
  - Capacity to Support Affordable Housing
  - Distribution of Affordable Housing (Fair Share)







### What is a Fair Housing Equity Assessment?

An analysis of:

- Segregation
- Concentrations of poverty
- □ Access to existing areas of **high opportunity**
- □ Major Public Investments
- □ Fair housing issues, services and activities







# **Big Picture Demographics – Population Trends**

#### **Population Trends**



For the first time in nearly 100 years, the 2010 Census showed a lower percent growth in the Nashua Region than in Hillsborough County or the State.



Regional population over the last decade has become flat at less than 0.5% growth between 2000 and 2010.





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#### **Projected Population Changes**

□ 2040 Projected Population: 228,400 for NRPC region







### Where are we living?







### Where are we living? – Total Housing Units





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# Where are we living? – Regional Housing Supply







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### Where are we living? – Housing Occupancy

#### **Total New Building Permits, 2000-2010**





### Who lives in our homes? - Own vs. Rent

#### Who owns and rents?



#### **Renter-Occupied Units**





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### Where are we living? – Housing Occupancy

#### **The Nature of Housing Unit Vacancies**





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# Who lives in our homes? – Household Type

#### Traditional Households (HH's) are on the decline



Persons Living Alone (23% of total HH's)

Non-Family Households (30% of total HH's)

**Family Households** 

Married Couple Families (56% of total HH's)



Households with Individuals under Age 18 (35% of total HH's)

Families with Children Under Age 18 (33% of total HH's)

Married Couples with Own Children under 18 (25% of total HH's)



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# Who lives in our homes? – Size of Households







#### **Younger Households in decline**









### Who lives in our homes? – Children

#### **Impact on NH Public School Enrollment**

Unit Type, Grades K-12



Number of Bedrooms, Grades K-12







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#### **Median Purchase Price of Primary Homes**









#### **Primary Home Purchase Price Frequency, 2012**







#### **Median Gross Rental Cost**











#### **Residential Rental Cost Frequency, 2012**





#### How affordable are our homes to our households?



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### Access to Opportunity









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# What is best about this area?

- Rural Character
- Economic Vitality
- Small Town Feel



### What could make this area even better?

- **Economic Vitality**
- Non-Auto Transportation
- Recreation

#### **Common Themes:**

**Rural Character, Economic Vitality & Transportation Choices** 







# **What We Heard About Housing**

# What is best about this area?

- Rural, Small Town & Suburban Setting
- Access to Amenities, Culture, Recreation and Jobs
- Community Spirit

# What could make this area even better?

- Housing Choices
- Transportation Public Transit and Roads
- Amenities, Economic Development, Safety







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### What type home do you prefer?























# Most NRPC communities included the following housing themes in their Master Plans:



Encourage affordable and workforce housing



Encourage a diversity of housing types



Manage fiscal impacts associated with new housing



Preserve neighborhood, town and rural character



Preserve natural features and open space



Encourage housing to meet residents of all ages' needs







# **Workshop Discussion**

# Ask:

- What's good about housing in the Region?
- What are the challenges?
- What are the regional needs?

Given By For 3 Topics:

- Supply, Demand, and Existing Conditions
- Affordability
- Equitable Access to Opportunity







# **CONCLUSIONS - Connections**

### Linking Local, Regional, and State Planning









# Linking Regional and Local Planning – Closer Look

# **Comprehensive Regional Plan**

- Coordinated & unified look at housing
- Regional Housing Needs Assessment
  - For the purpose of assisting municipalities...
  - Regionally ALL persons, families & incomes
- Local Master Plan
  - Optional Housing Section: Assess local needs using the Regional Housing Needs Assessment







## **Using the Regional Plan to Assist Local Planning**

□ What are you working on?

CONCLUSIONS

- □ What hurdles to you face?
- □ Are there opportunities for collaboration?
- □ What can we do to help?







# **CONCLUSIONS – Get Involved in the Regional Plan**

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#### DOCUMENTS

#### OUTREACH

Regional Plan Advisory Subcommittees' Roles and Responsibilities

Outreach Strategy (coming soon)

#### FALL 2012 OUTREACH RESULTS:

Outreach Summary

Full Outreach Report

Chapter Summary Sheets:

- Transportation
- Housing
- Economic Development

#### LOCAL MASTER PLAN REVIEW

A comparison of regional commonalities among the various local master plan chapters.

Transportation



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# **CONCLUSIONS – Get Involved in the Regional Plan**

### **Committees and Workshops**

#### **MISSED THE WORKSHOP?**

#### TRANSPORTATION WORKSHOP 2/12/2013

- Presentation
- Discussion Guide
- What We Heard Summary of Discussion
- Workshop Input Table of all Comments



#### HOUSING WORKSHOP 3/29/2013

- Make sure to join us at NRPC's offices from 11:30-3 and share your ideas! RSVP required.
- Agenda

#### **MISSED THE MEETING?**

#### NRPC'S REGIONAL PLAN SUBCOMMITTEES

Regional Plan Advisory Subcommittees' Roles and Responsibilities

#### **ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

- February 26, 2013
- January 29, 2013

#### COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC VITALITY

Stay tuned for upcoming meetings

#### NATURAL RESOURCES

Stay tuned for upcoming meetings

#### TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

• Stay tuned for upcoming meetings

#### **HOUSING COMMITTEE**

• Stay tuned for upcoming meetings





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### **Regional Listening Session – Join Us!**

How can we make the Nashua Region the best place to live, learn, work, and play for everyone?



**Cooperative Extension** 



# Tuesday, April 30, 2013 6:30 – 9:00 PM

6:00 Sign in and Refreshments

Nashua Senior Center 70 Temple Street

#### **Register at**

tinyurl.com/RegisterListening



