



NHCOC Goals & Outcomes FY July 2016 to June 2017

Goal 1: To share information and resources with and between our 21 member towns to enhance government planning, efficiency and service delivery.

Outcomes:

- Organize, facilitate, & host **11 meetings of the NHCOC** to discuss issues in municipal management, oversee existing COG programs, and explore new opportunities for regional cooperation.
- Organize, facilitate, & host **4 meetings of the NWCT Regional Housing Council**
- Organize, facilitate and host **2 meetings of the Regional Road Supervisors Association**
- Coordinate the **Public Works Equipment Cooperative**, sharing 10 pieces of equipment between 21 towns.
- Coordinate meetings of the **Northwest Hills Recycling Advisory Committee** as needed.
- Host & update **NHCOC website** with news, information, and reports as they become available.
- Convene other regional meetings as needed such as the annual "**Northwest Hills Legislative Forum**" with Area Legislators.

Goal 2: To coordinate State, local, and regional land use planning efforts.

Outcomes:

- Review and respond to approximately **35 referrals** per year of local zoning regulation and POCD changes from member towns and neighboring towns as statutorily required to make sure that proposed changes are consistent with regional and state plans and do not adversely impact neighboring towns.
- Facilitate **4 "5th Thursdays" forums for land use commission members** to get local input on the development of regional plans and provide a forum for the sharing of information between towns.
- Organize and host **1-2 training workshops for new land use board/commission members** in the region.
- Schedule meetings with each PZC in region and prepare a **new Regional Plan of Conservation & Development** for the Northwest Hills region.
- Provide technical assistance to the **Housatonic River Commission** and **Western CT Water Utility Coordinating Committee**.
- Facilitate preparation of **Low Impact Development Guidelines** in cooperation with the Northwest Conservation District.
- Finalize preparation of the **Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan** for the 11-town Litchfield Hills region and assist towns with FEMA applications as requested.

Goal 3: To facilitate transportation planning in the region.

Outcomes:

- Finalize the preparation of a **Regional Transportation Plan** for the Northwest Hills Region.
- Prepare a **Regional Bus Signage Plan** for the Northwestern CT Transit District.
- Implement **Rural Independent Transportation System (RITS)**.
- Assist in planning for **Regional Transit Center** in Downtown Torrington.

Goal 4: To facilitate emergency management planning in the region.

Outcomes:

- Facilitate 4 meetings of the **Northwest Hills Public Safety Task Force** and **Northwest Hills Citizen Corps Council**
- Serve as Fiduciary/Oversight Agent for DEMHS Region 5 in programming Homeland Security Grant funds.

Goal 5: To coordinate economic development efforts in the region and implement the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs).

Outcomes:

- Attend up to 8 meetings of the NWCT Economic Development Corporation to collaborate on the implementation and updating of CEDs strategies.
- Facilitate an **annual forum for local EDC members** in the NHCog region to meet each other, hear a guest speaker on a topic of common interest, and provide input on CEDs implementation.
- Pursue implementation of a **Regional Food Hub** for aggregation, storage, and distribution of locally grown food.
- Oversee work of consultants on "**Shared Economic Development Services**" project funded through the Regional Performance Incentive Program, and share lessons learned from the project with all member towns.

Goal 6: Provide cost efficient, regionally coordinated services.

Outcomes:

- Coordinate **2 regional household hazardous waste disposal days**.
- Administer the distribution of **\$55,000 in prescription assistance funding** (9 towns)
- Administer the distribution of approx. **\$13,000 in Northwest Corner Fuel bank** funding (7 towns)
- Facilitate the **cost-effective purchase** of treated road salt, plow blades, crack sealing services, and road regulatory and warning signs for member towns through the **Northwest Hills Cooperative Purchase Program**.
- Pursue other opportunities for regional service delivery including Regional Animal Shelter, Regional Broadband Coordination, and shared municipal staffing.

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