



NHCOC Goals & Outcomes FY July 2017 to June 2018

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** and social media with news, information, and reports as they become available.
- Coordinate regional Geographic Information Systems (**GIS**) **planning** offered and/or facilitated through the NHCOC.
- 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.
- Adopt **new Regional Plan of Conservation & Development**, prepare implementation toolbox for municipalities and meet with towns to pursue implementation.
- Provide technical assistance to the **Housatonic River Commission** and **Western CT Water Utility Coordinating Committee**.
- Facilitate implementation of **Low Impact Development Guidelines** in cooperation with the Northwest Conservation District.

- Assist towns with FEMA applications through the *Natural Hazard Mitigation Plans* prepared for the region.
- Coordinate with local, state and federal officials on the *FEMA Risk Mapping, Assessment, and Planning Process*.

Goal 3: To facilitate transportation planning and project implementation in the region.

Outcomes:

- Pursue implementation of *Regional Transportation Plan*.
- Undertake Assessment of *Municipal Pavement Management Programs* and Potential for Regional Coordination.
- Prepare a *Regional Bus Shelter Plan* for the Northwestern CT Transit District.
- Implement and coordinate the *Rural Independent Transportation System* (RITS).
- Assist in planning for *Regional Transit Center* in Downtown Torrington.
- Facilitate completion of the *Houbike Trail Alignment* Project and *Naugatuck River Greenway Routing Study*.
- Enhance interactive website for the NHCOC's *Regional Trail Project*.
- Coordinate with regional Transportation Providers to improve regional transportation coordination and offerings.
- Attend *Northwest Connecticut Mobility Manager Meetings* to assist regional transportation providers

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

Outcomes:

- Facilitate meetings of the *Northwest Hills Public Safety Task Force* and *Northwest Hills Citizen Corps Council* as needed.
- 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 update the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

Outcomes:

- Lead the effort to update the region's CEDS.
- Facilitate an *annual forum for local EDC members* in the NHCOC region to meet each other, hear guest speakers on topics of common interest, and provide input on CEDS update and implementation.
- Continue facilitating start-up of the *Regional Food Hub* for aggregation, storage, and distribution of locally grown food.
- Support *Rural Broadband* initiative in partnership with NWCONNECT including administration of Regional Performance Incentive Program funding.

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) in cooperation with the Foundation for Community Health.



- Administer the distribution of approx. **\$13,000 in Northwest Corner Fuel Bank** funding (7 towns)
- Administer the **Neighbor to Neighbor Program** in cooperation with the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation.
- 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.**
- **Design of Regional Animal Shelter** with RPI Grant.
- Pursue other opportunities for regional service delivery including Regional Animal Shelter construction and shared municipal staffing.

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