



## **NHCOC Goals & Outcomes**

FY July 2014 to June 2015

### **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** members including guest speakers on topics of common interest.
- Organize, facilitate, & host **4 meetings of the NWCT Regional Housing Council**
- Organize, facilitate an 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.
- Start up, organize & host 2 meetings of the statutorily required "**Northwest Hills Human Services Coordinating Committee**"

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

#### Outcomes:

- Review and respond to approximately **45 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 meetings of the Regional Planning Advisory Committee** ("5<sup>th</sup> Thursdays meetings) 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.

### **Goal 3: To facilitate transportation planning in the region.**

#### Outcomes:

- Progress in preparing an updated **Regional Transportation Plan**.
- Complete a **plan for installation of bus signs and benches/shelters** in cooperation with the Transit District's fixed route system serving Torrington, Winchester, and Litchfield.
- Develop a **5-year capital improvement plan** and prepare conceptual engineering plans for the proposed **Rural Collector Program** projects and **LOTICIP** projects.

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

Outcomes:

- Complete FEMA approved **Hazard Mitigation Plans** (one for former LHCEO region and 9 individual plans for former NWCCOG region)
- Facilitate 4 meetings of the **Northwest Hills Public Safety Task Force**
- 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 CEDS plan.**

Outcomes:

- Attend 8 meetings of the NWCT EDC.
- Complete a **Regional Infrastructure Plan** to facilitate the implementation of the CEDS.
- Visit 10 local economic development commission's to share information & resources.
- Facilitate an **annual forum for local EDC members** in the NHCOC region to meet each other, hear a guest speaker on a topic of common interest, and provide input on CEDS implementation.
- Develop & submit **Farm Viability grant** to implement CEDS.
- Pursue Economic Development District designation for region.
- Assist DECD with identification and inventory of brownfields sites in the region (required as a condition by DECD in CEDS approval letter)

**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)
- Assist in the coordination & distribution of \$300,000 in Regional Housing Rehab loan program funding to eligible homeowners (8 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
- Complete **C-PACE marketing** for 5 NHCOC towns that have opted into this State program.

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