



Southwest Region Planning Commission

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TO: SOUTHWEST REGION COMMUNITIES

SUBJECT: MONADNOCK REGION FUTURE

Enclosed is a document entitled *Monadnock Region Future: A Plan for Southwest New Hampshire*. Also included is an executive summary. These items represent products of an intensive 3-year initiative and serves as the updated plan for the Southwest Region following recent adoption by SWRPC's Board of Directors. *Monadnock Region Future* is noteworthy in that it represents:

- an unprecedented amount of outreach and public participation;
- an unprecedented volume of data and analysis; and
- an unprecedented level of integration among various components of the overall Plan.

The enclosed Plan is comprised of a base document of nearly 100 pages full of facts and figures, photographs, trends, case studies, a vision statement, goals, objectives, strategies, and more. Also, made part of the Plan are a set of appendices which include a Housing Plan, Natural Resource Plan, Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, Long Range Transportation Plan, and a Broadband Plan. The base Plan as well as these appendices can be found on-line at www.swrpc.org/regionalplan.

First and foremost, *Monadnock Region Future* is a resource to the communities served by SWRPC to assist in maintaining and updating local master plans and related initiatives. It offers a vision for the future; identifies past, current and anticipated trends; and offers strategies designed to address challenges and leverage opportunities. While this Plan is advisory in nature, we are hopeful that it will stimulate dialogue and action. To this end, we encourage joint meetings of local boards in which SWRPC's staff is willing to provide an overview of the Plan. Please consider this option as a method to facilitate discussion about planning for the future of your community.

We ask that you share this Plan with your colleagues and other interested parties. We also hope that you will find a prominent place to store the Plan so that it is accessible to town officials and the public. One option to consider is to make the Plan available via a link on the town website.

Please consider *Monadnock Region Future* as a resource. It was designed to be informative, thought provoking and user-friendly. Also, please consider SWRPC staff and our web-site as additional resources.

Sincerely,

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Chairman

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