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Lakes Region Planning Commission
LRPC COMMISSIONER SURVEY RESULTS – 2009

LRPC received 46 survey responses from 23 towns and one unknown response. Of the 23 towns 12 were identified as consensus responses.

Survey Questions - For questions 1-4 included are the top three answers and the number of respondents

1. What do you think are the top three challenges facing the Lakes Region and Central NH in the next five years?

1. Water quality and natural resource protection (15)
2. Infrastructure (13)
3. The economy (12)

2. What do you think are the top three local challenges that your community faces in the next five years?

1. Water quality and natural resource protection (12)
2. Concerns over need for tax increase to sustain local services (11)
3. Infrastructure (10)

3. If not identified in questions 1 or 2 above, what are the most pressing near and long-term infrastructure needs for your community?

1. Creation and expansion of municipal water and sewer (10)
2. Hi-speed Internet access -- Broadband (7)
3. Road and bridge repair and maintenance (6)
4. Unspecified infrastructure (5)

4. Top Six LRPC services you would like for your community.

1. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies, e.g. identification of regional projects, job creation, etc. (10)
2. Environmental Planning (10)
3. Land Use Planning (8)
4. Grant Writing and Management (8)
5. Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Planning (8)
6. Maps and Geographic Information Systems (7)

5. Is there interest in your town for identifying opportunities for the regionalization of public service, e.g. fire, ambulance service, road maintenance, other? If so, what role might the LRPC play in facilitating such an initiative?

Some towns have already initiated shared service with their neighboring towns, of the others; there were 3 towns who said no and 14 towns who were interested in the idea.