SULLIVAN COUNTY, NH
HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT READOPTED PLAN

Sullivan County's Housing and Community Development Plan (Plan) identifies needs, which currently exist or are anticipated during the next three years. The Plan provides a basis for guiding the County's housing and community development objectives and actions. The Housing and Community Development of the Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee Region, the master plans of the County's 15 communities, and the Regional Master Plan were used as the basis for the Plan.

The Plan's goals and objectives are identified below and are consistent with the National and State Housing and Community Act objectives listed in State of New Hampshire Community Development Block Grant Program Rules (Pln. 301.03). These goals and objectives are both short and long term. Particular concern was given to the needs of low and moderate-income person, minorities and disadvantaged people.

The county states that as a matter of policy, involuntary displacement of households from their neighborhoods, by actions of the County shall be minimized.

Citizen comments regarding the Plan have been solicited during the public hearings held in this current year in past years. The most recent public hearing was held on January 6, 2013.

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GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
ALL GOALS ARE BOTH SHORT AND LONG TERM

GOAL I: Encourage and support the development of a balanced, diversified, healthy, economy for the County.

Objective 1: Promote the retention and expansion of employment opportunities.

Objective 2: Encourage the location of businesses in appropriate locations.

Objective 3: Encourage and assist units of government and the private sector to provide the basic ingredients necessary for continued economic stability, specifically: land, infrastructure, labor force, energy and transportation.

Objective 4: Encourage the development of an industrial base which is clean, non-polluting and diversified.

Objective 5: Encourage and support units of government to provide viable, efficient and productive industrial areas so as to benefit the economy of the County.

Objective 6: Encourage and assist units of government to provide adequate services, transportation and amenities to enhance the competitive position of the region's existing industries.

Objective 7: Encourage the fullest use of existing industrial centers and benefit from existing facilities and services.

Objective 8: Plan for the most beneficial sitting and servicing of industry.

Objective 9: Encourage and assist municipalities to provide viable, attractive, and efficient commercial areas to serve adequately the existing and anticipated retail/service business needs of the resident and seasonal/tourist population of the County.

Objective 10: Support the provision of alternative and low-cost energy sources so as to attract and retain desirable industry and commerce.

Objective 11: Promote tourism in the region.

Objective 12: Encourage cooperation among local and County governments, business and civic organizations.

Objective 13: Promote vocational education and job training programs.

Objective 14: Encourage the development of local and county wide development tools, such as revolving loan fund, to facilitate development opportunities.

Objective 15: Support the Sullivan County Economic Development Program, now known as the Western Region Development Committee.

GOAL II: Provide safe and convenient circulation patterns in Sullivan County.

Objective 1: Provide an adequate road system and upgrade existing roads.

Objective 2: Ensure that new roads and driveways and access points be located so as to maximize public safety.

GOAL III: Enhance the appearance of Sullivan County through the provision of attractive and well-planned landscaping and park areas.

Objective 1: Promote the planting and maintenance of trees, shrubs, and lawn areas where such landscaping will visually enhance the appearance of the area.

Objective 2: Reserve significant natural and man-made features of the landscape where such elements make a positive contribution to the overall appearance of Sullivan County.

Objective 3: Provide expanded access and public park space along waterfront areas.

Objective 4: Promote creative and well-planned utility design to reduce the cluttered appearance of overhead cables, telephone poles, street lamps, etc.

GOAL IV: Encourage the protection, enhancement and renovation of significant historical and architectural resources in Sullivan County.

Objective 1: Encourage full use/occupancy and historic structures to retain and enhance their economic viability and ensure that they will be maintained.

Objective 2: Conduct an inventory and survey of historic structures and sites in Sullivan County.

Objective 3: Encourage proper rehabilitation of historic buildings.

Objective 4: Encourage property owners to have their buildings placed on the National Register of Historic Places, if appropriate and acceptable to the owners.

Objective 5: Promote local history through display of photographs in public areas, placement of markers at key sites and structures and by encouraging the efforts and activities of historical groups.

GOAL V: Encourage adequate, safe and convenient housing for all age and income groups.

Objective 1: Increase and improve housing through renovation and/or rehabilitation of existing structures and through new development.

Objective 2: Encourage diversified housing patterns with a wide range of types and prices, including housing for the young, the elderly and the handicapped.

Objective 3: Housing needs must be determined and an acceptable rural housing rehabilitation strategy should be developed.

GOAL IV: Promote the health and safety of the County's residents and visitors.

Objective 1: Promote fire safety in all public and private buildings.

Objective 2: Provide adequate lighting to maintain safety and nighttime visibility.
Objective 3: Provide adequate police and fire protection.

Objective 4: Provide adequate roads, which are properly maintained.

Objective 5: Upgrade deficient water supplies in conformance with the Safe Water Drinking Act.

GOAL VII: Provide adequate health, social and recreational services for County residents.

Objective 1: Promote the establishment of local community centers.

Objective 2: Provide office space for health and social services.

Objective 3: Recreational needs must be assessed. Plan for much-needed recreational community facilities.

Objective 4: Encourage the establishment of day care facilities and programs.

GOAL VIII: The County and local communities should continue to join with neighboring communities to provide certain community facilities and services when a regional approach is cost effective and reasonable.

Sullivan County does not have a Master Plan and Ordinances, but these goals are consistent with the Housing and Community Development of the Upper Valley-Lake Sunapee Region, the master plans of the County's 15 communities, and the Regional Master Plan (all of which were used in developing this Plan).

Any federal CDBG grant funds awarded to address any of these goals shall be expended consistent with national objectives and shall, at a minimum, provide improved housing in accordance with Section 8 standards, be used for public facility projects, employment opportunities, or feasibility studies. All CDBG funded projects, shall primarily benefit low and moderate income persons or households, and shall not benefit moderate income persons or households to the exclusion of low income persons or households.

Date Signed: 1/6/14

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