
HISTORY OF UVLSRPC

The UVLSRPC had its beginning in 1963 as the Upper Valley Development Council, a locally-supported, economic development agency serving the communities in and around the Hartford, Vermont and Lebanon and Hanover, NH job center.



In 1968, as part of a statewide regional planning initiative by the NH Governor's Office and the NH Office of State Planning, the already operational Upper Valley Development Council was established as a regional planning commission for the Upper Valley Region. This agency was renamed the Upper Valley Planning and Development Council (UVPDC) and continued to include several towns in Vermont.

In 1972 the number of planning regions in New Hampshire was reduced from 17 to 6 by Executive Order of Governor Peterson. This meant that former Planning Region 9 (Lake Sunapee Region) was annexed to the former Region 8 (Upper Valley Region). The new organization was named the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Council (UVLSC).

In the early 1990s the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Council's Board voted to change the name of the regional planning commission to the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) which it remains today.

On July 1, 2004, per order of Secretary of the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development Kevin Dorn, the Commission's Vermont communities became part of a neighboring Vermont-only regional planning commission, and so the UVLSRPC became a NH-only regional planning commission for the first time.