

Community Engagement Plan

2026-2034 Northwest Regional Plan Update

What is the purpose of the engagement?

Involve & collaborate with municipal officials regarding the new regional plan map & housing targets. Inform & consult with regional residents regarding the updates to the plan. Ensure meaningful participation where all individuals have the opportunity to participate in decision-making.

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The NRPC will provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities, and/or solutions.	The NRPC will obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives, and/or decisions.	The NRPC will work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.	The NRPC will partner with the public in all non-routine steps of the decision, including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.	Final decision-making power is placed in the hands of the public.
Project Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flyer distributed via community partners - Website landing page - Newsletter, FPF, Facebook and press release (drive traffic to website) 	Project Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comment box/short survey (TBD) - Open houses at community locations/events - 4 regional public meetings 	Project Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Municipal Meetings with Planning Commissions & Selectboards (housing targets) 	Project Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Municipal Meetings with Planning Commissions & Selectboards (Regional FLU) 	Project Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Decision on Tier 1B Act 250 exemption

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<p>Strategies of Participation:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Website</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Regional Data Scorecard</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Posters / Flyers / Display Ads</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newsletter</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Press Releases</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Email</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Social Media</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Front Porch Forum Posting</p>	<p>Strategies of Participation:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Work Groups</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comment forms</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Survey</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Open houses at community locations/events.</p>	<p>Strategies of Participation:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Advisory / Steering Committee</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project Meetings</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Workshops</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Open Houses</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Forums</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Direct Mailing / Email Blast</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Staff Outreach</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p>	<p>Strategies of Participation:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Community / Co-led Committee</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Advisory board</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Coalition / Partnership</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Policy development and advocacy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Project meetings to review draft maps</p>	<p>Strategies of Participation:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Community / Co-led Committee</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Coalition / Partnership</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Meetings with municipalities to provide education on options</p>
<p>Additional details on strategies of participation: Flyer to introduce public to NRPC & land use mapping will be prioritized first to educate prior to requesting feedback. All outreach will drive traffic to the website landing page.</p>	<p>Additional details on strategies of participation: Open houses at community locations/events to inform and take public feedback. Hold 4 public input sessions located across the region and at different times, including with options for online participation. Online comment box/short survey on the webpage.</p>	<p>Additional details on strategies of participation:</p> <p>Housing targets are at the involve level of participation as NRPC will incorporate feedback on overall methodology, but will not adjust individual municipal targets to ensure fairness across the region.</p>	<p>Additional details on strategies of participation:</p> <p>NRPC will review the future land use maps based on overall methodology with municipalities and adjust the maps in collaboration with municipal officials.</p>	<p>Additional details on strategies of participation:</p> <p>Municipalities will have the power to opt in or out of Tier 1B Act 250 exemptions. NRPC will provide education and support.</p>