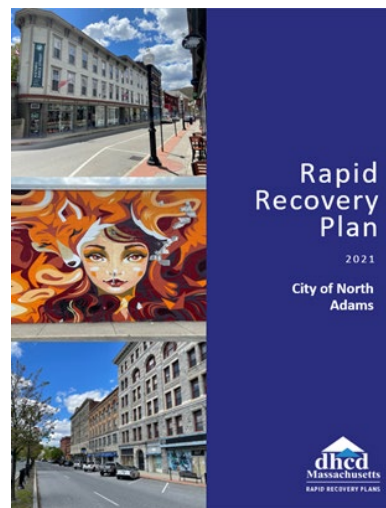
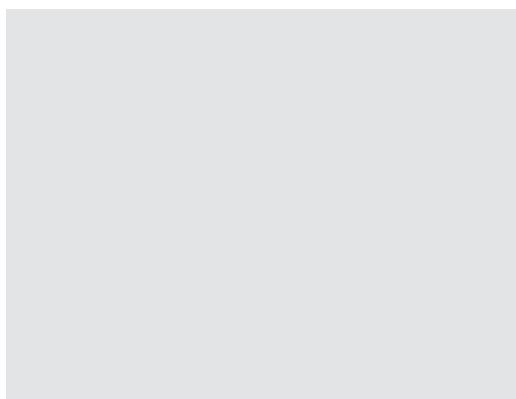
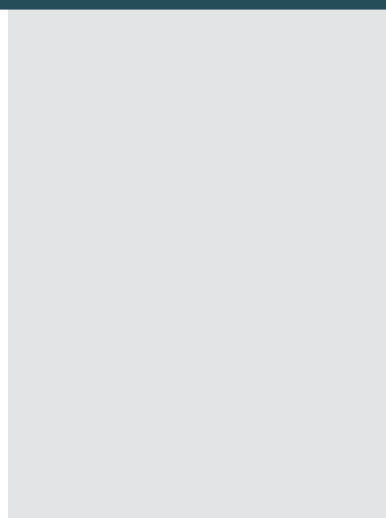


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Executive Director's Comments

A full year into the COVID-19 pandemic, fiscal year 2021, demanded a unique approach to our work and operations. Aside from working remotely, BRPC had to continually adapt to constantly changing situations to deal with the public health crisis and the resulting social and economic fallout.

The Berkshire Public Health Alliance (managed by BRPC) continued coordination with weekly situation updates to the local boards of health, and deployment of hundreds of thousand dollars of emergency funding from DPH for supplies, public health nursing staff, central coordination and coaching to health inspectors on the ever-changing regulations, and a public information campaign which included billboards, bus ads, and other signage. BRPC staff was instrumental in the Berkshire Vaccine Collaboration, an informal partnership of many organizations and individuals to provide COVID-19 vaccines at three large mass vaccination clinic sites in the Berkshires; North Adams, Pittsfield, and Great Barrington. In clinics that ran from January 11, 2021 through June 26, 2021 the collaborative provided at least 90,000 vaccination shots. There's simply no other way to put it: these efforts saved lives. The public health professionals in Berkshire County are heroes.

BRPC assisted individual businesses and non-profits during the pandemic. BRPC administered the Small Business Recovery Fund, provided by the MA Attorney General's Office, which provided reimbursements up to \$3,000 for fixed costs that could not be avoided despite an inability of the business to operate at full capacity. The program distributed \$45,000 and helped about 15 businesses. Senator Adam Hinds secured a legislative earmark for BRPC of \$250,000 which established the COVID-19 Adaptation Fund for Berkshire County. The Adaptation Fund supported both for- and non-profit organizations with grants of up to \$12,000, reimbursing rent payments, payroll, accounts payable, or documented lost sales. Preference was given to applications from BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color)-owned businesses, a population disproportionately affected by the pandemic. Nearly 40 applicants benefited from this program, and the Adaptation Fund also awarded two \$15,000 grants to non-profits offering technical assistance to residents impacted by pandemic conditions. BRPC helped manage two large programs with the lead communities of Adams and Lenox. The Microenterprise Assistance Programs in the Northern and Southern Berkshires utilize Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to support low-to-moderate income business owners with grants of up to \$25,000. Microenterprises (five or fewer employees, including the owner) make up a large portion of businesses in Berkshire County.

As important as these efforts were, BRPC was able to remain strong in our other program areas. Climate change, one of the greatest threats of our time, was given a strong level of effort both on efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and well as to prepare for and adapt to the inevitable changing climate.

The Berkshire County housing crisis only worsened in the pandemic. Partnering with 1Berkshire, and working with the region's housing practitioners, BRPC initiated the development of a comprehensive housing strategy.

BRPC had a busy and successful year in FY 21 on many fronts. As the fiscal year ended in June, there was the promise that the COVID-19 pandemic was behind us. There was a collective sigh of release: we survived (literally and figuratively.) In September though, it is a different situation. COVID is still here and still strong. Looking forward to FY 22 BRPC needs to remain flexible and adaptable to respond to the continuing crisis as well as continue to deliver high quality services to the Berkshire Community.

Thomas Matuszko
Executive Director

Programs of BRPC

Community Development & Housing

BRPC supports strategies, programs and projects that strengthen our region through housing planning, housing rehabilitation and development, infrastructure improvements and the promotion of efficient use of municipal resources.

Community Planning

BRPC assists in the development of master and comprehensive plans, zoning bylaws, and other land use projects including review of site-specific development projects.

Data & Information Services

BRPC's Data & Information Services Program serves as a data, analysis, and mapping resource for our municipalities, the community, and other BRPC programs. The program can create customized maps and modeling using various digital resources at the neighborhood, municipal, and county levels. The program often conducts in-depth analysis showing current data trends and projections for the future and publishes the Berkshire Benchmarks data clearinghouse and indicators.

Emergency Preparedness Planning

BRPC guides emergency preparedness through multi-agency coordination for improved regional resiliency in two areas: public health, including public health emergency preparedness, and the natural environment, including hazard mitigation plans and municipal vulnerability assessments.

Economic Development

BRPC coordinates with federal, state, regional and local partners to pursue economic development strategies, programs, and projects that encourage investment in our region.

Environmental & Energy Planning

BRPC supports strategies, programs and projects that strengthen and protect the natural and built environment through local and regional initiatives including Brownfield's assessments and cleanups, stormwater management, climate adaptation and resiliency, clean and efficient energy, and Green Communities.

Public Health

BRPC delivers public health and wellness support through coordination of regional partnerships such as the Berkshire Public Health Alliance and BOAPC.

Regional Initiatives and Services

BRPC participates in regional initiatives related to topics such as public education and access to broadband and operates a regional Group Purchasing Program.

Transportation Planning

BRPC's Transportation Planning Program is designated as the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization in accordance with federal transportation law and is responsible for the planning and programming of all modes of transportation including highways, public transit, rail, freight, bicycles & pedestrians. This program also provides technical assistance to our communities on transportation matters.

Administration

BRPC's Administration staff provide financial management, support to Programs and Initiatives, and support to the Commission's policy body.

General Services and Operations

BRPC's Local Assessments from our Communities allowed BPRC to provide service to our communities not covered by funding sources from Federal, State, Local, Organizations or Non-Profits. Services provided are Educational Training, Environmental Reviews, Grant Writing, Maps and Local Technical Assistance.

Berkshires Tomorrow, Inc.

Our Non-Profit received funding for the Berkshire County Education Task Force efforts the Berkshire Remote Learning Initiative, Regional Services for COVID-19 Emergency Response assistance and Berkshires Opioid Addiction Prevention.

Summary of Project Activities for FY 21

COVID

The Berkshire Regional Planning Commission staff was deeply involved in response to the COVID-19 crisis. On the public health front BRPC staff served as the liaison between the state and local Boards of Health on initially preventing the spread of the virus through contact tracing and then through vaccinations. BRPC was also deeply involved with assisting businesses and non-profits survive the economic fallout from the COVID-19 crisis.

→ COVID Economic Response & Recovery

The Berkshire County Small Business Recovery Fund provided small for-profit businesses in Berkshire County with emergency assistance due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The CDBG CV Regional Grant Program, funded by HUD, helped low to moderate income business owners adversely impacted by the 2020 Coronavirus pandemic in the form of grants. These grants served the towns of Adams, Cheshire, Clarksburg, Dalton, Florida, Hancock, Hinsdale, Lanesborough, New Ashford, Peru, Savoy, Williamstown, Windsor, Alford, Becket, Egremont, Great Barrington, Lee, Monterey, Mount Washington, New Marlborough, Otis, Richmond, Sandisfield, Sheffield, Stockbridge, Tyringham, Washington and West Stockbridge.

The Berkshire County COVID-19 Adaptation Fund provided grants to small for-profit and non-profit businesses in Berkshire County to address fixed debt, payroll, accounts payable, documented lost sales, and other working capital expenses that could have been recognized had the COVID-19 pandemic not occurred. The fund also considered applications from established non-profit organizations to support programs aimed at supporting individuals and groups of individuals impacted economically by COVID-19.

The Local Rapid Recovery Program and the Local Rapid Recovery Program Subject Matter Expert Program provided technical assistance the communities of Adams, Great Barrington, North Adams, and Williamstown to help them develop plans tailored to the unique economic challenges and immediate COVID-19 impacts that affected them.

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, in partnership with sub awardee 1Berkshire, provided regional resiliency planning, recovery project support, economic indicator tracking, technical assistance and capacity building for businesses and municipalities, and workforce and industry support through an EDA CARES Act project which continues through early 2023.

→ COVID Public Health Response & Recovery

Over the past 18 months, Public Health Program Staff regularly provided information and technical assistance on state guidelines to local boards of health, informed state policy through local advocacy and participation in state committees, distributed emergency funds to local boards of health and provided contact tracing and COVID case management to up to 21 municipalities at a time through the Berkshire Public Health Alliance Public Health Nursing program. Public Health staff facilitated collaboration across the county for all aspects of the COVID response, including as a key member of the Berkshire Vaccine Collaborative that together provided almost 90,000 COVID vaccinations in the Berkshires.

Community Development and Housing

→ Americans with Disabilities Act

ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plans were developed for Becket and Stockbridge, which enabled them to identify barriers to accessibility in all municipal facilities.

→ Community Development Block Grant

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission managed several CDBG grants for Berkshire communities. CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Programs were conducted for the Towns of Cheshire, New Marlborough, Sheffield, Stockbridge, Becket, Dalton, and Otis. The Programs rehabilitated homes 30 in Cheshire, Sheffield, New Marlborough, and Otis under 2 separate grants. The average cost per rehabilitation project was approximately \$40,000. Over 100 new applications have been reviewed and up to 20 projects initiated for homeowners in Dalton, Sheffield, Stockbridge, and Becket. The CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program provides such items as new roofs and window replacements, electrical and plumbing upgrades, heating systems and septic systems, and de-leading of properties built prior to 1978.

BRPC also managed CDBG projects in the Towns of Sheffield and New Marlborough which provided 100% designs, specifications and bid-ready documents for Architectural Barrier Removal and ADA upgrades on municipal facilities, including the Sheffield Police Station, the Bushnell-Sage Public Library, the Sheffield Town Park, and the New Marlborough Town Hall.

→ Community Development

The Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, along with the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG), assisted in the development and implementation of the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership, an initiative to provide natural resource based economic development, community sustainability and enhanced forestland conservation and stewardship in 21 communities in northern Berkshire and northwestern Franklin counties.

→ Housing

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission performed a Housing Needs Assessment for the town of Great Barrington. Working with housing professionals from across County and 1Berkshire, BRPC also initiated a region-wide strategic housing plan to deal with Berkshire County's housing crisis.

Community Planning

→ Comprehensive (Master) Planning

The Community Planning Program provided comprehensive planning services to several municipalities including assisting the Town of Washington prepare a Town Plan, a small-town scale Master Plan, finishing a Master Plan for the Town of Lenox, and initiating the development of a Master Plan for West Stockbridge.

→ Zoning

BRPC staff also assisted municipalities with zoning, including assisting North Adams with a comprehensive review and re-drafting of its zoning ordinance as well as the adoption of a 40R District. BRPC also provided Stockbridge with the regular services of an Outsource Planner, a BRPC staff member working on behalf of the town as if they were the town's planner.

The Town of Dalton worked with the Commission to integrate emergency communications and education into green infrastructure and environmental stewardship planning and implementation. BRPC assisted the Town of Lee and the Lee Youth Commission with conducting a community survey for a community center.

→ District Local Technical Assistance

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission staff provided technical assistance to member municipalities. This assistance focused on advancing municipal partnerships, planning for housing, and planning for growth. It also encouraged and enabled municipalities to work together in the achievement and/or enhancement of cost-effective service delivery or to create and sustain ongoing collaboration and consultation on issues, which were affecting the municipalities, such as land use and planning for new economic and housing growth. Projects and activities resulted in a measurable change in the municipalities, whether in law, regulation, program management, or practice. The DLTA program allowed BRPC to work both with individual communities on a wide range of items, such as housing needs assessments and affordable housing planning. It allowed BRPC to work on important regional initiatives such as support to the complete count committee, support to the Berkshire County Education Task Force, support to the Rest of River Municipal Committee for the clean-up of the Housatonic River, the initiation of a comprehensive housing strategy for the region, and the advancement of Economic Development District designation for Berkshire County.

→ Open Space Planning

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission aided the Town of Dalton in updating their Open Space and Recreation Plan and initiated an Open Space and Recreation Planning process for West Stockbridge.

Data and Information Services

→ Local Assistance - Data

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission began working with the Berkshire Leadership Impact Council (BLIC) through the Berkshire United Way to redevelop the Berkshire Benchmarks website. The process involved extensive community outreach to organizations and individuals throughout the region to develop regional indicators for the county. BRPC also provided the Town of Adams with a dedicated GIS Coordinator to perform part-time mapping services.

Economic Development

→ Outdoor Recreation Economic Development

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission provided technical assistance for establishing a climate change program and a Forestry Center at the Greylock Glen as well as aided in increasing outdoor recreation knowledge in Berkshire County. Berkshire Regional Planning Commission inventoried tourism support services and recreational assets in the region and made recommendation of facilities and services needed in the region. Also, Berkshire Regional Planning Commission staff provided planning service for the creation and promotion of mountain biking trails in Western Massachusetts.

→ Economic Development Planning

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission provided the services of an Economic Development planner to assist the Towns of Adams, Great Barrington, Lanesborough, Lenox and Richmond to advance economic development activities in these towns.

→ Economic Promotion

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission supported the operation of independent farmers markets, built capacity and increased customer volume and sales. A unified market campaign was developed to advertise the markets within the region.

Environmental and Energy Planning

→ Brownsfields Environmental Assessments

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission worked with the City of North Adams, and the Towns of Adams, Lee, and Great Barrington to serve as grant manager for their Communitywide Brownfields Assessment Grants. Sites in North Adams sites included the Windsor Mill and Greylock Mill. Adams' assessment targeted the Rt. 8 Corridor including sites such as Adams Memorial School, 5-7 Hoosac Street, 50 Commercial Street, 26 Commercial Street and Curtis Fine Papers. Lee's assessment targeted the former Schweitzer-Mauduit paper mills (Eagle, Columbia, Greylock and Niagara) along with the former Westfield River Paper Co. Great Barrington's assessment targeted sites owned by the Town or in tax arrears including Cook's Garage, Ried Cleaners, and Hong Kong Buffet/Carpenter's Variety.

→ **Brownsfields Environmental Cleanup**

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission assisted the Town of Adams in managing an EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant to remediate the Hoosac Valley Coal and Grain site. In addition, BRPC is serving as grant manager for an EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant awarded to the Town of Great Barrington to remediate the Ried Cleaners site, which recently underwent a soil removal action conducted by EPA Emergency Response.

→ **Brownsfields Environmental Revolving Loan Fund**

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission has established a Revolving Loan Fund to lend funds for cleanup activities. This fund may fill funding gaps in the financial mix of a project. Loans have been awarded to GreylockWORKS for remediation activities at Greylock Mill in North Adams. In FY21 a sub-grant was awarded to the City of North Adams for remediation at the former Sun Cleaners on River Road.

→ **Climate Adaptation and Resiliency**

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission provided technical and planning services to assist Clarksburg, North Adams, New Marlborough, Otis, Peru, and Mount Washington to prepare Hazard Mitigation Plans to meet the requirements of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA.) BRPC is also aiding the Towns of Otis, Cheshire, and Mount Washington in completing the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) planning process. In Monterey, BRPC provided grant administration and community outreach/educational services for the design phase of a Route 23 culvert replacement project.

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission provided support and leadership to several efforts in the Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership area, including overall grant management and support for the Mohawk Trail Woodland Partnership Regional Adaptation & Resilience Project, which is working with municipalities and landowners to achieve greater resilience of the forests to withstand climate change.

→ **Energy**

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission worked with municipalities to increase knowledge of clean energy technologies and programs and expanding access to clean energy technology for the Commonwealth's low-income residents. BRPC also provided clean energy planning and program management to Berkshire County municipalities, including Adams, Becket, Cheshire, Great Barrington, Lanesborough, Monterey, North Adams, Peru, Richmond, and West Stockbridge.

→ **Environmental Municipal Services**

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission served as the agent for the five Rest of River municipalities Lenox, Lee, Stockbridge, Great Barrington, and Sheffield.

→ **Stormwater**

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission provided professional planning assistance to the Towns of Adams, Dalton and Lanesborough to maintain compliance with the NPDES Phase II General Permit. BRPC also provided regional assistance that further the goals of the Nonpoint Source Program especially objectives and milestones identified in the 2020-2024 Massachusetts Nonpoint Source Management Program Plan.

General Services and Operations

→ Local Assistance

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission provided local assistance through the funds received from Community assessments.

BRPC prepared advisory comments for the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs and local permitting boards/commissions to projects subject to Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) review.

BRPC provided technical assistance to local municipalities, nonprofit organization, and institutions to prepare, write and administer grant applications to a wide range of public or private funding sources.

Provided technical assistance to the region's municipalities about a host of planning related topics, ranging from procedural issues related to zoning, review of development projects, requests for demographic and land use information and request for GIS and other maps.

Provided support to the Western Mass Historical Commission Coalition.

→ Mapping Services

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission provides maps to the public as requested on a fee basis.

Public Health

→ Public Health Drug Addiction Prevention

Berkshire County Community Engagement & Response Program worked with the existing emergency preparedness coalition and newly engaged community partners to do a series of community workshops and design a blood-borne pathogen (HIV) community response plan. Through the Overdose Data to Action, program post-overdose engagement strategies for the Northern Berkshire region were implemented. BRPC's Public Health Program also reconvened the countywide hepatitis C working group and worked with clinical partners to engage more physicians/clinical partners in providing treatment for hepatitis C.

→ Public Health Opioid Abuse Prevention

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, through the Berkshire Public Health Alliance, coordinated the Berkshire Opioid Abuse Prevention Collaborative to prevent and reduce unintentional deaths and non-fatal hospital events associated with opioid poisonings throughout Berkshire County. BRPC, via the Berkshire Opioid Addiction Prevention Collaborative, is one of the 16 groups across the state being funded by Boston Medical Center to participate in a research study in reducing opioid deaths.

→ Public Health Emergency Preparedness Services

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission was the fiduciary agent for the Berkshire County Boards of Health Association (BCBOHA) acting as the Berkshire Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) Coalition which assists local Boards of Health in Berkshire County to prepare for emergencies and disasters. BRPC helps support Berkshire and Franklin Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) which provided thousands of hours to the COVID vaccination clinics, as well as to other COVID efforts. BRPC also worked on several Western Region Homeland Security Advisory Council

(WRHSAC) projects, including developing plans for non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPI) to prevent infectious disease and the development of a scope of services for a consultant to conduct an After-Action process for western MA responders.

→ **Public Health Food Protection Services**

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission staff and Berkshire Public Health Alliance inspectors provided a research report for communities to modify, adopt, and implement written policies that meet FDA Standard 3 for food protection. Communities in the Regional Food Safety and Inspection program enhanced regional local regulatory environment for food inspections. BRPC has also been able to implement on-line permitting in several additional communities this year, including Windsor, Peru, Richmond, and Washington.

→ **Public Health Inspectional Services**

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission served as the fiduciary agent to the Berkshire Public Health Alliance to implement a regional Public Health Inspectional Program. The Alliance also received a Public Health Excellence grant from the state DPH at the end of FY 21, which encouraged municipalities to share public health services and build toward a more comprehensive set of shared public health services. This will allow the Alliance to hire a coordinator and an additional inspector. The municipalities served in fiscal year 2021 were Becket, Dalton, Egremont, Lanesborough, Middlefield, Peru, Pittsfield, Richmond, Washington, and Windsor.

→ **Public Health Nursing Services**

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission served as the fiduciary agent to the Berkshire Public Health Alliance to implement a regional Public Health Nursing Program. The Berkshire Public Health Alliance, through the Public Health Nursing Program was heavily engaged in the COVID-19 crisis, initially providing contact tracing services, providing guidance to local Board of Health, and then helping to coordinate and administer large-scale vaccination clinic. Due to COVID, the Public Health Nursing program at one point grew from 10 municipalities to 22. The municipalities served in fiscal year 2021 were Becket, Cheshire, Clarksburg, Dalton, Egremont, Florida, Great Barrington, Lee, Lenox, Middlefield, New Ashford, North Adams, Otis, Peru, Pittsfield, Sandisfield, Savoy, Stockbridge, Tyringham, Washington, Williamstown, and Windsor.

→ **Community Health Improvement Planning**

BRPC acted as the backbone agency for the County Health Initiative (CHI) which consists of decision-makers from Northern Berkshire Community Coalition, Berkshire Health Systems, the City of Pittsfield Health Department, Tri-Town Health Department, the Southern Berkshire Rural Health Network and Volunteers in Medicine. The CHI worked on developing Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) for Berkshire County. This is a five-year project, including implementation of the plan once completed.

→ **Grey to Green**

The Pittsfield Grey to Green Project is a five-year effort to engage the community and prioritize green planning in a social and racial justice context to remove barriers to health. Partners included Habitat for Humanity and Working Cities, 18 Degrees and the City of Pittsfield.

Regional Initiatives and Services

→ Municipal Services (General Government)

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission managed an online burn-permitting program with area Fire Departments as well as managed the Berkshire Regional Group Purchasing Program, which assisted 26 Berkshire communities in the procurement of road, energy, and winter materials and services. The BRGPP executed and continues to manage contracts with 25 vendors on behalf of Berkshire municipalities.

→ Municipal Services (Education - Berkshire County Education Task Force)

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission supported the Berkshire County Education Task Force in developing the solutions for improvement across the board in the Berkshire communities. Funds were provided to help school districts in Berkshire County procure an online learning platform and support the Berkshire Remote Learning Initiative (BRLI).

Transportation

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission provided staff support to the Berkshire Metropolitan Planning Organization who developed and endorsed the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Unified Planning Work Program. Over this past year, transportation staff have focused their attention on developing an Electric Vehicle and Charging Infrastructure plan, working on bicycle and pedestrian planning efforts in North Adams and Pittsfield, and conducting community wide pavement assessments. Staff has also been actively involved in the Transportation Climate Initiative advocating for the interests of rural communities and protecting their interests.

→ Bicycles & Pedestrians

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission served as the fiduciary agent for the Berkshire Bike Path Council in promoting the development of bicycle facilities in Berkshire County. The North Adams Downtown Circulation Plan, developed by BRPC with City staff, examined the future Berkshire Bike Path, which is expected to pass through the North Adams downtown as well as addressing long-term transportation needs.

→ Complete Streets

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission assisted in a Complete Streets Prioritization Plan for the Town of Otis.

→ Pavement Conditions

Berkshire Regional Planning Commission provided pavement condition assessments for the Towns of Lanesborough, Washington, and Becket.

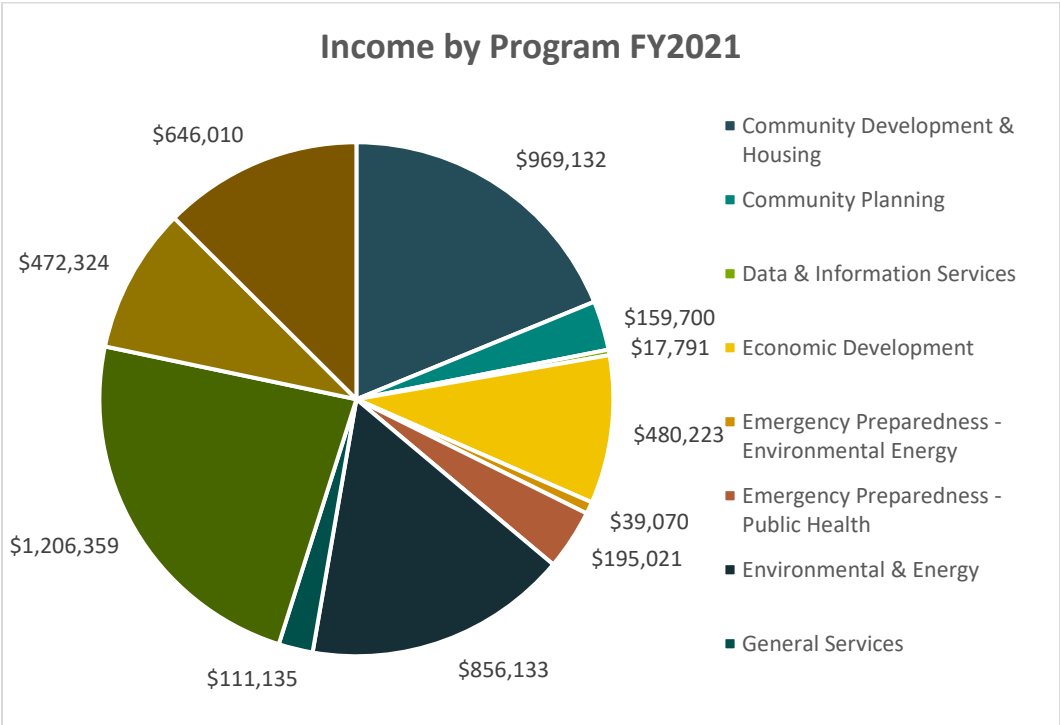
Finance and Administration

BRPC's closed our Fiscal Year 2021 in a strong position. FY2021 Revenue of \$5.1 million dollars came from funding sources from Federal and State grants, Local, Organizations or Non-Profits agreements. BRPC managed 122 contracts in FY2021.

BRPC's funds supported a broad range of services and technical expertise under each of our Programs. Our programs allowed BRPC to provide leadership and assistance to the County's municipalities, organizations, and citizens in achieving countywide inter-relationships, prosperity, opportunities, quality of life, strength, and vibrancy.

Independent Audit

Our FY2021 independent Audit has yet to be completed. Our un-audited statements show BRPC's expenditures to be within budget with a surplus in our general operation fund.



Income in FY2021 totaled \$5,152,897

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Berkshire Metropolitan Planning Organization—Chair Kyle Hanlon (North Adams); Alternate-Sam Haupt (Peru)

Mohawk Trail Woodlands Partnership Project Advisory Committee—Kyle Hanlon (North Adams)

