

Common Ground

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Holiday greetings from the staff and leadership of Berkshire Regional Planning Commission!

As the year draws to a close, we look back with gratitude for the many collaborations and partnerships that made our work stronger, and look forward to working with you in the future. We are pleased to share the BRPC Annual Report linked below. As you'll see, it has been a busy but very fulfilling year for our staff. Each program area has seen an expansion in some way: new topics to delve into, expanded responsibilities to deliver services throughout the region, or the onboarding of additional staff to serve our communities.

The core purpose of our work - improving the quality of life for Berkshire residents - remains strong. We want to take this opportunity to thank you for your own efforts in that same vein. Berkshire County truly offers a unique experience for those of us fortunate to live, work, or recreate here, and that doesn't happen by chance. It is the collective result of so many dedicated hands working tirelessly on a local level. We greatly appreciate the time and effort you are providing to your communities, all of which contribute to the strength of our county.

At a regional, national, and global level, our society is certainly facing challenges, many of which are truly daunting. We hope this holiday season will provide an opportunity to reflect on the many ways our shared home here in the Berkshires provides shelter and nourishment and how we can all take steps to better share those resources with our neighbors.

The Senate Chambers of the Massachusetts State House feature an engraving of these words from Frederick Douglass: "Truth, justice, liberty, and humanity will ultimately prevail."

These powerful words inspire us toward hope. Wherever you look for inspiration as you embark on the New Year, we wish you renewed energy for the work ahead and a sense of enduring peace throughout all of 2024.

Sincerely,

Thomas Matuszko Executive Director





Annual Report

FY 2023

October 2023







Click the image above to download a PDF. Or, view the FY23 Annual Report online HERE.

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