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BRPC Publishes Annual Report

FY25 a year of budgetary growth and programmatic expansion

Pittsfield, MA -- Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) is pleased to share its Annual Report for the fiscal year 2025. Over the course of the year, which ended on June 30th, 2025, the agency managed approximately 168 distinct projects, largely grant-funded, across several program areas.

Staff provided a wide range of services in all 32 member municipalities in FY25, with several communities engaging with all eight program areas, collectively staffed by approximately 50 full- and part-time personnel. BRPC's group purchasing program, which leverages buying power on behalf of participating communities, was used by 26 municipalities to procure \$8 million of goods and services last year. Additional areas with widespread participation include the public health nursing services and comprehensive environmental health and inspectional services provided by BRPC Public Health staff through the Berkshire Public Health Alliance, as well as the digital equity planning and implementation support provided by BRPC's Economic Development staff to facilitate more widespread access to affordable internet, computers, and computer skills.

BRPC's FY25 budget increased over the previous year by some \$1.7 million to \$8.6 million, ending the year with a solid surplus and positioning the agency for a strong FY26. In addition to operating revenue, BRPC also managed \$2.9 million in restricted loan funding, primarily focused on brownfields remediation through the Berkshire Brownfields Program, and housing support through the Home Modification Loan Program.

The Annual Report was presented at BRPC's annual meeting on October 16th and is available online through www.berkshireplanning.org or directly at bit.ly/FY25AnnualReport. Executive Director Thomas Matuszko, a 29-year veteran of the agency who has served as Executive Director since 2018, shared plans to retire in early 2026. "I consider myself very lucky," he stated. "The work has been interesting, demanding, and challenging. Most of all, it has been incredibly satisfying."

Before providing an overview of the year's work by each program area, Mr. Matuszko highlighted BRPC's institutional values, adopted in 2017 and resonant still: providing quality information, engaging different and diverse voices, balancing competing interests, respect, partnerships, and integrity. "When we remain true to those values, we will continue to be able to provide high quality services to the people and municipalities of Berkshire County."

As the organization heads into 2026, it will mark 60 years since its inception in 1966. While the Commission approved a conservatively estimated FY26 budget of just under \$7 million for FY26 in May, several additional grant awards and projects have been awarded since that time,

while previously contracted projects remain in place. "We have continued to adapt," said Matuszko, describing the agency's strengthening of 'traditional' planning services related to land use and transportation, while expanding relatively newer services under the categories of public health, energy, and economic development planning. "BRPC is in a very strong position."

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About BRPC: *Berkshire Regional Planning Commission is the regional planning agency for Berkshire County, Massachusetts, providing comprehensive planning services to municipalities, which include land use, transportation, community and economic development, housing, public health, and environmental planning. BRPC promotes regional collaboration among communities and works to increase coordination between all levels of government.*