

AWRPC

Association of Wisconsin Regional Planning Commissions

*Collaborating with Local Governments
to Provide Effective Solutions to
the State's Planning Needs*



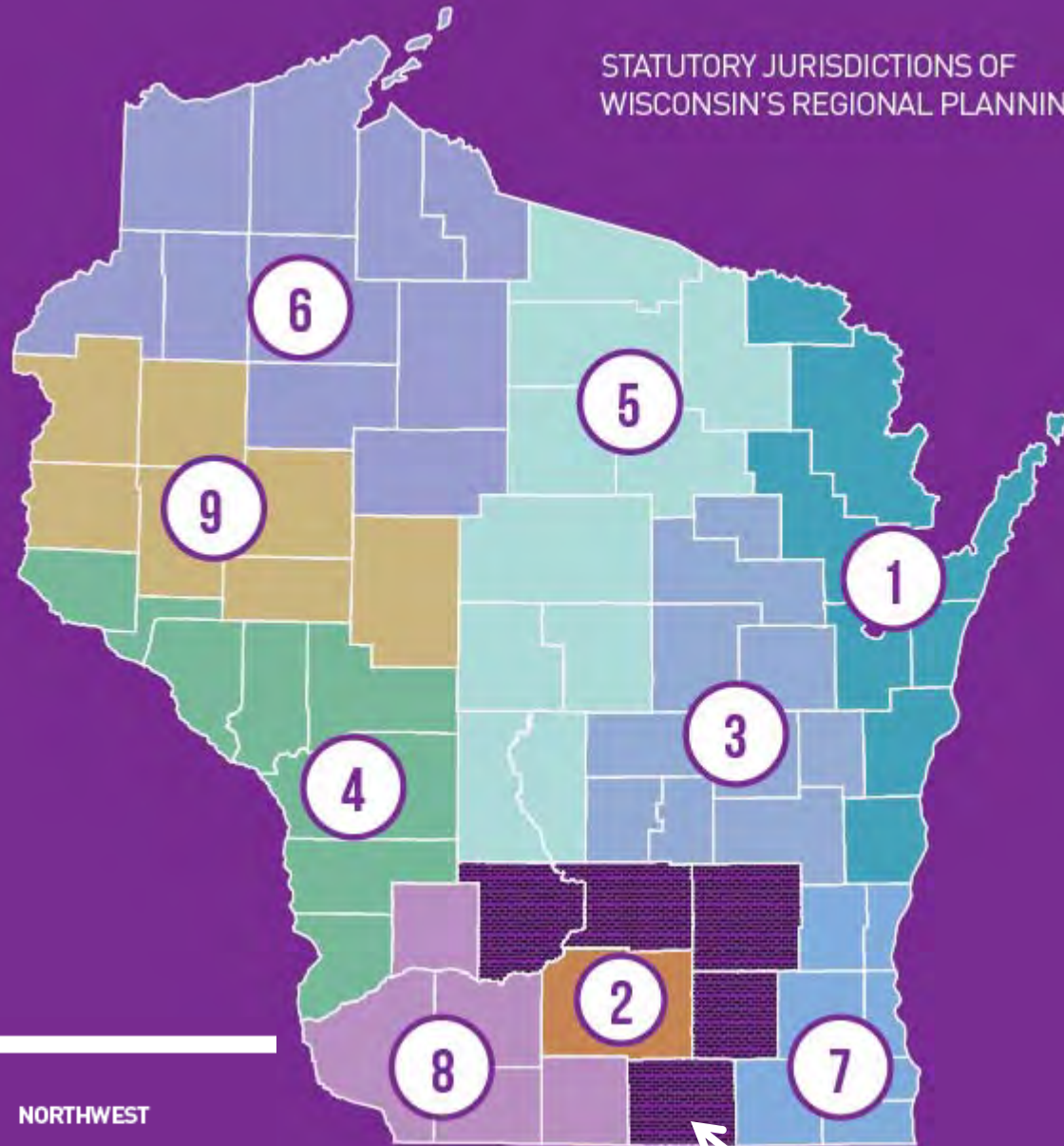
What Is AWRPC?

The Association of Wisconsin Regional Planning Commissions (AWRPC) is a statewide organization comprised of all nine of the State's Regional Planning Commissions.

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STATUTORY JURISDICTIONS OF
WISCONSIN'S REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS



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| 1 | BAY - LAKE | 6 | NORTHWEST |
| 2 | CAPITAL AREA | 7 | SOUTHEASTERN |
| 3 | EAST CENTRAL | 8 | SOUTHWESTERN |
| 4 | MISSISSIPPI RIVER | 9 | WEST CENTRAL |
| 5 | NORTH CENTRAL | | |

Non RPC
Counties

What Are Regional Planning Commissions?

Regional Planning Commissions, or RPCs, were created by the State between the late 1950s and early 1970s and are governed under what is now Wisconsin State Statutes 66.0309.

Regional Planning Commissions are ADVISORY in nature.

RPCs are partially funded by a direct tax levy to 'member' counties and communities (.0003 max). Non-member counties generally receive no services from RPCs and are often left out of many important regional initiatives.

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FUNCTIONS

Under Wisconsin law, regional planning commissions have the following functions:

- 1 conduct all types of research studies; collect and analyze data; prepare maps, charts and tables; and conduct necessary studies;
- 2 make and adopt plans for the physical, social, and economic development of the Region;
- 3 publish and advertise their purposes, objectives and findings, and may distribute reports thereon; and
- 4 provide advisory services on planning problems to the local governmental units within the Region and to other public and private agencies in matters relative to its functions and objectives.

Emerging Trends in Regional Planning



American Planning Association

- 1. Sustainability / Livability / Resiliency**
- 2. Integrated Regional Planning**
- 3. Forecasting for Change and Disruption**
- 4. Inclusive Engagement**
- 5. Plan Implementation**
- 6. New technologies, tools, and techniques.**

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RPCs form partnerships with local units of government.

As local budgets get squeezed by state levy limits and cost increases, RPCs can become an effective way to ensure that long-range planning issues are addressed.

RPCs form partnerships with the State of Wisconsin to prepare and implement long range plans for agencies and departments. Using RPCs provides efficiencies in terms of economies of scale, as well as improved communication across governmental jurisdictions.

RPCs form partnerships with non-profit groups and associations. By working with entities such as WCA, WTA, TDA and others, RPCs can effectively maintain relationships to get ahead of the planning issues which affect our communities.

Some of our Partners In Planning

- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
- Economic Development Administration (EDA)
- National Park Service (NPS)
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USF&W)
- U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)
- WI Dept. of Natural Resources (WDNR)
- WI Dept. of Transportation (WisDOT)
- WI Dept. of Administration (WDOA)
- Wisconsin Coastal Management Program (WCMP)
- WI Dept. of Ag, Trade, & Consumer Protection (DATCP)
- WI Dept. of Commerce (Commerce)
- University of Wisconsin-Extension (UWEX)
- University of Wisconsin-Sea Grant
- Wisconsin Geologic & Natural History Survey (WGNHS)
- Workforce Development Boards
- Wisconsin Chapter of the American Planning Association (WAPA)
- Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA)
- Wisconsin Towns Association (WTA)
- League of Wisconsin Municipalities
- 1000 Friends of Wisconsin
-and more!

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Why Support Your RPC?

- **A Stronger Voice**
- **A Cooperative Forum for Common Issues**
- **Effective Program Development**
- **Efficient Program Implementation**
- **Liaison Between State & Local Government**
- **Value for the Money**
- **Diverse & Versatile Staff**
- **Coordination & Planning Expertise**
- **Objective Facilitators**
- **Trusted by Local Governments**

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