

MUNICIPAL SERVICES DELIVERY

- Economic Development Planning
- Smart Growth
- Master Plan Planning
- Environmental Planning
- Open Space Planning
- Zoning
- Planning Board Training



MRPC has numerous existing planning services delivered within the following disciplines: Community and Economic Development; Environment; Geographic Information System; Housing; Land Use/Zoning; Regionalization of Municipal Services; Transit; and, Transportation. The Commonwealth's **District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA)** services complement the broad range of services available to the region from the MRPC. This is the sixth year of this State-funded initiative.

The program is being jointly administered by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and the Executive Office of Administration and Finance (A&F). Funding for this program has been provided to all thirteen regional planning commissions in Massachusetts serving all 351 communities in the Commonwealth. DHCD executed a contract with the MRPC to deliver DLTA program services in accordance with a scope of work. The MRPC offers this program of services to its 22 member communities and Devens through a Request for Service Delivery (RSD) process. Successful communities are required to execute contracts for services delivery upon award.

In addition to DLTA, MRPC can also provide municipal planning boards with professional, high quality planning services on a part-time, cost-effective basis by providing a planner on a fee for services basis through a **Planning Board Assistance Program**. This planner will provide a higher level of technical assistance and attention beyond any free services that might be available. This program is not a substitute for a town planner or community development professional, but is a cost-effective alternative.

Through the Planning Board Assistance Program, the Planning Commission will assign a professional land use planner with expertise in zoning and master planning services as the municipal's key contact. This planner will provide technical assistance to the Planning Board on a part-time basis, and will be available for Planning Board members to contact whenever questions arise. The planner will become familiar with the local planning issues and problems.

If your community is interested in formalizing participation, the first step is to establish an agreement for services. This agreement will include a detailed scope of work.