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On Friday January 31, Strafford Regional Planning Commission received word that their request for federal designation as an Economic Development District (EDD) was approved by the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA). This EDA status allows SRPC, and its communities, non-profits, and educational institutions access to funding opportunities for projects and planning related to local and regional economic development.

The Strafford Economic Development District includes the communities located in Strafford County, in addition to Brookfield and Wakefield in Carroll County. The communities of Northwood, Newmarket, and Nottingham are included within the boundary of the Regional Economic Development Center (REDC) of *Southern New Hampshire*.

Strafford Regional Planning Commission applied for this designation in November of 2013, with the application drawing a wide array of support from communities with the Strafford Region, in addition to economic development corporations, local banks, and adult learning institutions. SRPC was happy to apply for designation on behalf of these entities in order to secure eligibility for future funding opportunities to help our stakeholders accomplish their local and regional goals. Strafford Regional Planning Commission is excited to share this news with our communities, stakeholders, regional businesses, and residents.