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Report to the People of District One
By: Executive Councilor Ray Burton

2009 was indeed the year of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)/Stimulus Funds in New Hampshire!

As of November 4, 2009, $579,305,870.00 had been allocated in New Hampshire in nine areas: business/community; education; employment; energy; health; housing; safety; technology and transportation. Of that $181,463,876.00 went to Council District One towns and cities and the counties of Belknap, Carroll, Coos, Grafton and Sullivan.

The ARRA money has enabled local, state and county government to work on projects that have been in process and planning for years. For a complete listing of these projects go to: www.ed.state.nh.us/education/recovery/index.htm or write to my office.

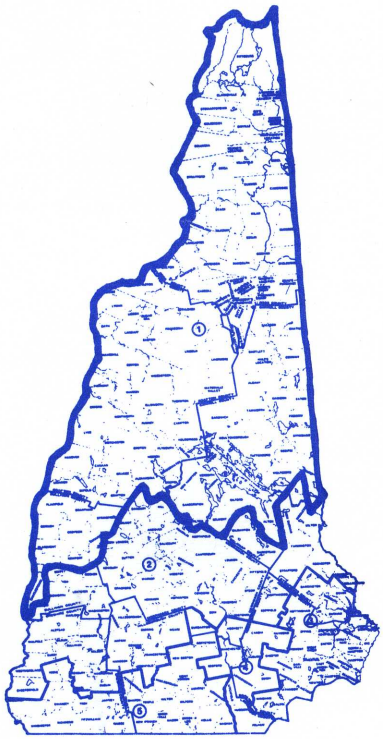
Governor Lynch has now submitted the New Hampshire Transportation Plan to the New Hampshire House and Senate. Highways/bridges, rail, aviation and public projects are among the proposed recommendations. Contact your local State Senator and Legislator for details about what projects you believe to be key ones for your region.

As Councilor, I do not see new revenues being raised in New Hampshire State Government. With the decline in existing revenues leading to cut backs in services, only time will determine what the law making branch has in mind for new dollars. Keep in close touch with your local State Senator and Legislator to make sure costs are NOT passed on to county and local government.

The Governor and Council are required by law to fill dozens of boards and commissions with volunteers. If you are interested in serving, please send a letter of interest and your resume to Governor John Lynch, Attention: Jennifer Kuzma, Appointment Liaison, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301 For the current list of what possible appointments might be coming up go to: http://www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm.

There is a constant flow of informational items available at my office: tourist maps, consumer handbooks and the New Hampshire Constitution. Each Monday I send, via e-mail, the schedule of my weekly meetings and other information. Send me your e-mail to be added to the list at rburton@nh.gov or find the schedule on my State House web page at: http://www.nh.gov/council/district1/schedules.

Contact my office anytime I can be of help.



Towns in Council District #1

CARROLL COUNTY:

Albany, Bartlett, Chatham, Conway, Eaton, Effingham, Freedom, Hart's Loc., Jackson, Madison, Moultonborough, Ossipee, Sandwich, Tamworth, Tuftonboro, Wakefield, Wolfeboro,

GRAFTON COUNTY:

Alexandria, Ashland, Bath, Benton, Bethlehem, Bridgewater, Bristol, Campton, Canaan, Dorchester, Easton, Ellsworth, Enfield, Franconia, Grafton, Groton, Hanover, Haverhill, Hebron, Holderness, Landaff, Lebanon, Lincoln, Lisbon, Livermore, Littleton, Lyman, Lyme, Monroe, Orange, Orford Piermont, Plymouth, Rumney, Sugar Hill, Thornton, Warren, Waterville Valley, Wentworth, Woodstock

COOS COUNTY:

Berlin, Carroll, Clarksville, Colebrook, Columbia, Dalton, Dixville, Dummer, Errol,