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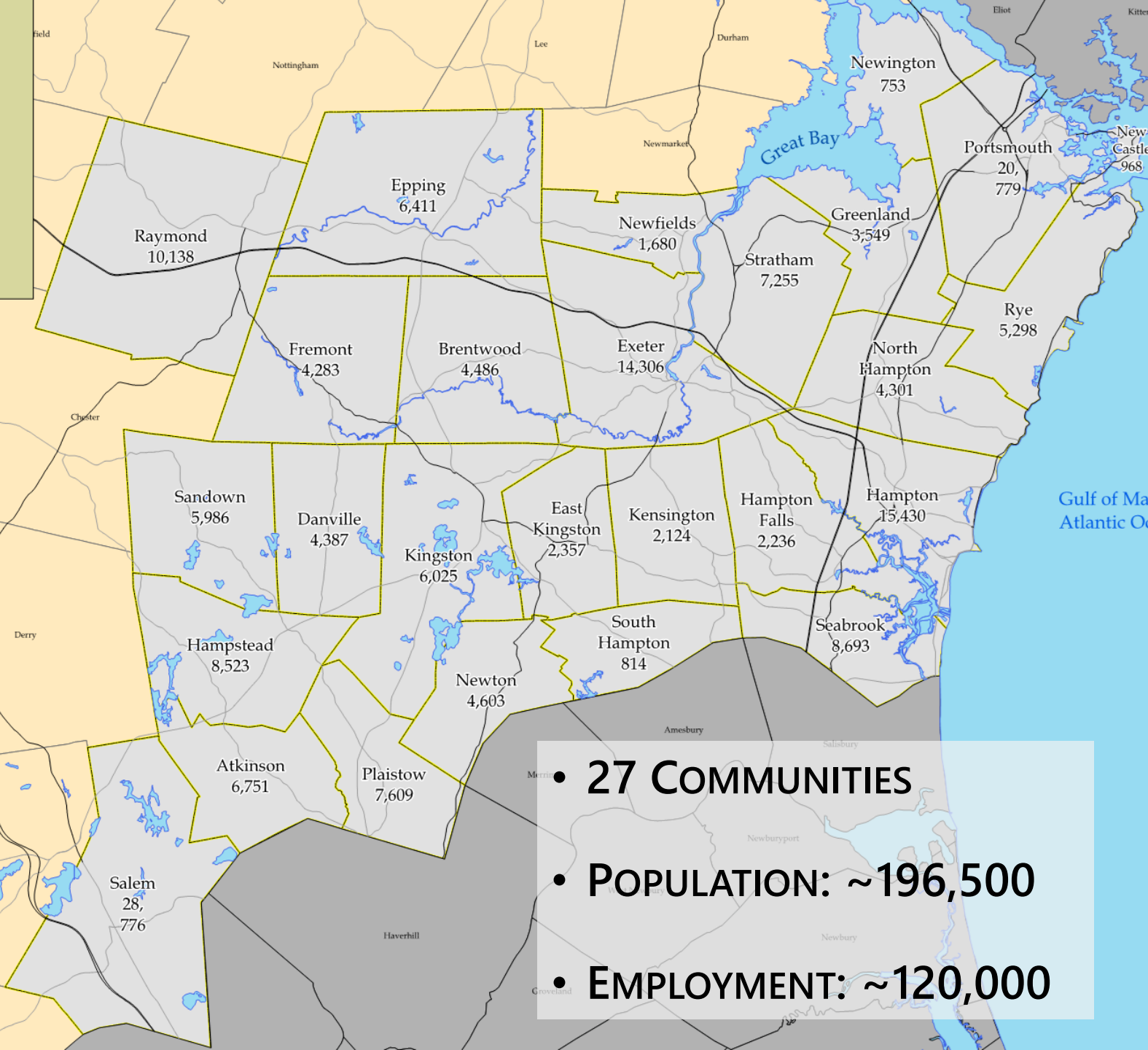
# Coastal Innovative Land Use Guide

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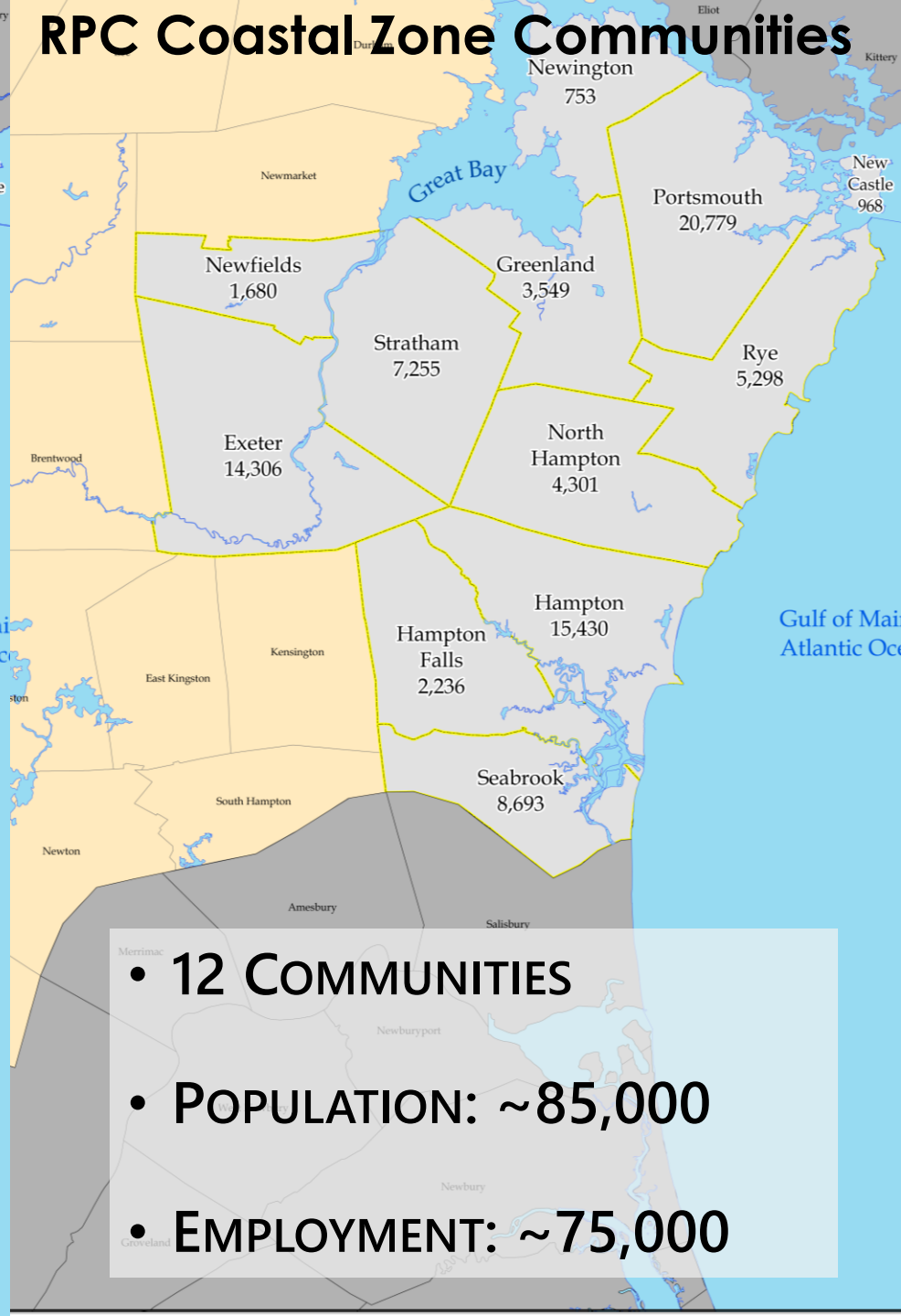
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- A partnership between:
  - Rockingham Planning Commission
  - Strafford Regional Planning Commission
  - NH DES Coastal Program
  - NH Office of Strategic Initiatives
  - NH Coastal Adaptation Workgroup
  - 17 NH coastal municipalities
- Funded by the NH Coastal Program under a Project of Special Merit grant from NOAA





- **27 COMMUNITIES**
- **POPULATION: ~196,500**
- **EMPLOYMENT: ~120,000**



- **12 COMMUNITIES**
- **POPULATION: ~85,000**
- **EMPLOYMENT: ~75,000**

# RPC Coastal Zone Communities

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## Rockingham Planning Commission Developing New Tools to Help Municipalities Adapt to Climate Change

### Project goals are to:

- Develop a user-friendly coastal land use guide to inform local decision makers about climate change and increase the resiliency of the coastal region
- Address a range of climate resilience and adaptation priorities, challenges, and opportunities in all 17 of New Hampshire's Coastal Zone municipalities; customized products, case studies
- Develop a framework for a coastal region sustainability program to help facilitate actions across NH's coastal communities

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- **Project Advisory Committee - capitalize on municipal expertise and experiences**
- **Engage with NHDOT and municipalities on roadway network and infrastructure management, policies and planning decisions**
- **Inform state and local hazard mitigation planning and floodplain management efforts**
- **Inform coastal region climate adaptation and resilience planning including a funding concept to support it**

(long-term strategy to implement the coastal land use guide recommendations, and more broadly to increase the capacity of coastal municipalities to adapt and thrive)

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- **Land Use Planning and Land Use Regulations**
- **Infrastructure Investment, Capital Improvement Plans**
- **Environment and Water Resources**
- **Living Shorelines and Saltmarsh Migration**
- **Municipal Services**
- **Hazard Mitigation Planning, Master Plans, Land Conservation**
- **Community Character and Needs of Residents**

# Importance of Resiliency Planning

Provide technical resources that support a coordinated regional approach to coastal climate adaptation, resilience and sustainability

Provides the means for people to access social, economic, and environmentally resources of value

Support cost-effective, long-term, sustainable and reliable strategies

- Reduce the likelihood of systemic disruptions to employment, transportation and infrastructure functions, community
- Increase the local and regional capacity to absorb these disruptions and still function
- Ensure that all have the ability to access resources during disruptions

# CILUG Planning Outcomes

- Enhance understanding of risks from climate change impacts
- Identify local and regional gaps, needs, priorities and appropriate strategies
- Develop technical tools and resources, and conduct outreach
- Incorporate use of resiliency factors in local planning and investments
- Provide a forum for municipalities to share information, services
- Develop coordinated strategies for climate adaptation, resilience and sustainability planning in the coastal region



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