What we do

Regional Plan Association is a nonprofit civic organization dedicated to improving the economic health, resiliency and quality of life of the New York metropolitan region. We conduct research on transportation, land use, housing, good governance and the environment. We advise cities, communities and public agencies. And we advocate for change that will contribute to the prosperity of all residents of the region.

Our goals

- Expand economic opportunity
- Foster healthier communities
- Protect the region from flooding and sea level rise
- Tackle our housing affordability crisis
- Reduce our carbon footprint
- Modernize our infrastructure
- Fix our broken governance
Achievements

✅ We engaged with scores of communities and grassroots organizations, initiating a planning process that balances regional priorities with the needs of local communities.

✅ A New York Times op-ed by RPA President Tom Wright explored the little-known origins of our infrastructure crisis.

✅ Our report *A New L Train for New Yorkers* sparked a broad-based civic effort to rethink the use of a major urban corridor.

✅ *Tunnel Trouble*, our animated video about the crumbling Hudson River rail tunnels, put pressure on political leaders to move the project forward.

✅ We launched a blog, *RPA Lab*, to share insights and ideas about planning and the future of the region.

✅ We showed how outdated regulations prevent the development of mixed-use buildings that many communities want.

✅ We proposed a new surface rail line to serve long-neglected communities in Brooklyn, Queens and the Bronx.
On May 6, our annual conference brought together nearly 1,000 civic and business leaders from around the region to debate preliminary recommendations of the fourth regional plan. At this year’s Assembly we also unveiled the name of the plan, *A Region Transformed*, reflecting our belief that profound changes are needed to sustain and expand the region’s success.

Among our 2016 speakers...

- **Anthony Foxx**
  Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation

- **Hon. John Hickenlooper**
  Governor of Colorado

- **Hon. Chuck Schumer**
  United States Senator

- **Hon. Ras J. Baraka**
  Mayor of Newark

- **Xavier de Souza Briggs**
  Vice President, Ford Foundation

- **Hon. Toni Harp**
  Mayor of New Haven

- **Tom Prendergast**
  Chairman & CEO, Metropolitan Transportation Authority

- **Janette Sadik-Khan**
  Principal, Bloomberg Associates

- **Peggy Shepard**
  Executive Director, WE ACT for Environmental Justice
Our work advanced on the fourth regional plan, a comprehensive vision for the New York metropolitan region to be completed next year. In 2016, we published a vision for a prosperous, fair and resilient metropolitan region.

The region needs to create nearly two million jobs by 2040 to sustain prosperity and expand economic opportunity as our population grows.
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Operating Revenue
FY2016
Foundations $2,217,965
Corporations $2,009,663
Individuals $333,673
Government $117,938
Interest/Miscellaneous $5,801
Total Operating Revenue $4,685,040

Endowment/Quasi-Endowment
Quasi Endowment $949,083
Peter Herman Chair $172,225
Dividends and Capital Gains $48,213
Total Endowment/Quasi Endowment $1,169,521

Total Revenue $5,854,561

Operating Expenses
Research $3,447,060
Public Affairs $440,103
Management and General $392,669
Fundraising $328,982
Total Operating Expenses $4,608,814

Net Income $1,245,747

Total Assets $6,302,466
Total Liabilities $222,688
Total Net Assets $6,079,778