Since 1922, Regional Plan Association has prepared long range plans for the tri-state metropolitan region.
3 states
31 counties
783 towns and cities
23 million residents

First Regional Plan 1929
Second Regional Plan 1968
Third Regional Plan 1996
Expanding engagement for the Fourth Plan:

- Surveys
- Focus groups
- Individual and business profiles
- Interactive maps
- Forums and presentations
- Working groups
- Community partners
The tri-state region has made enormous strides
Opportunities have been limited for far too many people
There is a rising crisis of affordability
The suburbs are falling behind
The region is increasingly vulnerable to disasters
Our government institutions are failing to make the hard decisions our region needs
Why grow?

- Increase incomes and reduce poverty
- Expand housing choices and lower costs
- Revitalize downtowns and neighborhoods
- Increase revenue for public needs
- Support a growing dependent population

How much growth should we plan for?

- 1990-2015: 1.8M, 15% (Jobs Growth), 18% (Population Growth)
- Business-as-Usual 2015-2040: 850K, 7% (Jobs Growth), 8% (Population Growth)
- Potential 2015-2040: 1.9M, 16% (Jobs Growth), 16% (Population Growth)

2015 Jobs: 11.6 M
2015 Population: 22.9 M
Creating the Scenarios: Place Types

- Urban Core
- Downtowns & Local Centers
- Commercial & Industrial
- Primarily Residential
- Rural & Open Space

Defining Types of Places
- Residential density
- Employment density
- Intersection density
- Degree of mixed use
- Impervious surface

Four ways to 1.9 million jobs and 3.7 million people

- Grow With Nature
- Reinforce the Center
- Resurgent Downtowns
- Reinvent the Suburbs
Getting to a preferred growth scenario