

# GET TO KNOW



CENTRAL PINES REGIONAL COUNCIL

MAY  
27  
1959

The Act was ratified on this date & took effect immediately. It set the foundation for coordinated regional planning in the Research Triangle area.

**The Commission included representatives from Wake, Durham, & Orange counties as well as Raleigh, Durham, & Chapel Hill.**

## CPRC was originally the Research Triangle Regional Planning Commission.

The NC General Assembly created the Planning Commission through Session Law 1959-642 to oversee and plan the development of the areas surrounding the Research Triangle Park. The Commission's main responsibilities included:

- Studying the development of these areas
- Preparing plans for their orderly growth
- Coordinating with local, state, & federal agencies to implement these plans

Each entity appointed 1 member, with additional members being the county commissioners' chairs and the mayors. The Governor also appointed 3 members, 1 from each county. The State Statute creating the Commission stated that it must be organized by July 1, 1959 and hold regular meetings at least quarterly. The Commission had the power to employ staff, contract for services, and establish its headquarters within the 3-county area.



The State Statute required the Commission to study the need for regional facilities such as water supply, pollution control, and recreation and to make recommendations to local governments on their planning and development.



The State Statute encouraged the member local governments to cooperate by sharing their plans and ordinances with the Commission. The Commission could also suggest changes to local policies to promote sound development and appoint advisory committees of local citizens and officials to study specific issues and provide recommendations.



The Commission was empowered to create and revise regional development plans, including those for land use, transportation, public facilities, and economic development.

Name changed to Triangle J Council of Governments

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Research Triangle Regional Planning Commission founded

Name changed to Central Pines Regional Council

