

# North Central Regional Planning Commission

1972 - 2022



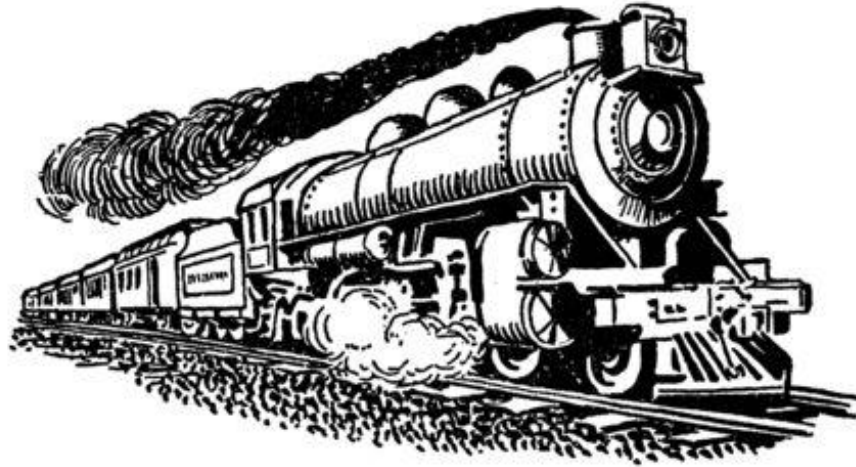
# Goals for Tonight

Explain the historical chain of events leading up to the creation of regional planning organizations in Kansas.

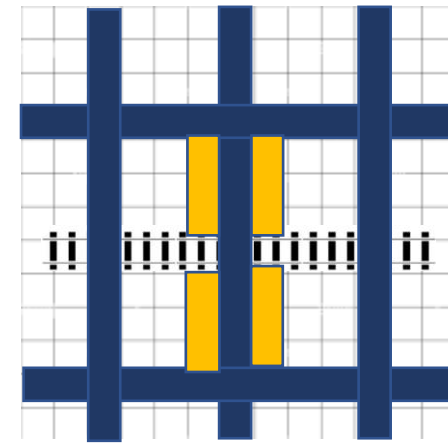
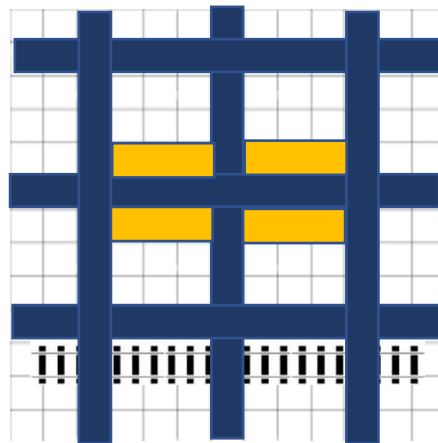
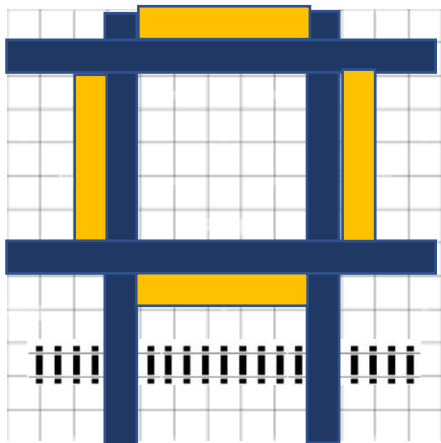
Provide perspective on where the NCRPC is now after 50 years.

# The Regional Planning Legacy We Live With

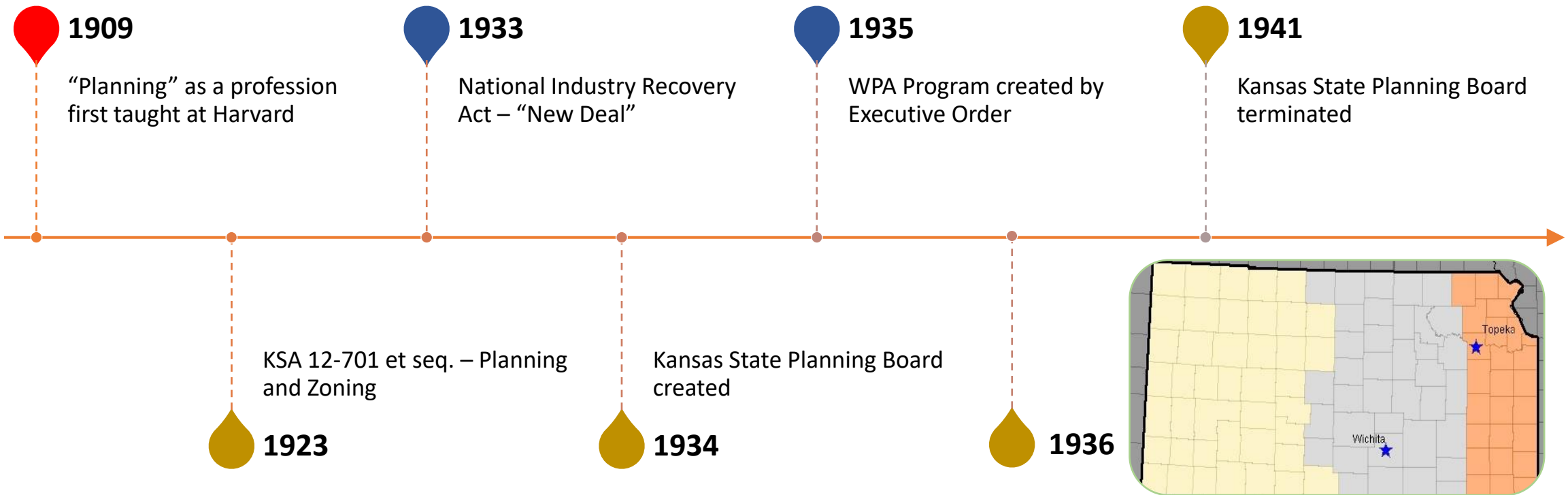
Land Ordinance of 1785  
Township Grid



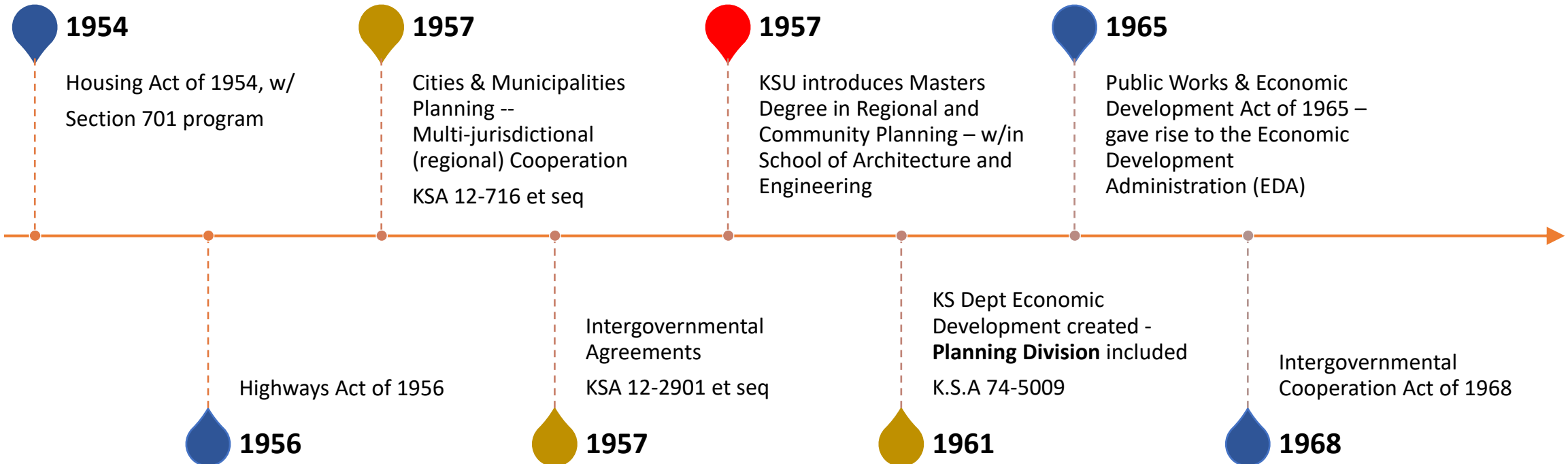
Town formation companies had three basic layout choices:



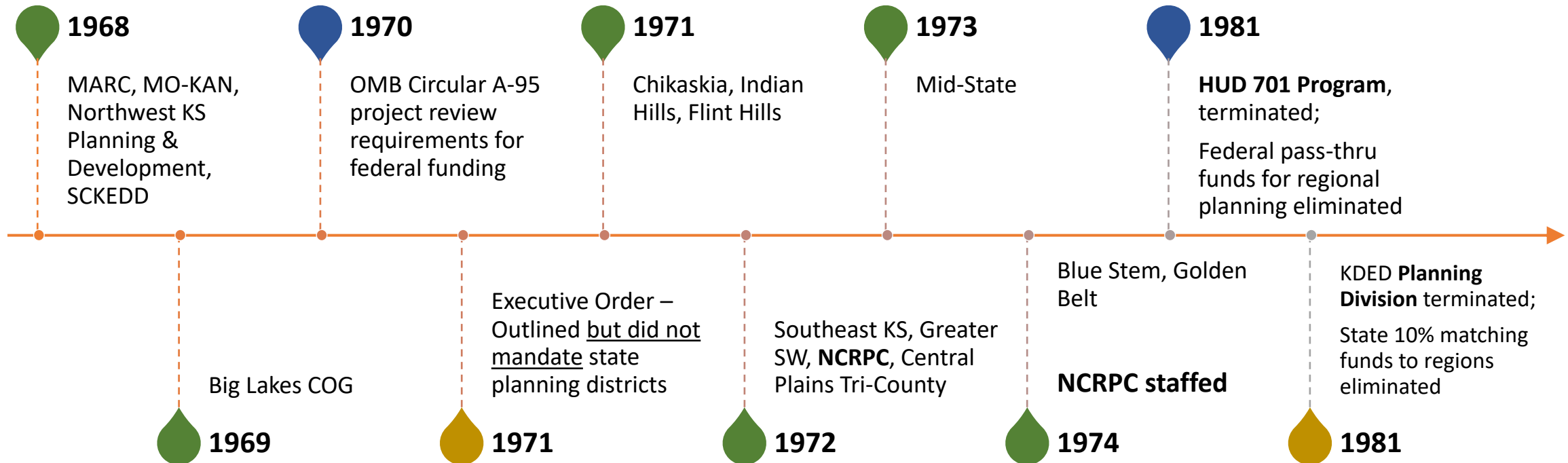
# “Planning” – Profession, Regulation, Application



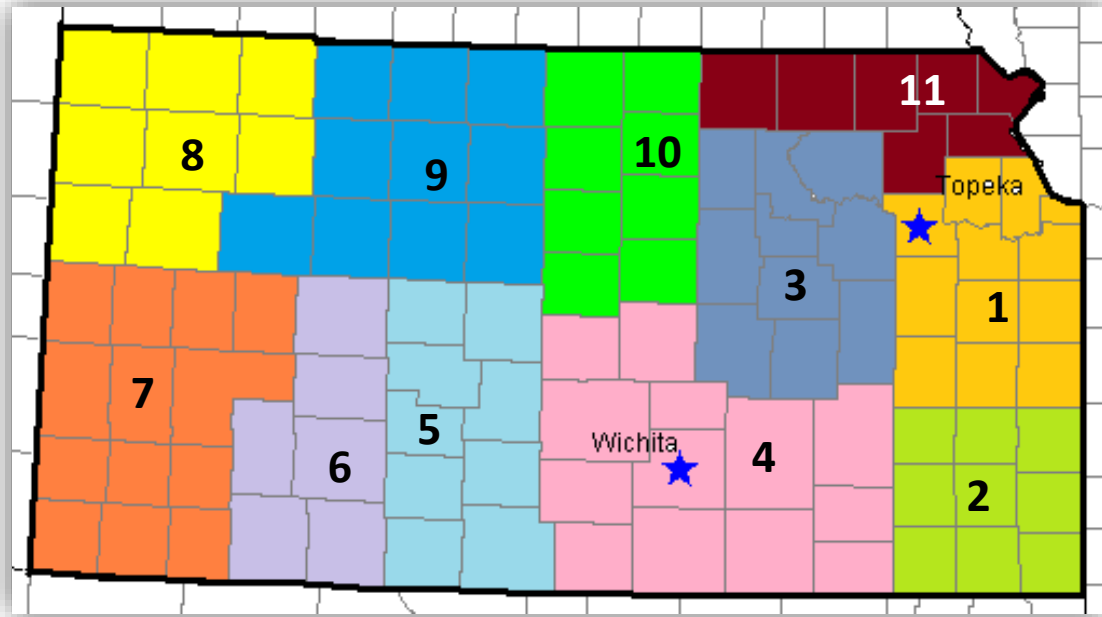
# “Regional Planning” – Multi-jurisdictional Cooperation



# Regional Cooperation – Local / State Action

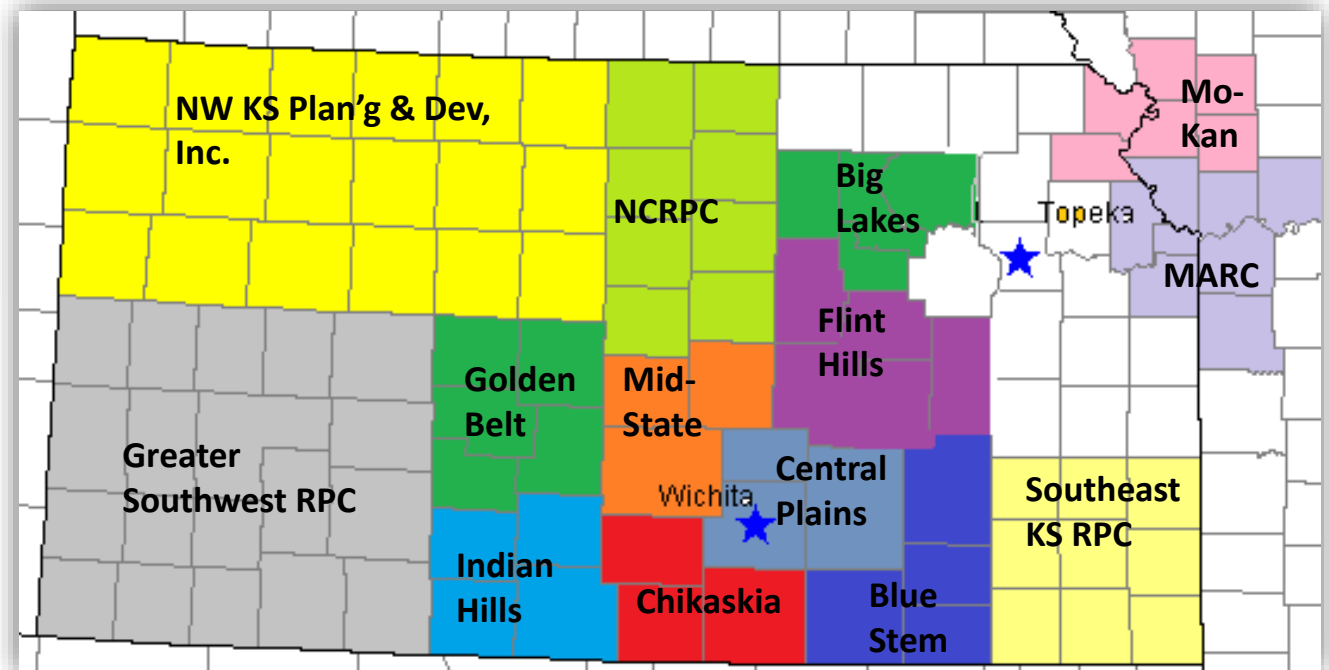


# Regional Planning Organizations in Kansas

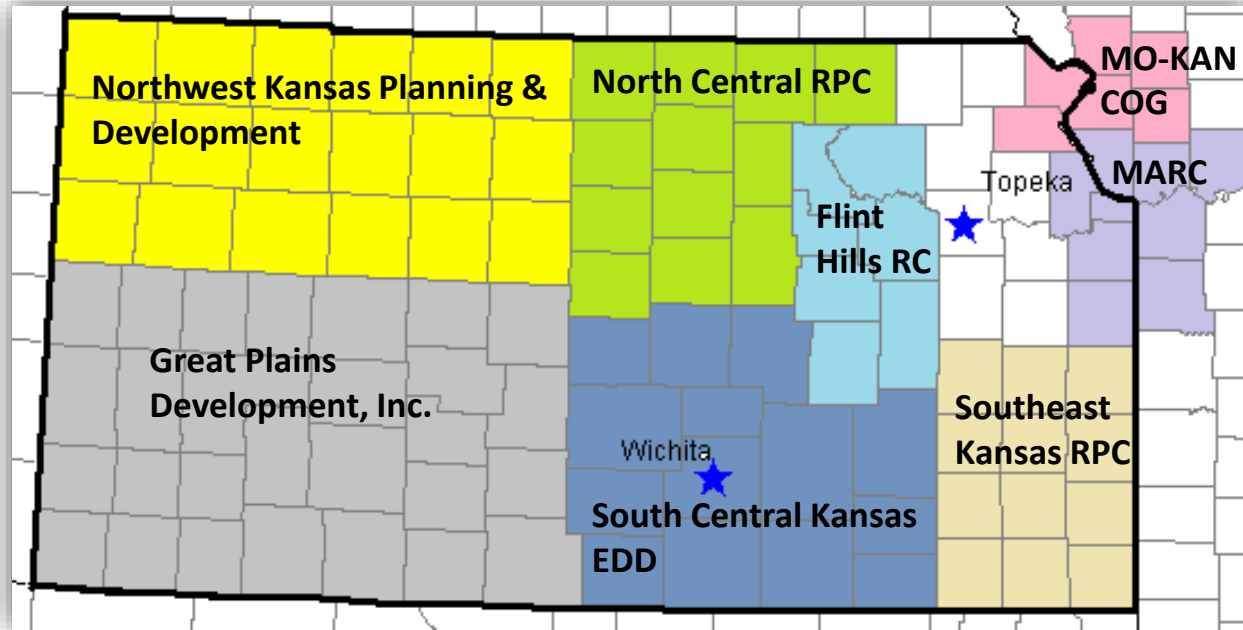


Districts proposed by the 1971 Executive Order.

Organizations that grew between 1968 and 1974 as a result of the statewide move towards a multi-jurisdictional cooperative setting.



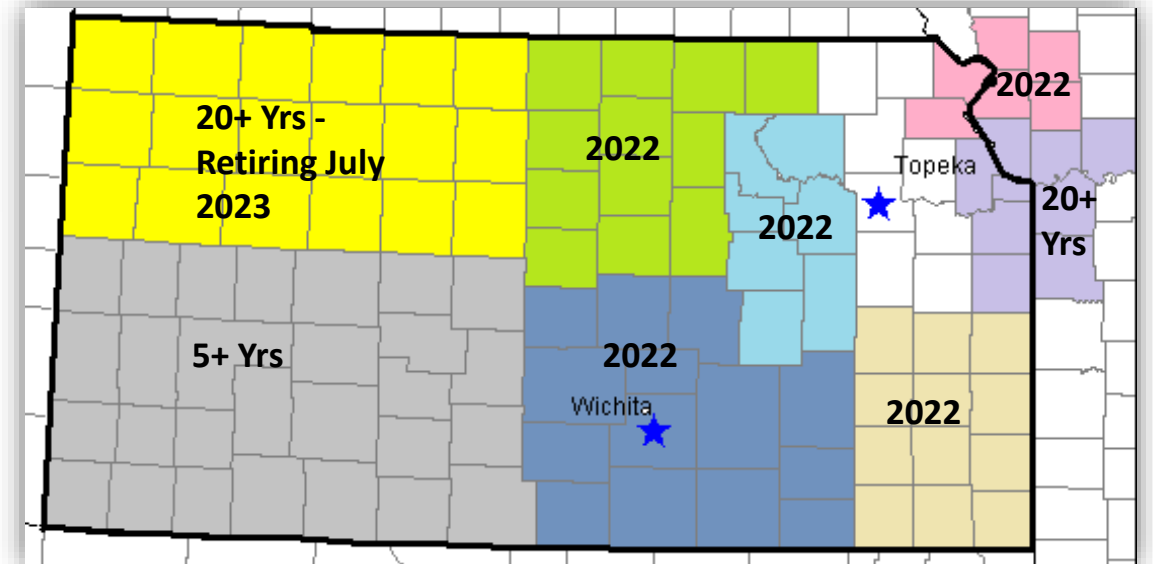
# Regional Development Organization Coverage - 2022



- Regional planning and development organizations operating in 2022.
- Focused on “service” planning in response to identified need than on “physical” planning.



Generational change in Executive Directors seen by year of hire and tenure. Not since the very beginning has there been this many new people in such positions.

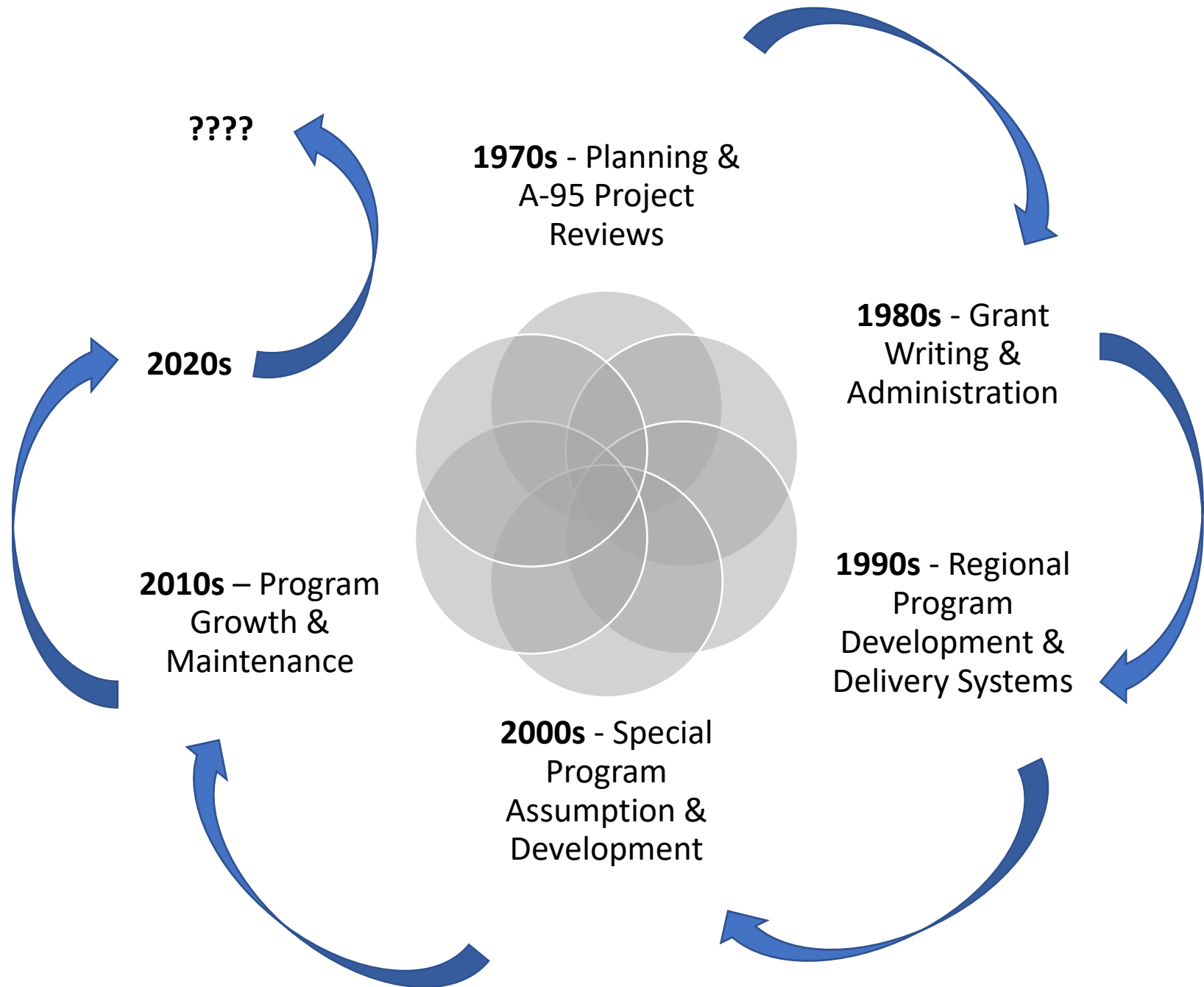




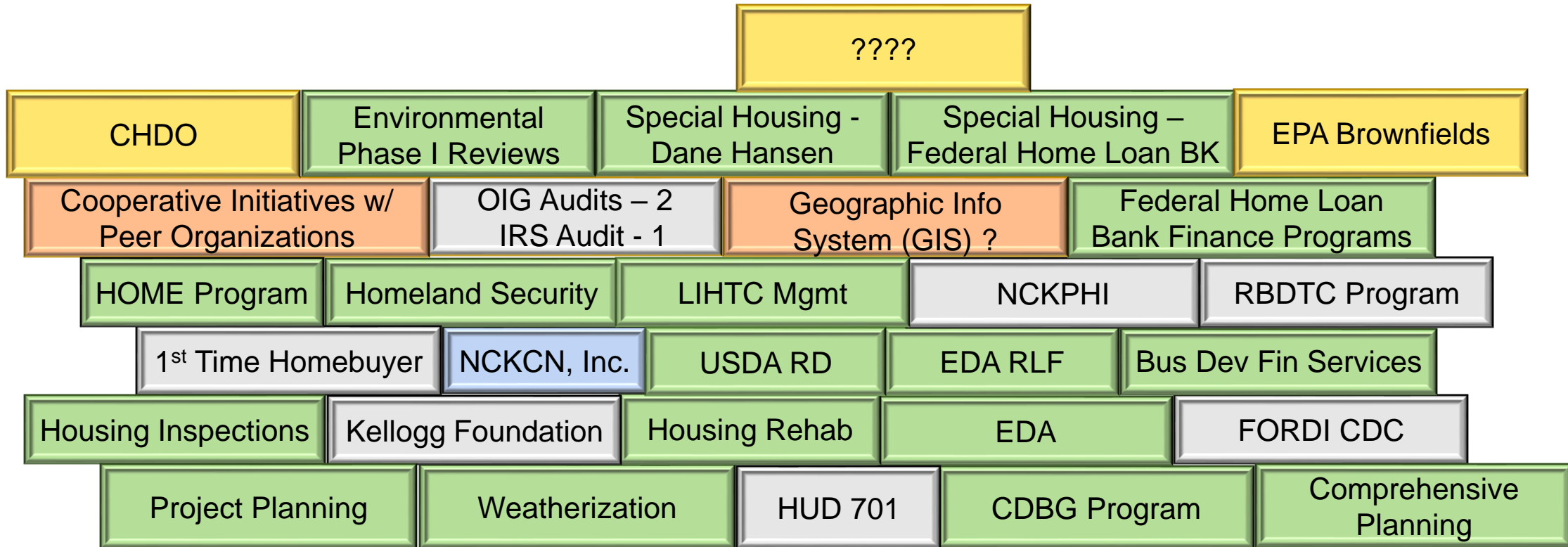
# Legal Basis vs Funding Identity

Organization	Kansas Law K.S.A. 12-2901		IRS 501(c)	Funding Programs			
	RPC	COG		EDD	RC&D	CDC	CHDO
Flint Hills Regional Council	---	---	Yes	Yes	---	---	---
Great Plains Development, Inc.	---	---	Yes	Yes	---	Yes	---
Mid-America Regional Council	---	---	Yes	Yes	---	---	---
MO-KAN	Yes	---	---	Yes	---	Yes	---
North Central Regional Planning Commission	Yes	---	---	Yes	---	---	---
Northwest KS Planning & Development	---	---	Yes	Yes	---	Yes	Yes
South Central KS EDD	---	---	Yes	Yes	---	Yes	---
Southeast KS Regional Planning Commission	Yes	---	---	Yes	---	---	---

# NCRPC Evolution & Growth



# NCRPC – Compounding Experience leads to Institutional Knowledge



- \* Member / Staff Commitment to the Organization
- \* Accumulated Personal / Institutional Knowledge

# Socioeconomic Context...

Information Technology (e.g., Internet) →

## ***Industrial Development***

## ***Entrepreneurship Development***

RPOs →

*“Demand-side”  
economics or  
bottom-up approach*

### Worker-oriented culture

- Labor focused economy
  - Life-long jobs
  - Good wage, benefits

### Shifting Culture

- Capital intensive economy
  - Machines replace workers
    - Computers (clerical)
    - Robotics (assembly)

*“Supply-side” economics or  
trickle-down mindset*

### Corporate-oriented culture

- Knowledge-based economy
  - Shareholder “*return on investment*”
  - Growth of Artificial Intelligence

- Virtual offices
- Remote workers

Today →

1950

1960

1970

1980

1990

2000

2010

2020

***Local ownership / community-based  
business development***

***Shareholder ownership / globally  
influenced business development***

→ *Location Theory* → *Central Place Theory* → *Economic Cluster Theory* →

Where does  
the NCRPC  
go from  
here?

