

Town of Goffstown

Review of Recent Planning Services

by Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission



The Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (SNHPC) has provided the Town of Goffstown with a wide range of services and resources to help the town address its planning and transportation needs.

The SNHPC appreciates partnering on various projects with town staff including the planning, public works, economic development, public TV, and administrative departments. The SNHPC also thanks the volunteers on the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Economic Development Committee, and Conservation Commission. Finally, SNHPC staff appreciate the dedication of the Town of Goffstown's Commissioners including Barbara Griffin, Jacob LaFontaine (Executive Committee Representative), Colleen Mailloux, and Jo Ann Duffy (Alt).

Despite nationwide inflation and cost increases across the vast spectrum of goods and services, the SNHPC has kept its municipal membership dues rate flat at \$0.676 per capita for the past four years by leveraging federal and other funding sources to benefit our member communities.

Highlights of the SNHPC's recent services to the Town of Goffstown included:

- Conducting an inventory of Goffstown's pedestrian infrastructure using the Statewide Asset Data Exchange System (SADES) protocol for condition, ease of use, and pedestrian safety.
- Conducting 24 traffic counts on Goffstown's roads and a pedestrian/bicyclist count on the Goffstown Rail Trail.
- Working with Town Staff, Goffstown TV, and Manchester Transit Authority to create a three-part video series promoting the free Goffstown Shuttle. Assisted Goffstown residents with finding transportation services to meet their needs, including outreach at the Goffstown Public Library.
- Performing regional freight planning, facilitating freight stakeholder meeting, coordinating truck route congestion planning and strategies and other freight research work.
- Identifying high-priority Electric Vehicle (EV) corridors and analyzing feasibility of DC Fast-Charging stations along transportation corridors.
- Updating the SNHPC Complete Streets Toolkit to include guidance on the most recent best practices and projects from New Hampshire and beyond.
- Providing mobility management services to connect Town residents to free and affordable transportation options, with a particular focus on supporting members of traditionally underserved communities such as older adults, low-income residents, people with disabilities, and people of color.
- Launching implementation of a \$500K U.S. EPA Brownfields Assessment grant, which will assess sites to provide new opportunities for cleanup and economic development.
- Completing a comprehensive update of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment to analyze historical trends, project future needs, and identify strategies to meet the region's housing needs.
- Coordinating regional climate action planning efforts, developing a climate action toolkit focused on roadway adaptations, and supporting federally-funded climate action planning efforts.
- Working with Town staff and stakeholders to complete a grant-funded "Pathways to Play" project to enhance recreation access in SNHPC communities, fielding a regional survey to assess recreation needs and opportunities, and developing an interactive map of recreation facilities.
- Working with municipal staff to solicit regionally significant economic development projects to be included in the Central-Southern Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

Town of Goffstown Representatives to the Commission

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