

Town of Hooksett

Review of Recent Planning Services

By Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission



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

The SNHPC appreciates partnering on a series of projects with town staff and town volunteers from various boards and committees. SNHPC also appreciates the dedication of Town of Hooksett's Commissioners including Denise Pichette Volk, who currently serves on the SNHPC Executive Committee, and Robert Duhaime.

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 Hooksett included:

- Conducting traffic counts at 23 locations in the Town of Hooksett.
- Performing pedestrian counts on the Riverwalk and Head's Pond Trails.
- Serving alongside Town of Hooksett staff and residents on the NHDOT Advisory Committee for the reconstruction and widening of U.S. Route 3 from NH Rout 27 to Alice Avenue.
- Providing technical assistance for proposed Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) projects in the Town of Hooksett, including the installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure at the Merchant's Automotive lot. The proposed project received funding in the Draft FY 2025-2034 Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan.
- Performing regional freight planning, facilitating freight stakeholder meeting, coordinating truck route congestion planning and strategies and other freight research work.
- 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 Hooksett Representatives to the Commission
Robert Duhaime and Denise Pichette Volk (Exec. Committee Rep.)