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The Lovely Month of May

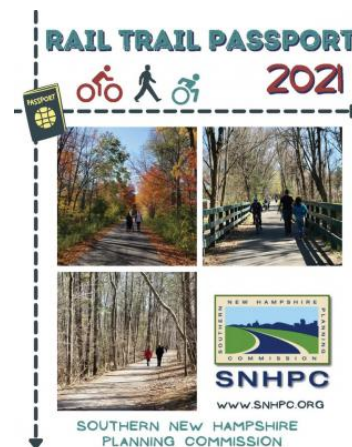
How exciting-- it's Bike/Walk to Work Month! For me that means a pledge to myself to break away from my computer and get out at lunch and take a walk!

SNHPC is observing Bike/Walk to Work Month by celebrating our regional rail trails. Commission staff have developed a fun [Rail Trail Passport](#) outreach program for local residents to track the trails to which they've ventured, whether afoot or on bicycles.

Working with local businesses and community staff, we've coordinated a broad range of participants who will help distribute the Passports and stamp your book once you've declared your adventure on any given rail trail. This passport was conceived as a way to increase awareness of the wonderful rail trail resources available in the Greater Manchester region.

Here's to a Healthy Spring,
Sylvia

P.S. to print your own passport, visit
https://www.snhpc.org/sites/g/files/vyhli5006/f/ews/final_passport_proof.pdf



CommuteSmart NH

The Spring Statewide Challenge is back for 2021!

Beginning May 1st, log in to the trip logger [here](#).

Need to sign up your workplace [team](#)?

Join other businesses and employers from across the state participating in **CommuteSmart NH's second annual Spring Statewide Challenge!** See which team

will be the champions! Bike, walk, skateboard, telecommute, carpool, use transit, or any combination of these modes May 1-31, 2021! Compressed work weeks can now be logged as well!

For more information on how the Spring Statewide Challenge works, visit <https://commutesmartnh.org/spring-statewide-challenge/>.

May is National Bike Month!

May is National Bike Month, promoted by the [League of American Bicyclists](#) and celebrated in communities from coast to coast. Established in 1956, National Bike Month is a chance to showcase the many benefits of bicycling — and encourage more folks to giving biking a try.



Bike to Work Week takes place May 17-23 and Bike to Work Day is Friday, May 21st.

Where to get SNHPC passports stamped:

Derry

- [The Grind Café](#)
- [Benson Ski and Sport](#)

Goffstown

- [Blue Moose Cafe](#)
- [Jake's Bike Shop](#)

Hooksett

- [Roots at Robie's Country Store](#)

Londonderry

- [Poor Boy's Diner](#)

Manchester

- [Café La Reine](#)
- [QC Bike Collective](#)

New Boston

- [Dodge's Store](#)

Windham

- [Windham Junction](#)



Community Volunteer Board and Committee Survey

The Southern NH Planning Commission is reaching out to the many volunteers who serve on **Planning Boards, Zoning Boards of Adjustment, Conservation Commissions, Economic Development committees, and Heritage Commissions** throughout the region to better understand the needs of our region's volunteer

Boards and Committees. We know there are many topics boards and committees want to learn more about.

We want input on questions such as:

- What topics are of interest to you?
- What tools would better equip you and your board to make the best decisions for your community?
- How can the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission help?

The Commission can provide educational opportunities to board and committee members and municipal staff on a variety of topics. We also partner with many wonderful organizations and agencies that span a wide range of technical expertise and can work with us to provide educational trainings or workshops for interested groups.

Please participate in our short survey and help us assist Community Land Use Boards and volunteers by taking a few moments to answer the questions in the survey below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SNHPCPlanning>

Executive Committee Meetings

- **May 6, 2021** - 7:30 AM, the meeting will take place virtually, with an option to attend in-person in the SNHPC Conference Room. The Zoom link can be found on the SNHPC website.
- **June 3, 2021** - 7:30 AM, the meeting will take place virtually, with an option to attend in-person in the SNHPC Conference Room. The Zoom link can be found on the SNHPC website.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meetings

- **May 20, 2021** - 9:30 AM, the meeting will take place virtually, with an option to attend in-person in the SNHPC Conference Room. The Zoom link can be found on the SNHPC website.
- **June 17, 2021** - 9:30 AM, the meeting will take place virtually, with an option to attend in-person in the SNHPC Conference Room. The Zoom link can be found on the SNHPC website.

Broadband for Your Community: Getting Started

Registration is now open for the next webinar in the OSI Planning Lunches at Noon (PLAN) Monthly Webinar Series, **Broadband for Your Community: Getting Started**, on **Thursday, May 20, 12:00 to 1:00 pm**.



So you want better internet choices in your town? Great, but where do you begin? This session will be presented by national and local leaders in the broadband industry and rural municipal government. Presented by Kevin Glynn, Director of Business Development for eX² Technology LLC and Nik Coates, Town Administrator for Bristol and Grafton County Broadband Committee Chair, and moderated by Jennifer Gilbert, OSI Senior Planner, this session is focused on how municipal leaders and private enterprise can plan and build better internet options in rural New Hampshire.

Topics include why broadband is needed in rural NH, challenges municipalities will face along the way, and successes. There will also be time for questions and answers.

To Register:

1. Send an email to OSI at Training@osi.nh.gov by **Monday, May 17, 2021**.

- Please include in the subject line: **Register for Broadband webinar.**
 - Please include in the email your name and the name of the municipality that you serve (or other affiliation).
2. Add this webinar's name, date, and time to your calendar.
 3. Please note, confirmation of your registration and webinar login information will be sent out the week of the webinar. You will not receive confirmation until then.

More Information about the OSI PLAN Monthly Webinar Series:

Information including links to the webinar slides, recording, handouts, and resources, can be found on the OSI Planning and Zoning Training website page at: www.nh.gov/osi/planning/planning-training.htm.

NH Lower Merrimack Valley Stormwater Coalition Meetings

- **May 20, 2021** - 1:00 PM, the meeting will take place virtually.
 - **June 17, 2021** - 1:00 PM, the meeting will take place virtually.
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Plan NH Programs

Webinars, MTAG Grants, Charrettes

Upcoming webinar

May 18

Belonging by Design: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and the Built Environment

Registration:

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ehriu8xwb675d7b8&oseq=&c=&ch=>

The **Municipal Technical Assistance Grant (MTAG) Program** offers grants (\$5000 - \$25,000) to qualified communities that want to expand their housing options (primarily location, design, pricepoint) but zoning is getting in the way. Funds are used to hire a consultant to work with the community to:

- identify home needs (e.g., one-floor living, smaller homes, lower price points,) (UNH Cooperative Extension will assist with outreach)
- identify what kinds of homes might fit those needs
- review the current zoning to see what kinds of homes are supported and where, and then re-write or create new regulations that would allow the kinds of homes identified

A 15% match (cash or in-kind) is required, as is community participation in the process.

[GO HERE](#) for more information, including application documents.

The [Charrette program](#) finds solutions to community design challenges: *How can we attract more businesses? How can our town center be more appealing? How can we bring more visitors to town?*

- Following an application process, a team of volunteer professionals will look at the target area, listen to town leaders and citizens, and develop recommendations.
- We will be holding "hybrid" events this year - partially in-person, a lot virtually.
- There is no cost to apply, and applications are reviewed on an on-going basis
- The charrette takes less than a week
- There is a \$6,000 fee, for which the municipality receives \$50 - \$80,000 in professional services (funds can come from any legal source, but the municipality is our client).

MPO/SNHPC Monthly Meetings

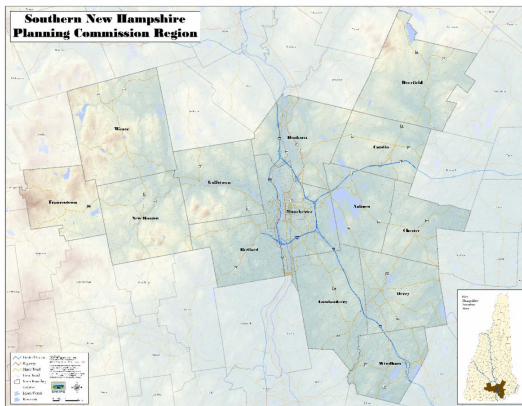
- **May 25, 2021** - 11:30 AM, the meeting will take place virtually, with an option to attend in-person in the SNHPC Conference Room. The Zoom link can be found on the SNHPC website.
- **June 22, 2021** - 11:30 AM, the meeting will take place virtually, with an option to attend in-person in the SNHPC Conference Room. The Zoom link can be found on the SNHPC website.

General John Stark Scenic Byway Meeting

- **June 15, 2021** - 2:30 PM, Goffstown Town Offices (tentative).



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The SNHPC region includes the City of Manchester and the Towns of Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Chester, Deerfield, Derry, Francestown, Goffstown, Hooksett, Londonderry, New Boston, Weare and Windham.

The main functions of SNHPC are to increase communication; promote intergovernmental cooperation and coordination between planning boards and local officials; promote coordinated development of the region; prepare and adopt regional plans, including policies and strategies for the region; and perform other acts or functions as deemed appropriate to fulfill its duties.

SNHPC is governed by a Board of Commissioners, 48 local representatives from our 14 member communities. The Commissioners are appointed by the governing bodies of the member municipalities upon the recommendation of their respective planning boards, as outlined in RSA 36:46. An Executive Committee, consisting of 14 commissioners, is elected from the membership of the full Board of Commissioners to provide overall policy direction and guidance, and to administer the Commission's financial and operational affairs. An Executive Director is appointed by the Commission to manage and supervise the day-to-day operations of the Commission and its staff under the general direction provided by the Executive Committee and the Board of Commissioners.

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