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Southern NH Planning Commission Media Blast

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Progress Toward Digital Equity in NH

Digital access and skill have become increasingly important for so many aspects of everyday life for people of all ages and all circumstances, and especially for those who are English learners, elders, persons of color, veterans, disabled, low income, rural inhabitants, and incarcerated populations. New Hampshire's digital equity funding can be used to address digital divide challenges relating to access to affordable broadband, computers, digital skills and cyber safety skill development, technical support, multilingual tech support, etc.

The SNHPC is working with New Hampshire's digital equity experts in guiding the development of NH's plan, and to encourage all who are interested in the region to help shape the plan. Over the next several months, a select team will be seeking public comment on vital elements including identification of digital divide barriers to improve economic and educational opportunity, healthcare access, and civic engagement.

You can learn about the many ways to become involved, share your insights and concerns, and help craft NH's digital future. Visit <https://www.nhdigitalequity.org/> for many upcoming opportunities – from an online survey and online forums to in-person meetings across the state.

We hope you'll join us!

--Sylvia

Labor Day

September 4, 2023 - In observance of the holiday, the SNHPC office will be closed.

Executive Committee Meetings

- **September 7, 2023** - CANCELLED!
- **October 5, 2023** - 7:30 AM, the meeting will take place in person, in the William G. Herman Conference Room, with an option to attend virtually. The Zoom link will be available on the SNHPC website approximately 1 week before the meeting.

SNHPC 57th Annual Meeting

September 8, 2023 - 6:00 PM, The Derryfield Restaurant, Manchester!



This year's event features a panel discussion on Sustainability, great food, and presentation of awards!

Sam Evans-Brown, [Clean Energy NH](#): The Inflation Reduction Act & Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (IRA/BIL) and the incredible opportunity they represent.

Reagan Bissonnette, [Northeast Resource Recovery Association](#) (NRRRA): Recycling and solid waste management in NH.

Aubrey Nelson, [NH Energy Education Project](#) (NHEEP): Learn about the resources NHEEP offers teachers, students, and communities for energy and climate education.

John Watts, [Mr. Fox Composting](#): Enjoy an interactive demonstration of what Mr. Fox does and why diverting organic waste from landfill is so important and beneficial to our communities and the earth as a whole.

Tickets are \$30, and include a 3-course meal. Checks are payable to SNHPC.

To register, contact Linda Moore-O'Brien at Imoore@snhpc.org.

NHDES 2023 Salt Symposium

September 13, 2023 - Snow and ice managers, operators and municipalities: don't miss this year's signature regional event on sustainable salt use. Click [here](#) to register.



Bicycle Tour of Manchester

September 17, 2023 - Whether you're a new rider or a bike enthusiast, this ride is for everyone! Riders will be making pit stops, taking photos, discovering new places, and having lunch afterwards! All net proceeds benefit the Queen City Bike Collective. Click [here](#) for more information.



Annual State of the Region Economic Update Breakfast

September 21, 2023 - Featured presenters include: Derry Town Administrator Dave Caron; Londonderry Town Manager Michael Malaguti and Panelists from member towns

as well as a Demographics Update from Stay Work Play NH. Click [here](#) to register.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meetings

- **September 21, 2023** - 9:30 AM, the meeting will take place in-person, in the William G. Herman Conference Room, with an option to attend virtually. The Zoom link will be available on the SNHPC website approximately 1 week before the meeting.
- **October 19, 2023** - 9:30 AM, the meeting will take place in-person, in the William G. Herman Conference Room, with an option to attend virtually. The Zoom link will be available on the SNHPC website approximately 1 week before the meeting.

NH Lower Merrimack Valley Stormwater Coalition Meetings

- **September 21, 2023** - 1:00 PM, the meeting will take place virtually.
- **October 19, 2023** - 1:00 PM, the meeting will take place virtually.

MPO/SNHPC Monthly Meeting

- **September 26, 2023** - 11:30 AM, the meeting will take place in-person, in the William G. Herman Conference Room, with an option to attend virtually. The Zoom link will be available on the SNHPC website approximately 1 week before the meeting.
- **October 24, 2023** - 11:30 AM, the meeting will take place in-person, in the William G. Herman Conference Room, with an option to attend virtually. The Zoom link will be available on the SNHPC website approximately 1 week before the meeting.



GACIT Public Hearings

Two Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) Public Hearings will take place in the SNHPC region. This is your chance to provide input and learn more about the draft 2025-2034 Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan as recommended by NHDOT to GACIT.

September 27, 2023 - 7:00 PM, Londonderry Town Hall

October 25, 2023 - 7:00 PM, Goffstown Fire Station #18

For more information, visit <https://www.dot.nh.gov/projects-plans-and-programs/ten-year-plan>

NH Week Without Driving Challenge

October 2-8, 2023 - Join SNHPC staff and leaders and decision makers from around NH and beyond as we learn about the barriers that non-drivers face in our communities. Click [here](#) to learn more and sign up for the challenge (note: you can commit to the entire week or just a day or two!).



National Walk & Roll to School Day

October 4, 2023 - Take extra caution while driving today- you will likely see more students walking, biking, and scooting to school! Click [here](#) to learn more or to find an event near you.

Indigenous Peoples' / Columbus Day

October 9, 2023 - In observance of the holiday, the SNHPC office will be closed.

Transit to Trails

October 7, 2023 - Join MTA and The Nature Conservancy for a fun day at Pawtuckaway State Park. Click [here](#) to see the bus schedule, special events, and park amenities.



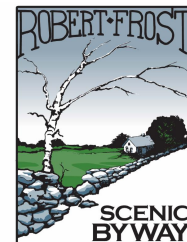
2023 Statewide Rail Trails Conference

October 27, 2023 - Come to meet NH rail trail organizations' leaders and state officials to learn more about recent developments and exciting plans for the future of NH rail trails! More information [here](#).



Frost-Stagecoach Scenic Byway Meeting

October 30, 2023 - 7:00 PM, Atkinson (exact location TBD).



Regional Coordinating Council Meeting

October 31, 2023 - 12:30 PM, William G. Herman Conference Room, SNHPC.

New Commissioners Needed

Our volunteers often come from Planning Boards, Conservation Commissions, or other land use boards.

We have openings from the following communities:

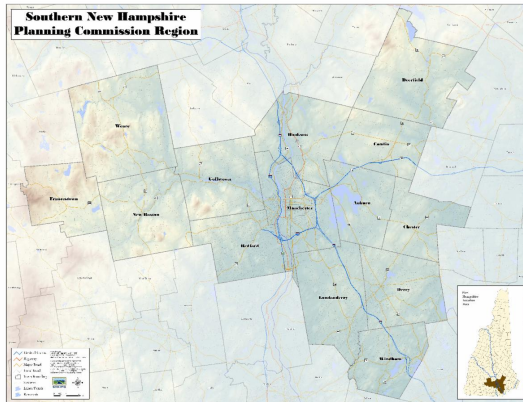
- Auburn
- Candia
- Deerfield
- Hooksett
- Weare



- Windham

Need information on what a Commissioner/MPO representative does?
We have a Commissioner factsheet available: [click here!](#)

Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission



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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