

SWRPC

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SWRPC Fall Commission Meeting/Brownfields Forum

On October 11, 2016 the Planning Commission will be conducting its Fall Commission Meeting in conjunction with a Brownfields Assessment Program Forum. The event will take place at the Peterborough Community Center located at 25 Elm Street in Peterborough beginning at 4:00 p.m. The recently released brownfields video, which highlights the program's past projects and successes, will be featured along with a panel discussion that will provide a varied perspective on the regulatory, environmental, economic development, municipal government, land use, and tax base implications of the program. Refreshments will be served during the social and although there is no charge to attend, advance registration is requested. Please contact Becky Baldwin of Commission staff to register for the event.

Accessory Dwelling Unit Model Ordinance

The NH Municipal Association has developed a guidance document pertaining to new requirements for attached Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's) created by RSA 674:71-73. A model ordinance regarding the minimum requirements that a community can adopt to comply with the new legislation, which takes effect on June 1, 2017 can be viewed at: <https://www.nhmunicipal.org/Resources/ViewDocument/741>. For more information, please contact Lisa Murphy of Commission staff.

Updated Community Transportation Directory

The Monadnock Regional Coordinating Council for Community Transportation with assistance from SWRPC, recently completed an update to the *Monadnock Region Community Transportation Directory*, originally published in 2012. The updated Directory includes sections that explain how to use the document, the types of services offered in the Monadnock Region, a town-by-town list of services, and tips on how to use community transportation. Transportation services listed in the Directory include human service agency, non-emergency medical, Medicaid, private-for-hire, and senior transportation as well as information about local transit bus service in Keene, Hinsdale and Walpole, intercity bus services, nearby intercity rail services and ride matching services for setting up carpool. The entire Directory and town specific lists of services can be viewed at <http://monadnockrcc.weebly.com/need-a-ride.html>. Copies of the Directory will be distributed to towns, hospitals, human service agencies, and other locations throughout the region. For more information, please contact Liz Kelly of Commission staff.

Economic Development Asset Mapping Session

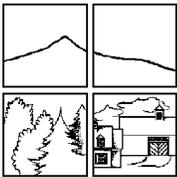
On October 26, 2016 SWRPC's Economic Development Advisory Committee will host an asset-mapping session to be facilitated by the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation. The event will take place at 3:30 p.m. at the Cheshire County Delegation Meeting Room, 12 Court Street, second floor, in Keene. For additional information, please contact Raul Gonzalez of Commission staff.

Complete Streets Event

On Saturday September 10th, the Town of Troy and SWRPC made temporary changes to the streetscape near the Troy Town Common to showcase examples of pedestrian and bicycle-friendly street design. These changes included two temporary crosswalks and a bicycle lane. Residents were able to leave thoughts, opinions, and feedback in comment boxes throughout the day. A "Back-To-School Bike Extravaganza" event was also coordinated at the Samuel E. Paul Community Center to provide education about bicycle safety and complete streets to local children and families. Children who participated in the bicycle costume contest received awards; two bicycles were raffled off to children who live in Troy; and free bicycle tune-ups were provided to event attendees. To view photos of the event, visit www.facebook.com/MASTNH.

Transportation Need and Demand

On September 28th, the Monadnock Regional Coordinating Council for Community Transportation (MRCC) gathered to hear a presentation on transportation need and demand in the Monadnock Region. With financial support from the Federal Transit Administration, and cooperation from American Red Cross, Community Volunteer Transportation Company and Home Healthcare Hospice and Community Services, SWRPC presented its findings regarding ridership trends among a sample of seniors and people with disabilities over a period of approximately three years. The presentation highlighted new information about popular destinations and origins, ridership demand by town, as well as information about the purposes of rides, the lengths of trips, and the number of volunteer drivers contributing their services to the community transportation system. The presentation also included information about the geographic location of vulnerable populations likely needing rides including other sources such as people with disabilities, the elderly, and households without a vehicle. The information, will be used to help the MRCC develop goals, objectives and strategies for an update to the *Monadnock Region Coordinated Community Transportation Plan*. The presentation may be viewed by visiting: www.swrpc.org/trans. For more information, please contact J. B. Mack of Commission staff.



Local Land Use Planning for Pipeline Safety

On September 12, 2016, SWRPC staff attended a pipeline safety planning event at the Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC). Ian Woods from the U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) was the key presenter. PHMSA's jurisdiction over pipeline safety begins when construction is complete and a pipeline goes into operation. PHMSA has sponsored the creation of informational materials in conjunction with NRPC that include an in-depth guide to land use planning best practices regarding natural gas transmission pipelines, a "readiness checklist", and a model municipal pipeline ordinance. For additional information, please contact Raul Gonzales of Commission staff.

