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Description of assistance, resources and programs	

## American Planning Association

**1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11**

312-431-9100      [www.planning.org](http://www.planning.org)

The American Planning Association is a non-profit public interest and research organization dedicated to urban and regional planning. The Association is an excellent source for best planning practices, information on “hot-topics”, and current legislation of importance to municipalities. Planning related publications authored by the Association and planning professionals and experts are available for purchase through the on-line bookstore.

## Chambers of Commerce

**1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11**

Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce - 532-4549 - [www.jaffreycoc.org](http://www.jaffreycoc.org)  
 Greater Keene Chamber of Commerce - 352-1303 - [www.keenechamber.com](http://www.keenechamber.com)  
 Peterborough Chamber of Commerce - 924-7234 - [www.peterboroughchamber.com](http://www.peterboroughchamber.com)  
 Rindge Chamber of Commerce - 899-5051 - [www.rindgechamber.com](http://www.rindgechamber.com)

The Region's Chambers serve to promote member businesses within the Southwest Region. The Chambers offer training and development seminars to member businesses, sponsor a variety of community service programs, special events and business fairs, and are an excellent resource for tourists.

## Cheshire County Center Stage

**1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11**

358-5344      [www.centerstagenh.com](http://www.centerstagenh.com)

Center Stage's mission is to enhance the Region's quality of life through the promotion, support, and implementation of high quality community-wide events and programs. Center Stage organizes several family-oriented community events throughout the year in the City of Keene, including the annual Pumpkin Festival, the Tree Lighting on Central Square and the New Year Celebration. The events are free of charge and open to all.

## Cheshire Housing Trust (CHT)

**1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11**

357-7603

Cheshire Housing Trust is a non-profit community land trust and Monadnock United Way Agency whose mission is to provide affordable housing opportunities for individuals and families with modest incomes. The Trust builds and rehabilitates housing that is rented at 20-30% below market rates. CHT also offers homebuyer seminars, budget counseling and other educational support for would-be homebuyers.

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## Colleges & Universities

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

Antioch New England Graduate School - 357-3122 - [www.antiochne.edu](http://www.antiochne.edu)  
Franklin Pierce College - 899-4000 - [www.fpc.edu](http://www.fpc.edu)  
Keene State College - 352-1909 - [www.keene.edu](http://www.keene.edu)

The Region's centers for higher learning offer a variety of social, economic and environmental undergraduate and graduate programs. The institutions require internships and practical term-projects for some majors – which can provide student assistance to municipal projects. Franklin Pierce and Keene State also offer continuing education courses.

## Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

226-2170 [www.nhcdfa.org](http://www.nhcdfa.org)

The Community Development Finance Authority was established by legislation in 1983 to address the issues of affordable housing and economic opportunity for low and moderate-income residents in New Hampshire. The Authority provides financial and technical assistance to community development corporations, worker cooperatives, and certain municipal entities. CDFA also supports the New Hampshire Main Street Program - a comprehensive approach to revitalizing downtown often involving historic preservation.

## Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

826-4800 [www.crjc.org](http://www.crjc.org)

The Connecticut River Joint Commissions comprises New Hampshire's Connecticut River Valley Resource Commission and Vermont's Connecticut River Watershed Advisory Commission. CRJC works to preserve and protect the resources of the Connecticut River Valley, including agricultural marketing, river bank restoration and supporting five local river advisory subcommittees established under NH's River Management and Protection Program.

## County Soil & Water Conservation Districts 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

Cheshire County Conservation District - 756-2970  
Hillsborough County Conservation District - 673-2409 - [www.hillsboroughccd.org](http://www.hillsboroughccd.org)  
Sullivan County Conservation District - 863-4297

The County Soil & Water Conservation Districts promote the use, protection, and conservation of natural resources on both private and public land in their respective counties. The Districts in partnership with the National Resource Conservation Service, offer technical assistance and information regarding Best Management Practices and conservation funding programs.

## Economic Development Corporations (EDC) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

Monadnock Business Venture - 924-1600 - [www.ci.peterborough.nh.us/html/mbv.htm](http://www.ci.peterborough.nh.us/html/mbv.htm)  
Monadnock Economic Development Corporation - 352-4939 - [www.kedrc.com](http://www.kedrc.com)

Economic Development Corporations are non-profit organizations with missions to enhance and diversify the economies of their respective service areas. Monadnock Business Ventures, serving 15 towns in the Contoocook Valley, and Monadnock Economic Development Corporation serving the Monadnock Region, provide assistance with planning, project management and financing for business retention, expansion and recruitment. The Hinsdale Industrial and Commercial Development Corporation is the Region's only EDC organized to support one municipality.

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## Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 **9** 10 11

1-888-225-5322      [www.fcc.gov](http://www.fcc.gov)

The Federal Communications Commission is the US governmental agency responsible for regulating interstate and international communications by radio, television, wire, satellite and cable. Within the Commission are six Operating Bureaus responsible for licensing, conducting investigations and developing and implementing regulatory programs, and ten Staff Offices with varying duties including public education, regulation enforcement, and oversight of communications programs .

## Harris Center for Conservation Education

1 **2** 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

525-3394      [www.mv.com/ipusers/bobcat/](http://www.mv.com/ipusers/bobcat/)

The Harris Center is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to environmental and outdoor education, land protection, and wildlife preservation in the Southwest Region. The Center conducts public education programs both at the Harris Center in Hancock and in area schools. The Harris Center is a land trust and is an excellent resource for conservation and preservation activities.

## HCS Community Care, Inc / City Express

1 2 3 4 5 6 **7** 8 9 10 11

352-2253      [www.hcsservices.org](http://www.hcsservices.org)

Home Health Care and Community Services provides a wide range of human services including assistance to children, mothers and elders. A subsidiary agency, HCS Community Care also operates the City Express - a public bus service with a fixed route and schedule operating in the City of Keene. The City Express consists of two local shuttles which service Keene's major employment areas, residential neighborhoods and shopping centers, weekdays from 6 am to 7 p.m. HCS also provides door-to-door transportation for elderly and handicapped through its Friendly Bus service.

## Historical Societies

1 2 3 **4** 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

Historical Society of Cheshire County - 352-1895  
New Hampshire Historical Society - 228-6688 - [www.nhhistory.org](http://www.nhhistory.org)

Inquire with Town Offices about local Historical Societies, Commissions and Archives. Thirty-eight local historical societies, commissions and archives preserve and protect the Region's social, cultural and political history. The organizations maintain historical exhibits and collections and offer a variety of community education programs. The Cheshire County Historical Society located in Keene, is the only county historical society in the State. The Society maintains an extensive permanent exhibit, library and archive. The New Hampshire Historical Society offers technical assistance to local libraries and historical organizations, provides educational services for school children, and maintains a museum and library collection.

## Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE)

1 2 3 4 5 **6** 7 8 9 10 11

202-289-0222      [www.ite.org](http://www.ite.org)

The Institute of Transportation Engineers is an international professional membership organization with an interest in meeting society's needs for safe and efficient surface transportation through planning, designing, implementing, operating and maintaining surface transportation systems worldwide. ITE hosts conferences and forums on transportation, publishes a monthly journal and reference, technical and policy documents, and sponsors professional development opportunities.

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## International City/County Management Association

**1** 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

202-289-4262

[www.icma.org](http://www.icma.org)

Home of the “Smart Growth Network” , the ICMA is a membership organization which supports research, training and publications in all aspects of municipal and county governance.

## Keene Housing Authority

1 2 3 **4** **5** 6 7 8 9 10 11

352-6161

The Keene Housing Authority is a Public Housing Authority under designation from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development which works to provide safe and sanitary housing for eligible families in a manner that promotes stability of the projects and the economic and social well-being of the tenants.

## Lincoln Land Institute

1 2 **3** 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

617-661-3016

[www.lincolninst.edu](http://www.lincolninst.edu)

The Lincoln Land Institute's goals are to integrate theory and practice to better shape land policy and to share understanding about the multidisciplinary forces that influence public land economics and policy. The Institute hosts forums and provides courses and seminars in land policy at the Institute's Cambridge, MA headquarters, as well as publishing scholarly, technical and policy documents.

## Local River Advisory Committees (LAC)

1 **2** 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

A Local River Advisory Committee is convened by the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Services for each river designated in the NH Rivers Management and Protection Program. LACs comprise representatives from the municipalities through which the designated rivers flow. LACs are responsible for developing and disseminating a River Corridor Management Plan and also have the opportunity to comment on applications for environmental permits within the river corridor. LACs also take on a number of environmental monitoring, public education and environmental advocacy activities at the discretion of the members.

### Ashuelot River LAC

[www.swrpc.org/nat\\_res/lac/](http://www.swrpc.org/nat_res/lac/)

From the dam at Butterfield Pond in Washington to the confluence with the Connecticut River in Hinsdale. Southwest Region municipalities include: Marlow, Gilsum, Sullivan, Surry, Keene, Swanzey, Winchester, and Hinsdale.

### Cold River LAC

[www.des.state.nh.us/rivers/cold1.htm](http://www.des.state.nh.us/rivers/cold1.htm)

From the outlet of Crescent Lake Dam in Acworth to its confluence with the Connecticut River in Walpole. Southwest Region municipalities include: Langdon, Alstead, and Walpole.

### Connecticut River Local Advisory Committee

[www.crjc.org](http://www.crjc.org)

From the outlet of Fourth Connecticut Lake to the New Hampshire/ Massachusetts state line. Divided into four subcommittees with the Wantastiquet Local River Subcommittee including the Southwest Region municipalities of Walpole, Westmoreland, Chesterfield, and Hinsdale.

### Contoocook & N. Branch Rivers LAC

[www.des.state.nh.us/rivers/cont1.htm](http://www.des.state.nh.us/rivers/cont1.htm)

Mainstem - From the outlet of Poole Pond in Rindge to the confluence with the Merrimack River at the Boscawen/Concord municipal boundary. North Branch - From the outlet of Rye Pond in Nelson to the confluence of the Contoocook River in Hillsborough.

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Southwest Region municipalities include: Rindge, Jaffrey, Peterborough, Hancock, Greenfield, Bennington, Nelson, Stoddard, and Antrim.

## **Piscataquog River LAC** [www.des.state.nh.us/rivers/piscat1.htm](http://www.des.state.nh.us/rivers/piscat1.htm)

South Branch--From the outlet of Pleasant Pond in Frankestown to the river's mouth at Bass Island in Manchester. Middle Branch--From the outlet of Scobie Pond in Frankestown to the confluence with the South Branch in New Boston. Southwest Region municipalities include: Frankestown.

## **Souhegan River LAC** [www.des.state.nh.us/rivers/souhegan.htm](http://www.des.state.nh.us/rivers/souhegan.htm)

From the confluence of the south and west branches in New Ipswich to the confluence with the Merrimack River in Merrimack. Southwest Region municipalities include: New Ipswich, and Greenville

## **Monadnock Connect**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 **9** 10 11

352-4604 [www.monadnockbroadband.org](http://www.monadnockbroadband.org)

Monadnock Connect works to aggregate corporate, governmental, and institutional demand for high-speed Internet access in the Monadnock Region in order to lower the costs of service and infrastructure for high speed Internet access to enhance economic, educational, and social development across the Region.

## **Monadnock Conservancy**

1 **2** 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

357-0600 [www.monadnockconservancy.org](http://www.monadnockconservancy.org)

The Monadnock Conservancy is a regional private non-profit land trust whose purposes are to identify, promote and actively seek protection of lands with natural, aesthetic and historic significance in the Monadnock Region, and to monitor and enforce the protection of lands in the Trust.

## **Municipal Economic Development Advisory Committees**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 **10** 11

Municipal Economic Development Advisory Committees have been established in **Antrim, Hinsdale, Jaffrey, Peterborough, Troy, and Winchester**. The committees provide guidance to town boards, assist with the development and implementation of municipal economic development plans and in some cases recruit business and industry.

## **National Trust for Historic Preservation**

1 2 3 **4** 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

202-588-6000 [www.nationaltrust.org](http://www.nationaltrust.org)

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is dedicated to preserving historic buildings, neighborhoods, and landscapes through education and advocacy. The National Trust for Historic Preservation hosts a number of forums on historic preservation, staffs regional offices located across the country, and supports the **Main Street** program which strives to preserve and restore historic commercial districts.

## **New Hampshire Municipal Association**

**1** 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

224-7447 [www.nhmunicipal.org](http://www.nhmunicipal.org)

The New Hampshire Municipal Association provides information, legal advice, legislative policy updates, professional seminars and training programs, and reference publications to member municipalities of New Hampshire regarding municipal governance and land use regulation.



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## NH Association of Conservation Commissions

1 **2** 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

224-7867

[www.nhacc.org](http://www.nhacc.org)

The New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions provides information and assistance to help municipal conservation commissions carry out their duties and other activities.

## NH Department of Cultural Resources

1 2 3 **4** 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

Main Office: 271-2540

[webster.state.nh.us/nhculture](http://webster.state.nh.us/nhculture)

Division of Historic Resources: 271-3483

[webster.state.nh.us/nhdhr](http://webster.state.nh.us/nhdhr)

State Library: 271-2144

[webster.state.nh.us/nhsl](http://webster.state.nh.us/nhsl)

The Department of Cultural Resources serves New Hampshire by working with citizens to broaden minds and spirits, preserve history and culture for future generations, and to recognize and promote cultural resources as an essential element of New Hampshire's economic and social well-being. The Division of Cultural Resources also oversees the Division of Historic Resources and the NH State Library.

## NH Department of Employment Security

1 2 3 4 **5** 6 7 8 9 10 11

224-3311

[www.nhworks.state.nh.us](http://www.nhworks.state.nh.us)

Operates a free public employment service through a statewide network of job and information centers, providing a broad range of assisted and self-directed employment and career-related services. It also develops and disseminates labor market information to assist local and state officials, private employers, educators and trainers, and the public in making decisions that promote economic opportunity and the efficient use of the State's labor resources.

## NH Department of Environmental Services (NH DES)

1 **2** 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

**Air Resources Division** - 271-1370 - [www.des.state.nh.us/ard\\_intro.htm](http://www.des.state.nh.us/ard_intro.htm)

Promotes cost-effective, sensible strategies and control measures to address today's complex and inter-related air quality issues. These issues include, but are not limited to, ground-level ozone, particulate matter, regional haze (visibility), mercury emissions, increasing concentrations of greenhouse gases, acid deposition, and air-borne toxics. New Hampshire's Air Quality Program is a blueprint for the State's efforts to achieve and maintain air quality that is protective of public health and our natural environment.

**River Management and Protection Program** - 271-3503 - [www.des.state.nh.us/rivers/](http://www.des.state.nh.us/rivers/)

The New Hampshire Rivers Management and Protection Program was established in 1988 with the passage of RSA 483 to recognize and designate rivers to be protected for their outstanding natural and cultural resources. The program is administered by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services.

**Watershed Management Bureau** - 271-3503 - [www.des.state.nh.us/wmb/](http://www.des.state.nh.us/wmb/)

Watershed management programs link people and water resources through science, planning, and education to achieve clean water goals to ensure that New Hampshire's lakes and ponds, rivers and streams, coastal waters, groundwater and wetlands are clean and support healthy ecosystems, provide habitats for a diversity of plant and animal life, and support appropriate uses.

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**Wetlands Bureau** - 271-2147 - [www.des.state.nh.us/wetlands](http://www.des.state.nh.us/wetlands)

The mission of the Wetlands Bureau is to protect, maintain and enhance the environmental quality in New Hampshire through the powers set forth in RSA 482-A to regulate impacts to those areas "wherever the tide ebbs and flows" or "freshwater flows or stands."

## NH Department of Fish and Game

1 **2** 3 4 5 6 **7** 8 9 10 11

271-3211 [www.wildlife.state.nh.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us)

The New Hampshire Department of Fish and Game has been conserving New Hampshire's wildlife and their habitats for more than a century. As the guardian of the State's fish, wildlife, and marine resources, the Department works with the public to manage and protect these resources; inform and educate the public about these resources; and provide the public with opportunities to use and appreciate these resources.

## NH Department of Resources and Economic Development (NH DRED)

1 **2** 3 4 **5** **6** **7** 8 9 **10** 11

**Division of Economic Development** - 271-2341 - [www.nheconomy.com](http://www.nheconomy.com)

The New Hampshire Division of Economic Development, which is part of the Department of Resources and Economic Development, works to bring increased jobs and revenue to the State of New Hampshire.

**Division of Forests and Lands** - 271-2214 - [www.nhdf.com](http://www.nhdf.com)

As stewards of New Hampshire's forests and related resources, the Division of Forests and Lands protects and promotes the values provided by trees and forests. This is accomplished through responsible management of the State's forested resources; by providing forest resource information and education to the public; and the protection of these resources for the continuing benefit of the State's citizens, visitors, and forest industry.

**NH Natural Heritage Inventory** - 271-3623 - [www.nhdf.com/formgt/nhiweb](http://www.nhdf.com/formgt/nhiweb)

A program within the Division of Forest and Lands, NHHI locates, tracks, and provides information about rare plant species and ecosystems in the state. NHHI is not regulatory. NHHI works with landowners, land managers, and natural resource professionals to help them understand and protect the State's natural heritage and meet their land use needs. The program maintains a database of nearly 4,000 rare plant, animal, and ecosystem occurrences, and responds to over 1,300 information requests each year.

**Division of Parks and Recreation** - 271-3556 - [www.nhparks.state.nh.us](http://www.nhparks.state.nh.us)

The Division of Parks and Recreation operates 43 state parks and campgrounds, 12 historic sites, 7 recreational trails, 39 islands, 4 state fishing piers and marinas, 14 natural areas and numerous wayside and miscellaneous areas.

## NH Department of Revenue Administration

1 2 3 4 **5** 6 7 8 9 10 11

271-2191 [www.state.nh.us/revenue/](http://www.state.nh.us/revenue/)

The Department of Revenue Administration provides information to business and the general public on taxes administered by the State of New Hampshire and municipalities, as well as managing data and statistics on tax revenues at the State and local levels.

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## NH Department of Transportation (NH DOT)

**1** 2 3 4 5 **6** 7 8 9 10 11

271-3734 [www.state.nh.us/dot](http://www.state.nh.us/dot)

The NH DOT plans, constructs, and maintains the state's transportation system and associated facilities. NH DOT administers management, construction and research programs specific to individual and integrated components of the transportation system, including, highways, bridges, public transportation, railroads, bicycle, and pedestrian modes.

## NH Division of Historical Resources (DHR)

1 2 3 **4** 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

271-3558 [www.state.nh.us/nhdhr](http://www.state.nh.us/nhdhr)

The Division of Historical Resources is a state agency supported by the State of New Hampshire, the Federal Historic Preservation Fund (through a matching grant administered by the National Park Service), and by donated funds and services. The DHR is also responsible for administering the Federal Preservation Program within New Hampshire.

## NH Housing Finance Authority (NHHFA)

1 2 3 **4** **5** 6 7 8 9 10 11

472-8623 [www.nhhfa.org](http://www.nhhfa.org)

The New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority (NHHFA), was established in 1981 by the NH Legislature as a non-profit public benefit corporation. NHHFA is the State's primary housing research and planning entity and maintains an extensive database on housing related issues. NHHFA's mission is to ensure decent, affordable housing for low income families and elders.

## NH Land & Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP)

1 **2** 3 **4** 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

224-4113 [www.lchip.org](http://www.lchip.org)

Established with State funds as a private authority, LCHIP is a grant making organization that works in partnership with the State's municipalities and the private sector to conserve and preserve the state's most important natural, cultural, and historical resources through the acquisition of lands, and cultural and historical resources, or interests therein, of local, regional, and statewide significance.

## NH Main Street Program

1 2 **3** **4** 5 6 7 8 9 **10** 11

223-9942 [www.nhcdfa.org/mainstreet.html](http://www.nhcdfa.org/mainstreet.html)

The New Hampshire Main Street Program was established in 1996 to encourage and support the revitalization of downtowns in New Hampshire. Each year, the program's board of directors selects communities to join the program and receive \$50,000 worth of technical assistance and training, over three years. When a community participates in the revitalization effort, its downtown experiences renewed vitality and enhanced economic performance. Benefits include protection and strengthening of the existing tax base, increased sales and return of revenues to the community, and creation of new jobs.

## NH Office of State Planning (OSP)

1 2 **3** 4 **5** **6** 7 8 9 **10** 11

271-2155 [www.state.nh.us/osp](http://www.state.nh.us/osp)

The Office of State Planning is a part of the Executive Department within the Office of the Governor. OSP is required by RSA 4-C to: plan for the orderly development of the state and the wise management of the state's resources; compile, analyze, and disseminate data, information,

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and research services as necessary to advance the welfare of the state; administer federal and State grant-in-aid programs assigned to the Office by statute or executive order; and participates and advises in matters of land use planning regarding lakes and rivers management programs.

## New Hampshire Preservation Alliance

1 2 3 **4** 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

224-2281      [www.nhpreservation.org](http://www.nhpreservation.org)

NHPA is the State's non-profit historic preservation organization dedicated to preserving historic buildings, landscapes, and communities through leadership, advocacy and education. NHPA works with community-based groups, businesses, state agencies, and local groups on issues related to housing, tourism and community development.

## Pathways for Keene, Inc.

1 2 3 4 5 **6** 7 8 9 10 11

357-3908      [www.tlaorg.org/pathways/](http://www.tlaorg.org/pathways/)

Pathways for Keene, Inc. is a non-profit (501C3 tax-exempt) group of volunteers who promote the development and use of community supported alternative transportation routes in the City of Keene.

## Performing Arts

1 2 3 4 5 6 **7** 8 9 10 11

**Apple Hill Center for Chamber Music** - 847-3371 - [www.applehill.org](http://www.applehill.org)

The Center located in Sullivan, NH, is home to the internationally acclaimed Apple Hill Chamber Players. The Players tour the U.S. and overseas, performing concerts, conducting master classes, and awarding Playing for Peace scholarships to bring musicians of diverse backgrounds to Apple Hill. For the past 30 years the Players joined by professionals, students and amateur participants, have brought chamber music to the Region through their free, weekly Summer Festival Concerts.

**Colonial Theater** - 352-2033 - [www.thecolonial.org](http://www.thecolonial.org)

The Colonial is a non-profit organization that hosts visiting and local musical, theatrical and film, programming at the renovated historic Colonial Theater on Main Street in Keene.

**Keene Chamber Orchestra** - 847-3475 - [www.keenechamberorchestra.org](http://www.keenechamberorchestra.org)

The Keene Chamber Orchestra offers an annual program of orchestral music performed at The Colonial Theater in Keene. The Orchestra comprises area residents as well as visiting musicians.

**Local Theater**                      Antrim Players - [www.antrimplayers.com/](http://www.antrimplayers.com/)  
Peterborough Players - [www.peterboroughplayers.org/](http://www.peterboroughplayers.org/)  
West Chesterfield Players

**Monadnock Music** - 924-7610 - [www.monmusic.org](http://www.monmusic.org)

Based in Peterborough, Monadnock Music provides a program of orchestral and chamber music, both instrumental and vocal, in the meeting houses and churches of the Monadnock Region.

**Redfern Center for the Performing Arts** - 358-2168 - [www.keene.edu/racbp/](http://www.keene.edu/racbp/)

Part of the Keene State College campus, the Center hosts campus, community and visiting musical, theatrical, film, and instructional programming for the campus and community at-large.

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## Plan New Hampshire (PlanNH)

1 2 **3** 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

1-800-721-7526      [www.plannh.com](http://www.plannh.com)

PlanNH is dedicated to supporting and preserving quality of life and strives to create a forum to improve the New Hampshire Community through excellence in Planning, Design and Development.

## Regional Selectmen's Meeting

**1** 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

Contact SWRPC at 357-0557

Selectmen of a number Southwest Region municipalities meet on an informal, *ad hoc* basis to discuss common issues of interest to local government.

## School Administrative Units (SAUs)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 **8** 9 10 11

**SAU 1**      **Conval School District** - 924-3336 - [www.conval.edu](http://www.conval.edu)  
Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Frankestown, Greenfield, Hancock,  
Peterborough, Sharon, Temple

**SAU 29**      **Keene School District** - 357-9002 - [www.sau29.k12.nh.us](http://www.sau29.k12.nh.us)  
Chesterfield, Harrisville, Keene, Marlborough, Nelson, Stoddard,  
Westmoreland

**SAU 34**      **Hillsborough-Deering School District** - 464-4466  
[www.hillsboro-deering.org](http://www.hillsboro-deering.org)  
Windsor

**SAU 38**      **Hinsdale School District** - 336-5984  
Hinsdale

**Monadnock Regional School District** - 352-6955 - [www.mrsd.org](http://www.mrsd.org)  
Fitzwilliam, Gilsom, Richmond, Roxbury, Sullivan, Surry, Swanzey, Troy

**Winchester School District** - 239-4381  
Winchester

**SAU 47**      **Jaffrey-Rindge School District** - 532-8100  
Jaffrey, Rindge

**SAU 60**      **Fall Mountain School District** - 826-7756  
[www.fall-mountain.k12.nh.us](http://www.fall-mountain.k12.nh.us)  
Alstead, Langdon, Walpole

**SAU 63**      **Mascenic School District** - 878-1113 - [www.mascenic.com](http://www.mascenic.com)  
Greenville, Mason, New Ipswich

## Society for the Protection of NH Forests (SPNHF)

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224-9945      [www.spnhf.org](http://www.spnhf.org)

A statewide land trust and land manager with goals of preserving merchantable timber stands, wild areas and rural community character, SPNHF also promotes stewardship by example and through education and advocates public policy that supports wise conservation of natural resources. SPNHF sponsors educational programs and offers a variety of publications

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## Southwestern Community Services (SCS)

1 2 3 **4** 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

352-7512      [www.scshelps.org](http://www.scshelps.org)

SCS is a nonprofit Community Action Agency, created in 1965 that serves the low-income population of Cheshire and Sullivan Counties. SCS administers over 25 federally-funded programs, including Housing Rehabilitation and Weather-ization Programs, Emergency Housing for the Homeless, First-Time Home Buyer Program, Affordable Rental Housing, Lead Abatement, and others. The agency also owns and manages over 100 units of affordable rental housing in Cheshire County.

## Southwest Region Planning Commission (SWRPC)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

357-0557      [www.swrpc.org](http://www.swrpc.org)

SWRPC is one of nine regional planning commissions in New Hampshire established by State law to assist municipalities with planning issues and facilitate coordinated development in the region. SWRPC provides information, research, planning, and facilitation services to member towns, non-profit organizations, State Agencies and others with an interest in the Southwest Region. Planning staff implements a work program comprising local planning assistance, community and economic development, environmental planning, geographic information systems (mapping and information services), and transportation planning. SWRPC is a municipal membership organization.

## Town Offices

1 2 **3** 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

Town	Phone	Website	Town	Phone	Website
Alstead	835-2986	<a href="http://www.keenenh.com/towns">www.keenenh.com/towns</a>	Mason	878-2070	- na -
Antrim	588-6785	<a href="http://www.keenenh.com/towns">www.keenenh.com/towns</a>	Nelson	847-0047	<a href="http://www.keene.nh.com/towns">www.keene.nh.com/towns</a>
Bennington	588-2189	<a href="http://www.keenenh.com/towns">www.keenenh.com/towns</a>	New Ipswich	878-2772	<a href="http://www.keene.nh.com/towns">www.keene.nh.com/towns</a>
Chesterfield	363-4624	<a href="http://www.keenenh.com/towns">www.keenenh.com/towns</a>	Peterborough	924-8001	<a href="http://www.ci.peterborough.nh.us">www.ci.peterborough.nh.us</a>
Dublin	563-8544	<a href="http://www.keenenh.com/towns">www.keenenh.com/towns</a>	Richmond	239-4232	<a href="http://www.keene.nh.com/towns">www.keene.nh.com/towns</a>
Fitzwilliam	585-7723	<a href="http://www.keenenh.com/towns">www.keenenh.com/towns</a>	Rindge	899-5181	<a href="http://www.town.rindge.nh.us">www.town.rindge.nh.us</a>
Francestown	547-3469	- na -	Roxbury	352-4903	<a href="http://www.keene.nh.com/towns">www.keene.nh.com/towns</a>
Gilsum	357-0320	<a href="http://www.keenenh.com/towns">www.keenenh.com/towns</a>	Sharon	924-9250	<a href="http://www.keene.nh.com/towns">www.keene.nh.com/towns</a>
Greenfield	547-3442	<a href="http://www.keenenh.com/towns">www.keenenh.com/towns</a>	Stoddard	446-3326	<a href="http://www.keene.nh.com/towns">www.keene.nh.com/towns</a>
Greenville	878-2084	- na -	Sullivan	847-3316	<a href="http://www.keene.nh.com/towns">www.keene.nh.com/towns</a>
Hancock	525-4441	<a href="http://www.keenenh.com/towns">www.keenenh.com/towns</a>	Surry	352-3075	<a href="http://www.keenenh.com/towns">www.keenenh.com/towns</a>
Harrisville	827-3431	<a href="http://www.keenenh.com/towns">www.keenenh.com/towns</a>	Swanzey	352-7411	<a href="http://www.town.swanzey.nh.us">www.town.swanzey.nh.us</a>
Hinsdale	336-5710	<a href="http://www.keenenh.com/towns">www.keenenh.com/towns</a>	Temple	878-3873	<a href="http://www.keenenh.com/towns">www.keenenh.com/towns</a>
Jaffrey	532-7445	<a href="http://www.keenenh.com/towns">www.keenenh.com/towns</a>	Troy	242-7722	<a href="http://www.town.troy.nh.us">www.town.troy.nh.us</a>
Keene	352-0133	<a href="http://www.keenenh.com">www.keenenh.com</a>	Walpole	756-3672	<a href="http://www.keenenh.com/towns">www.keenenh.com/towns</a>
Langdon	835-2389	<a href="http://www.keenenh.com/towns">www.keenenh.com/towns</a>	Westmoreland	399-4471	<a href="http://www.keenenh.com/towns">www.keenenh.com/towns</a>
Marlborough	876-3751	<a href="http://www.keenenh.com/towns">www.keenenh.com/towns</a>	Winchester	239-4951	<a href="http://www.keenenh.com/towns">www.keenenh.com/towns</a>
Marlow	446-2245	<a href="http://www.keenenh.com/towns">www.keenenh.com/towns</a>	Windsor	478-3292	- na -

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## US Census Bureau

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301-763-4636

[www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)

The federal agency responsible for collecting, analyzing and publishing national demographic data and statistics.

## USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

1 **2** 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

Cheshire & Sullivan Counties 756-2970  
Hillsborough & Merrimack Counties 863-4297

NRCS provides informational, technical and financial assistance to landowners to fulfill the agency's mission of providing leadership in a partnership effort to help people conserve, maintain, and improve our natural resources and environment. Formerly the Soil Conservation Service, NRCS is the definitive resource for information about soil and its management.

## US Department of Transportation (US DOT)

1 2 3 4 5 **6** 7 8 9 10 11

### Federal Highway Administration

[www.fhwa.dot.gov](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov)

FHWA is the division of US DOT responsible for the nation's federal highway system as well as providing oversight to state highway management, including authorization of design and construction standards and use of federal funds on state highway projects. FHWA strives to provide expertise, resources, and information to continually improve the quality of our nation's highway system and its intermodal connections. This mission is undertaken in cooperation with all of our partners to enhance the country's economic vitality, quality of life, and the environment. FHWA is deployed through state offices across the country.

### Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

[www.fta.dot.gov](http://www.fta.dot.gov)

FTA is the division of US DOT responsible for the federal government's public transportation activities as well as providing oversight to state transit development and management, including authorization of design and construction standards and use of federal funds on state highway projects. FTA administers several grant programs to states to fund local transit capital and operating expenses.

## US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

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Region 1, EPA  
Team New Hampshire

[www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov)

[www.epa.gov/region1/eco/nh/index.html](http://www.epa.gov/region1/eco/nh/index.html)

The EPA's mission is to protect human health and safeguard the natural environment. The EPA carries out a wide variety of programs that include research and monitoring, planning and remediation, education and publishing, grant-making, policy analysis and development, and environmental regulation. EPA is deployed by Region (e.g. New England) and by state.

## US Fish and Wildlife Service

1 **2 3** 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

New England 413-253-8200

[www.fws.gov](http://www.fws.gov)

The federal agency responsible for protecting land, aquatic and marine species and habitats. The Service manages federal wildlife refuge across the country, conducts research and education, and administers grant-making programs.

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Silvio O. Conte Refuge 413-863-0209

Implements research, habitat management , public education, and land conservation in the Connecticut River Watershed, including in-stream habitat protection and propagation of migratory fish.

## US National Park Service

1 **2** 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

226-3240 [www.ncrc.nps.gov](http://www.ncrc.nps.gov)

Administers the Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program and the Land and Water Conservation Fund which provide grant funds to grass roots and municipal projects that enhance outdoor recreation and conservation, including trail construction, river habitat restoration, land acquisition, and organizational development.

## UNH Cooperative Extension Service

1 **2** 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

Cheshire County - 352-4551  
Hillsborough County: Milford - 673-2510; Goffstown - 621-1478  
Sullivan County - 863-9200  
State Offices, UHN, Durham - 862-1520 - [www.ceinfo.unh.edu](http://www.ceinfo.unh.edu)

Primarily research and education organization, Cooperative Extension Service links academic resources with federal, municipal and private non-profit partners and clients in a variety of program areas: Agricultural Support, 4-H Youth Services, Community Development, Family Development, Forest and Wildlife Conservation, and Water Resources Management.

## UNH Center for Technology Transfer (T<sup>2</sup> Center)

1 2 3 4 5 **6** 7 8 9 10 11

862-2826 [www.t2.unh.edu](http://www.t2.unh.edu)

Primarily research and education organization, Cooperative Extension Service links academic resources with federal, municipal and private non-profit partners and clients to provide technical assistance to municipal officials regarding all matters relevant to construction, maintenance and funding of highways and bridges.



# Suggested Reading

Following is a small set of publications, old and new, that Planning Commission staff suggest may be of interest to the local official or other citizen regarding the nature of change in society and approaches for managing that change.

American Planners Association. 1998. Principles of Smart Development (PAS 479).

Arendt, Randall G. 1996. Conservation Design for Subdivisions, A Practical Guide to Creating Open Space Networks. Island Press.

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Daniels, Thomas L.; Keller, J. W. and Lapping, M. B. 1995. The Small Town Planning Handbook, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Planners Press.

Downs, Anthony. 1992. Stuck in Traffic: Coping with Peak Hour Traffic Congestion. The Brookings Institute.

Institute for Community Economics. 1982. The Community Land Trust Handbook. Rodale Press.

International City/County Management Association. 2001. Getting to Smart Growth: 100 Policies for Implementation. International City/County Management Association.

Kunstler, James H. 1993. The Geography of Nowhere. Touchstone.

McHarg, Ian L. 1991. Design With Nature. 25<sup>th</sup> edition. John Wiley & Sons.

Nelson, Arthur C. and Duncan, J. B. 1995. Growth Management Principles and Practices. University of Chicago Press.

Smith, Herbert. 1979. The Citizens Guide to Planning. American Planners Association.

Spirn, Anne W. 1984. The Granite Garden: Urban Nature and Human Design. Basic Books.

# Reader Response

To help the Planning Commission fulfill the purpose of this document through future editions, we invite readers to provide some information about themselves and their ideas, needs and opinions regarding the future of the Southwest Region.

## **ABOUT YOU**

Do you serve in local government? Y N

If so, in what office or position do you serve?

Are you a property owner in the Southwest Region? Y N ... a business owner? Y N

How did you learn about *Guiding Change*?

## **ABOUT GUIDING CHANGE**

Are there additional issues or subjects you feel should be included in this document?

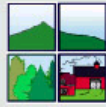
Do you find the suggestions useful?

How can the Planning Commission make this document more useful?

How can regional thinking and action help Southwest Region municipalities?

*Thank you for taking the time to provide us with your thoughts.*

*Please return this questionnaire to:* Southwest Region Planning Commission  
20 Central Sq., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Keene, NH 03431



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### What's New at SWRPC:

[Guiding Change, The Southwest Region at the Beginning of the 21st Century](#)

*Guiding Change* represents the updated regional plan for SW New Hampshire and covers eleven topic areas particularly relevant to community and regional planning, providing background statements, anticipated changes and policy guidance for each.

[Census Bureau Demographic Profiles Now Available](#)

Census 2000 demographic profile tables with social, economic and housing characteristics by State, County & Town. (Released 5/21/02)

[10-Year Transportation Improvement Program](#)

SWRPC is requesting proposals and comments regarding the development and management of the Region's transportation system.

[1995-2000 Regional Traffic Count Data Available](#)

Traffic counts available by Town for the Region

### Upcoming Events:

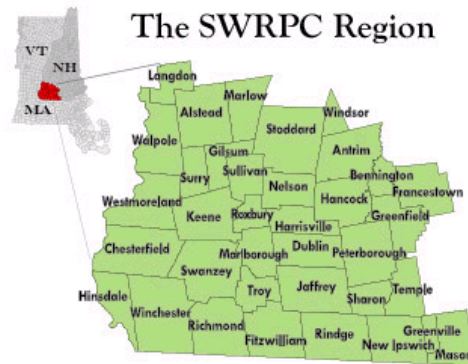
June 25 2002	<b>SWRPC Annual Dinner Meeting</b> , Lilly's on the Pond, Rindge, 6:00 p.m. ( <a href="#">DETAILS</a> )
July 15 2002	<b>US 202 Advisory Committee Meeting</b> , Peterborough Public Library, 4:00 p.m.
Aug 25-28 2002	<b>55th Annual North Atlantic Transportation Planning Officials Conference</b> , Grand Summit Resort Hotel, Bartlett, NH

For additional NH planning events, see the [NH ResourceNet Calendar](#)

Welcome to the Southwest Region Planning Commission Homepage. SWRPC is one of nine regional planning commissions in New Hampshire established under RSA 36. Our region covers a 36-town area in Cheshire, western Hillsborough, and Sullivan Counties.

### Our Mission:

*"To work in partnership with the communities of the Southwest Region to promote sound decision-making for the conservation and effective management of natural, cultural and economic resources."*



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The Commission employs a staff of nine full time professionals who possess a diverse range of planning related background and experience. Please have a look around our web site and feel free to [contact us](#) for additional information and to discuss how we can assist you.

### Commission Highlights

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- Planning Commission's Annual Meeting - June 25, 2002
- Guiding Change: The Southwest Region at the Beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
- OSP Selects Planning Commission for Statewide CDBG Training
- Connecticut River Valley Partnership Grant Award
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