

# A GRANITE STATE FUTURE

## Natural Resource Functions and Quality Technical Advisory Subcommittee (TASC) Meeting

### Date and Time:

May 2, 2013, 1:00-3:00 PM

### Location:

NH Local Government Center

## DRAFT AGENDA

### 1. Review the Regional Framework and Appendices

*An opportunity to make refinements and sign off on the Committee's work*

- a. Review of the full framework document – NR TASC elements are included within each chapter
- b. Review of only the NR TASC matrix in the appendix

### 2. Review the Natural Resources Section of the Existing Conditions and Trends Assessment

*When reviewing our section, Natural Resource Functions & Quality (pages 22-27), we should pay particular attention to the blue-highlighted sections—where your expertise is needed.*

### 3. Discuss Options and Opportunities for the TASCs Next Steps

*How can we most efficiently provide ongoing technical assistance to the regional planners as they write their plans?*

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## DRAFT MINUTES of the Natural Resource Functions and Quality Technical Advisory Subcommittee Meeting

May 2, 2013 – 1:00 PM

Local Government Center  
25 Triangle Park Drive  
Concord, NH 03301

### Members in Attendance:

Jan McClure.....The Nature Conservancy  
Stacey Lemieux ..... US Forest Service  
Caroline Russell.....NHDES

### Staff in Attendance:

Glenn Greenwood..... Rockingham Planning Commission  
Dan Snyder .....Southern NH Planning Commission  
Dari Sassan ..... Lakes Region Planning Commission

### 1. Review the Regional Framework and Appendices

C Russell summarized the discussion on reviewing the Regional Plan framework document. It was decided after discussion to add our additions to the Natural Resources functions and quality consideration.

### 2. Review the Natural Resources Section of the Existing Conditions and Trends Assessment

C. Russell suggested that the group look to our matrix to include the work topics that should be included in the Existing Conditions and Trends document.

J McClure asked about water related information; she feels that the current version of the Existing Conditions and Trends is too heavily focused on forestry and agriculture.

Efforts should be made to break down the information as deeply as possible; breaking out the information at a regional level where that is possible. She asked staff if information at a state wide level is applicable to the preparation of our regional plans. D. Sassan and G. Greenwood both indicated that their regional plans will incorporate a fair amount of state level data.

The committee agreed that as a starting point the baseline data column found in the Natural Resources matrix should be added to the Existing Conditions and Trends document.

D Snyder will check the status of the google doc reference list that was created early on in the process to include as much information as possible.

C Russell feels it is important to include the metrics discussed under the Implementation Chapter as well.

D. Sassan would like to include trend information in the document, especially trends that should be measured but currently are not. These could be included without having statistics.

There was general discussion that a metric should be added about aquatic invasives. It was questioned whether a terrestrial invasives metric has been included. The over all conclusion of the group was that the Existing Conditions and Trends document is not reflective of the natural resources found in New Hampshire and should be expanded significantly.

### **3. Discuss Options and Opportunities for the TASCs Next Steps**

The committee discussed how to assist the RPC's in the future with the preparation of the regional plans. C Russell indicated that NHDES staff would provide technical assistance in some manner yet to be determined. D. Sassan agreed to be the TASC point person for the planning commissions in reaching out to NHDES staff.

Copies of the draft outline for the Natural resources sections of regional master plans as prepared by D Sassan were distributed. It was determined that a conference call would be organized to solicit input on the draft chapter outline.