



Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission



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CNHRPC has listening boxes out in the 20 communities within the Region to obtain public opinions about what they love about the area and what they'd like to see improved for the future. We are actively seeking local events and conferences held within the Region to exhibit the *Granite State Future* materials and obtain public input into our **Central NH Regional Plan**, a Master Plan for the Region. Obtaining public input will continue until spring, 2013. **Please contact us about the local events we could join.**

Fill out a Comment Card and slip it into the nearest listening box to tell us what you love best and want to improve!

Have a say and vote on the Picture Survey, at local events, on what characteristics you'd prefer to see within your community!



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The Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) will be working to develop the new **Central New Hampshire Regional Plan** over the next three years using public input information gained from events held in the Region's communities. All ages are welcome to participate in our surveys! The **Regional Plan** will be written using results of the actual public data received, and will include recommendations that the communities can use in their local Master Plans, if desired.

Central New Hampshire Regional Plan: A GRANITE STATE FUTURE



New Hampshire's nine Regional Planning Commissions (RPCs) have a unique opportunity to develop regional Master Plans through a federally-funded program entitled *A Granite State Future*. The regional Master Plans will be based upon grassroots local values and needs that together present a vision for how we can improve our communities, regions, and the state. The Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) will be working to develop the new **Central New Hampshire Regional Plan**.

The three-year project is based on recognizing that obtaining and then considering all available options can result in more informed public decisions. Throughout the state, regions and communities continually address issues such as land use, transportation, economic development, infrastructure, housing, public health, energy, and cultural, historic, and natural resources. The regional Master Plans developed under *A Granite State Future* can serve as resources to assist communities with making decisions related to these issues, which increase efficiencies and benefits for our state's residents. Ultimately, the regional data and resulting implementation actions can be used by area communities during their development of local Master Plans if they wish.

To obtain a better understanding of our CNHRPC region's values and needs, the project provides an extraordinary level of emphasis on public engagement in the planning process. The staff of the nine RPCs will be working with a range of community and business leaders, state agencies, counties and municipalities, and non-profits and citizen groups to develop a productive public dialogue within each region, including in our Central NH Region. Supported by New Hampshire-based resources and technical support, *A Granite State Future* is designed to be a product of the people of New Hampshire and is committed to engaging all sectors of our population to identify shared interests to more effectively utilize limited government resources. We believe better public decisions are made when everyone affected participates in the process, which is the goal of the extensive public engagement activities.

To begin the **Central New Hampshire Regional Plan** development process, in the summer of 2012 we will place "listening" boxes around the CNHRPC region to encourage the submission of comment cards to identify peoples' values and needs. We will begin to recruit local and regional partners representing a broad cross-section of communities and interests to serve on a Regional Advisory Team to oversee the planning process. In the fall, we will begin to reach out to citizens during some local events to obtain further public input. More activities will be held as the planning process continues through 2015, when the **Central New Hampshire Regional Plan** will be concluded. Find information on the project and each region at www.granitestatefuture.org.

In the meantime, state-wide committees with participants from throughout the state will assist with compilation of necessary data. When complete, the nine regional Master Plans, including our **Central New Hampshire Regional Plan**, will identify potential implementation actions. CNHRPC communities are encouraged to use the Plan information to update local Master Plans and communicate with other municipalities to identify, share, and replicate successful projects. The Regional Plans can assist communities large and small to achieve economic vitality and protect the natural environment, community character, and rural landscapes that are so important to New Hampshire. *A Granite State Future* is the way to get us there.



NH'S NINE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS

Region 1: North Country Council
Bethlehem, NH
Michael King, Executive Director
www.nccouncil.org

Region 2: Lakes Region Planning Commission
Meredith, NH
Kimon Koulet, Executive Director
www.lakesrpc.org

Region 3: Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission
Lebanon, NH
Christine Walker, Executive Director
www.uvlsrpc.org

Region 4: Southwest Region Planning Commission
Keene, NH
Tim Murphy, Executive Director
www.swrpc.org

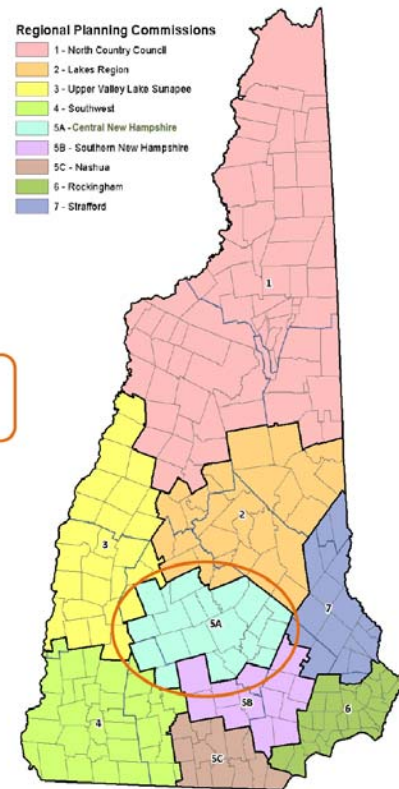
Region 5A: Central NH Regional Planning Commission
Concord, NH
Michael Tardiff, Executive Director
www.cnhrpc.org

Region 5B: Southern NH Planning Commission
Manchester, NH
David Preece, Executive Director
www.snhpc.org

Region 5C: Nashua Regional Planning Commission
Merrimack, NH
Kerrie Diers, Executive Director
www.nashuarpc.org

Region 6: Rockingham Planning Commission
Exeter, NH
Cliff Sinnott, Executive Director
www.rpc-nh.org

Region 7: Stafford Regional Planning Commission
Dover, NH
Cynthia Copeland, Executive Director
www.stafford.org



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WHICH CHOICES DO YOU PREFER FOR YOUR COMMUNITY? VOTE W/3 DOTS FOR EACH!

Results will be used for developing the **Central NH Regional Plan**

Choices for USE OF LAND	1. Build Places for Jobs	2. Keep Farmland	3. Build One Home on the Open Lot	4. Grow Food	5. Build Multiple Homes on Small Lots & Keep Tract	6. Other Choice
Choices for RECREATION	1. Water Activities (and)	2. Outdoor Sports (and)	3. Outdoor Winter Activities (and)	4. Activities on Public Land (and)	5. Indoor Activities (and)	6. Other Choice
Choices for HOUSING	1. Three or More Families	2. One Family with One Apartment	3. Two Families	4. One Family	5. Detached Apartments	6. Other Choice
Choices for GETTING AROUND	1. Carpooling	2. Riding the Bus	3. Bicycling	4. Using Your Car	5. Walking	6. Other Choice
Choices for BUSINESS	1. Home Businesses	2. Large Retail Businesses	3. Agricultural Businesses	4. Downtown Businesses	5. Office/Business Parks	6. Other Choice

Anticipated chapters of the **Central New Hampshire Regional Plan** include:

1. Vision
2. Regional Context
3. Implementation
4. Appendices:
 - Housing Needs
 - Transportation
 - Water Infrastructure
 - Environment
 - Economic Development
 - Climate Change Impacts
 - Energy Efficiency & Green Building
 - Scenarios