



# NH Healthy Homes Conference 10-15-12

## Public Input for the **Central New Hampshire Regional Plan:** **A GRANITE STATE FUTURE**



### Event Summary

**CNHRPC** attended the **NH Healthy Homes Conference** in Concord on 10-15-12 as an exhibitor to gather public input on the **Central NH Regional Plan** and inform attendees about the initiative. Within the **CNHRPC** Region, conference attendees from **Bow, Concord, and Henniker** visited the **CNHRPC** exhibit and participated in public input activities at this event. Input from participants outside of the Central NH Region also participated, and exceeded the number of this Region’s participants. All were invited to complete **Granite State Future** Cards (**Comment Cards**) and a Visual Preference Survey (**Picture Survey**). A total of **47** people participated, contributing their ideas and preferences for the future of their community and region in which they live.

#### **Granite State Future** Cards (**Comment Cards**)

Participants completed the two-question Cards indicating what they like best about their community and area and what could be improved.

**Comment Card** responses include:

**Total Cards Completed: 47**

#### **What do you like best about your community or the area? (CNHRPC Region responses)**

- “Rural.”
- “Unity/neighbors/schools.”
- “Good sidewalks throughout Concord.”
- “Safer, quieter, Arts Center, family activities.”

#### **What do you like best about your community or the area? (Other Region representative responses)**

- “Manchester: more affordable housing, good access to social services, good shopping opportunities.”
- “Clean air, mountains, trees.”
- “Rural feel, forest, lakes & outdoors. Sense of community.”
- “Close to everything.”



#### **What could make your community or the area even better? (CNHRPC Region responses)**

- “Better bike routes, better plowing of sidewalks in winter.”
- “Transportation needed to/from Concord.”
- “Lower taxes.”
- “More options for winter recreation. Vegetarian restaurants, more walking trails, City plowing sidewalks as soon as possible – for clients with no transportation.”

#### **What could make your community or the area even better? (Other Region representative responses)**

- “Wish there were many more trees, public land for conservation and recreation.”
- “More jobs, housing.”
- “Add more public transportation.”
- “More emphasis and education on preserving natural resources.”

**A Granite State Future  
Is Your Future.**

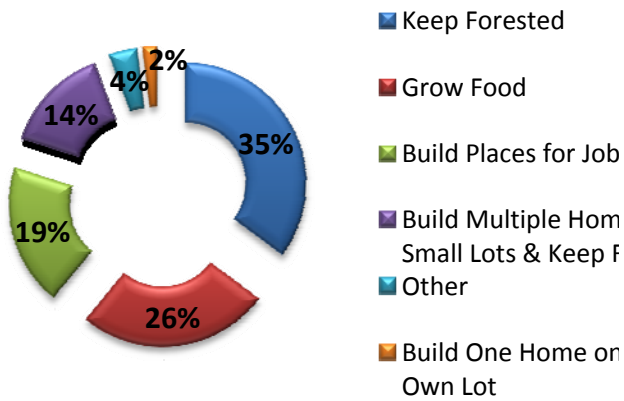
Visual Preference Survey (**Picture Survey**)

Average Dots Per Category: **99**

The Picture Survey was a poster with five pictures in each of five categories relating to community planning issues: **Use of Land**, **Recreation**, **Housing**, **Getting Around**, and **Businesses**. Participants were given three colored dots (“votes”) per category to choose which community characteristics they preferred. An *Other* choice was provided so participants could write in additional preferences. Charts indicating the percentage of responses within each category are shown:

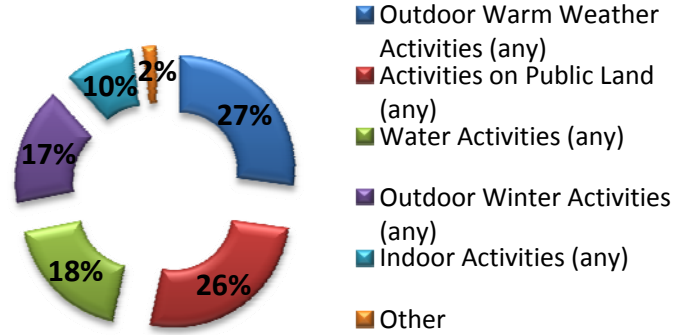
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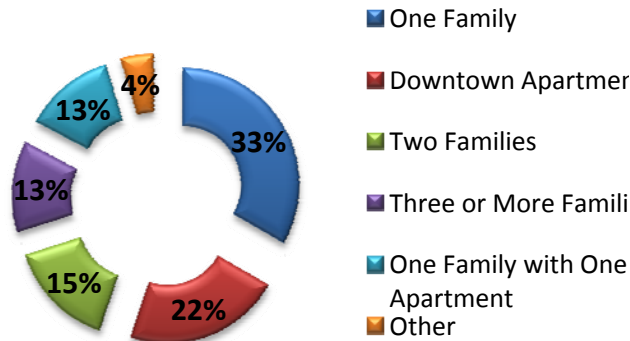
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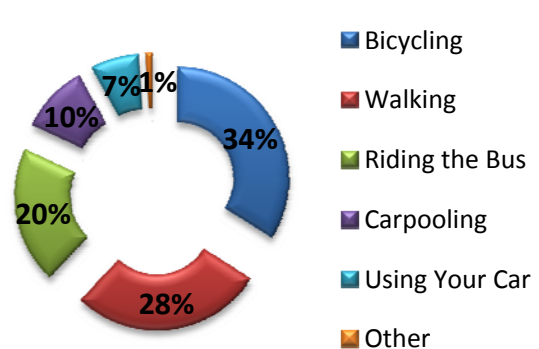
### Housing

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### Getting Around

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Visitors who did not complete their **Granite State Future** Cards at the event could visit [www.granitestatefuture.org](http://www.granitestatefuture.org) and click on **Share Your Idea** to submit online, or could return completed **Comment Cards** to a Listening Box in their community. With the insight into what people feel is important to their community, the **Central New Hampshire Regional Plan** will be designed as a living document reflecting local values and priorities. Communities could then incorporate some of the practical recommendations suggested from this public input process into their own local Master Plans.

### Business

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