

# **A GRANITE STATE FUTURE**

- **Natural Resource Functions and Quality  
Technical Advisory Subcommittee  
(TASC)**

## **KICK OFF MEETING**

**July 10, 2012**

10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Memorial Room  
NH Local Government Center



### **AGENDA**

1. **Introductions, Rules for Discussion, and Objectives of Meeting** – Jack Munn, AICP, Chief Planner, SNHPC
2. **Review Overall Planning Process and TASC Structure** – Dari Sassan, Lakes Region Planning Commission
3. **Discuss Livability Principles** – Dari Sassan
4. **Review TASC Worksheet** – Glenn Greenwood, Rockingham Planning Commission
5. **Identify and Discuss the Subject Areas that will become the focus of the TASC** – Glenn Greenwood
6. **Identify and Discuss Existing Plans and Resources that currently impact the Subject Areas** – Jack Munn
7. **Election of Chair** – Jack Munn
8. **Future Meeting Dates/Times** – Dari Sassan
9. **Adjournment**

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

July 10, 2012 – 10:00 AM

Local Government Center  
25 Triangle Park Drive  
Concord, NH 03301

### Members in Attendance:

Emily Brunkhurst..... NH Fish & Game Department  
Rick DeMark..... North Country Resource Conservation and Development  
Stacey Lemieux ..... US Forest Service  
Lorraine Merrill ..... NH Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food  
Tom O'Brien ..... NH Lakes Association  
Carolyn Russell ..... NH Department of Environmental Services

### Staff in Attendance:

Glenn Greenwood..... Rockingham Planning Commission  
James Kupfer..... Southern NH Planning Commission  
Jack Munn ..... Southern NH Planning Commission  
Dari Sassan ..... Lakes Region Planning Commission

### 1. 1. Introductions, Rules for Discussion, and Objectives of Meeting

Mr. Munn called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM. He distributed a handout listing the following rules to be followed at all Natural Resource Technical Advisory Subcommittee (TASC) meetings:

- Respect the individuality and views of others.
- Participate and encourage participation.
- Ensure that only one person talks at a time. Raise a hand to participate.
- Do not interrupt others, or start talking before someone finishes.
- Do not engage in cross talk.
- Avoid individual discussions in small groups during the meeting. When one person speaks, others should listen.
- Be present exactly at the scheduled time of start of meeting.
- Live participation is required from everybody. At the same time, participants must encourage and let others speak.

- Participants should strictly adhere to the subjects of the discussion. There should be no deviations or loose talk.
- Individuals should be brief and precise.

Mr. Munn reviewed the meeting agenda.

## **2. Review Overall Planning Process and TASC Structure**

Mr. Sassan distributed a handout that provided a summary of the Granite State Future project and additional detail about the Statewide Policy Committee and the Technical Advisory Subcommittees that are fortifying the development of the regional and statewide plans (available online at <http://www.nashuarpc.org/gsf/documents/StatewideAdvComm.pdf>). He indicated that the end product of the Granite State Future process would be nine regional plans and one statewide plan. Mr. Sassan reviewed the elements of the plan, indicating that they would contain a *Vision* chapter, a *Livability Principles* chapter (existing and future land use) and an Implementation chapter. Additionally, Mr. Sassan continued, the plans will include the following appendices:

- Housing Needs Assessment
- Fair Housing and Equity Assessment
- Transportation
- Water Infrastructure
- Environment
- Economic Development
- Climate Change Impacts Assessments
- Energy Efficiency and Green Building
- Scenario Planning exercises

## **3. Discuss Livability Principles**

Using the same handout as above, Mr. Sassan reviewed the following six “Livability Principles” that are being used to categorize the various topic areas of the plans:

- Traditional Settlement Patterns & Development Design
- Housing Choices
- Transportation Choices
- Natural Resource Functions and Quality
- Community and Economic Vitality
- Climate Change and Energy Efficiency

The Committee expressed concern that the subtopics beneath the “Natural Resources” principle were vague and incomplete. Committee staff indicated that they would seek clarification as to whether the list of subtopics could be amended.

## **4. Review TASC Worksheet**

Mr. Greenwood distributed a matrix intended to guide the TASC through the following process:

- Identify existing resources (e.g., databases, plans, studies, etc).
- Determine which resources are the most relevant to each of the chapters and appendices of the plans.
- For each resource selected, identify the existing policies, principles, goals, and questions associated with that resource.
- Evaluate baseline (existing) conditions related to the issues identified above.
- Identify short, mid and long term milestones that would indicate appropriate progress beyond baseline conditions.

#### **5. Identify and Discuss the Subject Areas that will become the Focus of the TASC**

Mr. Greenwood led a discussion regarding the subject areas that the Committee felt it should tackle. Committee members expressed a desire to ensure cross communication between not only the TASCs, but also the Statewide Committee and the Planners that would be writing the plans. The Committee indicated that natural resource considerations should be incorporated universally and should be feeding into the work of other TASCs.

Committee members indicated that not all facets of the overall natural resources spectrum were represented on the Committee. The Committee decided to look into adding the following representation:

- NH Department of Resources and Economic Development, Division of Parks and Recreation
- The Nature Conservancy
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- NH Department of Safety

#### **6. Identify and Discuss Existing Plans and Resources the Currently Impact the Subject Areas**

It was proposed that Committee members utilize a universally accessible online document to identify existing plans and resources that are relevant to the Committee's subject areas. Committee members agreed to utilize the document to post their identified plans.

#### **7. Election of Chair**

It was proposed that any chairmanship decisions be continued to the next meeting.

#### **8. Future Meeting Dates/Times**

The Committee identified the following dates and for its future meeting, to be held at the Local Government Center:

- 1:00 PM, August 7, 2012
- 10:00 AM, September 6, 2012

#### **9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:00 PM