

## Appendix 2.

### Additional Resources and References

#### American Planning Association

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.

#### Colleges & Universities

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.

#### Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC)

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.

#### Cheshire County Soil & Water Conservation District

756-2970

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.

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### **Harris Center for Conservation Education**

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.

### **Lincoln Land Institute**

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.

### **Monadnock Conservancy**

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.

### **New Hampshire Municipal Association**

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.

### **NH Association of Conservation Commissions**

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 Environmental Services (NH DES)**

**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

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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.

**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**

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)**

**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, NHNHI locates, tracks, and provides information about rare plant species and ecosystems in the state. NHNHI is not regulatory. NHNHI 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 Land & Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP)**

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

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lands, and cultural and historical resources, or interests therein, of local, regional, and statewide significance.

### **NH Office of Engery and Planning**

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

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, 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.

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

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

### **Southwest Region Planning Commission (SWRPC)**

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.

### **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service**

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 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**

Region 1, EPA	<a href="http://www.epa.gov">www.epa.gov</a>
Team New Hampshire	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/region1/eco/nh/index.html">www.epa.gov/region1/eco/nh/index.html</a>

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.

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**US Fish and Wildlife Service**

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.

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.

**UNH Cooperative Extension Service**

Cheshire County - 352-4551  
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.