

# SWRPC

## Commission Highlights

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### Seeking Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan Project Nominations

SWRPC is soliciting the 34 municipalities in Southwestern New Hampshire to nominate transportation projects for the 2027-2036 Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan (TYP). During March, municipal select boards, planning boards, police, public works and highway departments, and other municipal staff received correspondence from SWRPC requesting preliminary project nomination information. Municipal staff and volunteer board members are encouraged to coordinate with each other on project nominations and may nominate more than one project. **The deadline for submitting project nominations is May 17, 2024**, but feel free to submit nominations earlier. The project nomination form can be found at [www.swrpc.org/typ\\_nomination](http://www.swrpc.org/typ_nomination). For more information or to submit the pdf form, please contact J. B. Mack of SWRPC staff at [jbmack@swrpc.org](mailto:jbmack@swrpc.org)

### Information Technology Needs and Challenges

Many municipalities face challenges in creating and operating a productive, safe and cost-effective information technology environment. Some of these challenges include providing public access to virtual meetings; managing critical assets such as servers, backups, desktops, laptops, printers, and copiers; and prevention of unauthorized access and protection for sensitive data. Does your community wrestle with some of these common issues?; are you interested in exploring potential solutions? If so, SWRPC would like to speak with you to inform a potential program for providing technical assistance services in this area. Please contact Henry Underwood at [hunderwood@swrpc.org](mailto:hunderwood@swrpc.org) or Rod Bouchard at [rbouchard@swrpc.org](mailto:rbouchard@swrpc.org) of SWRPC staff to schedule a convenient time to discuss your needs and challenges by **April 17<sup>th</sup>**. Only have a few minutes? Please reply to the online form available at [forms.office.com/r/GaJnqsSe6R](https://forms.office.com/r/GaJnqsSe6R).



### Keene Housing Celebrates Grand Re-opening of 105 Castle Street Center

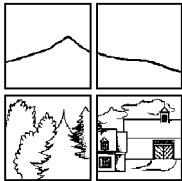
On March 6<sup>th</sup>, Keene Housing hosted an open house to celebrate the grand re-opening of its 105 Castle Street facility in Keene. The building was rebuilt from the foundation after a March 2021 fire caused extensive damage. The facility serves as the heart of the Harper Acres housing development which contains 112 apartments and houses over 120 low-income residents, the majority of which are elderly and/or those with disabilities. As the only indoor public space in the complex, 105 Castle Street provides laundry facilities, access to services and a social gathering space. The NH Care Collaborative (NHCC), a non-profit organization which provides support services to elderly and disabled persons and their caregivers in Southwest New Hampshire, is conveniently located within the building.

The rebuilt facility provides community space, new and improved office space for the NHCC, a kitchen, updated laundry facilities, enhanced accessibility features, and energy efficiency improvements. Funding for the \$3.3 million project included a \$900,000 Community Development Block Grant awarded by the NH Community Development Finance Authority. This grant was awarded to Cheshire County and administered by SWRPC. For more information, please contact Jack Ahern of SWRPC staff at [jahern@swrpc.org](mailto:jahern@swrpc.org).

## Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Survey

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) are considering a joint funding proposal for electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure through the federal Charging and Fueling Infrastructure program (CFI). To inform a potential proposal, New Hampshire's regional planning commissions are assisting by compiling a list of candidate sites for locating charging infrastructure. SWRPC is seeking survey responses to better inform our efforts with respect to locating EV charging infrastructure and to support this potential statewide funding opportunity. Candidate locations identified through this survey are non-binding and for planning purposes at this time. Please access the survey using the QR code or this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/PXWNGr89dr>. For more information, please contact Jason Cooper of SWRPC staff at [jcooper@swrpc.org](mailto:jcooper@swrpc.org).

Planning for Local Electric Vehicle  
Charging Infrastructure Survey



## SWRPC CEO Send-off

On March 28<sup>th</sup>, SWRPC sponsored a send-off event for retiring Executive Director Tim Murphy who served for nearly 30 years. A celebration was held at Papagallos Restaurant in Swanzey, with nearly 70 people attending, including a range of family and friends, current and former SWRPC staff, state and local officials, and other well-wishers. The celebration included statements – offered by members of the SWRPC Board of Directors, staff and others – recognizing Tim's many and varied accomplishments and provided a chance to express heartfelt words of appreciation. We hope that Tim takes pride in his achievements and enjoys the next step in his life journey, wherever it may lead. On April 1<sup>st</sup>, Todd Horner will assume the role as SWRPC's next Executive Director.

