

Monadnock Region Accessory Dwelling Unit Design Challenge

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Case Study Sites

Chesterfield

Daniel and Kellie

Fitzwilliam

Carlotta Pini

Karen Beitler

Keene

Amee and Clair

Brian and Eileen

Pearl and Leo

Zach and Liz

Marlborough

Catherine

Marlow

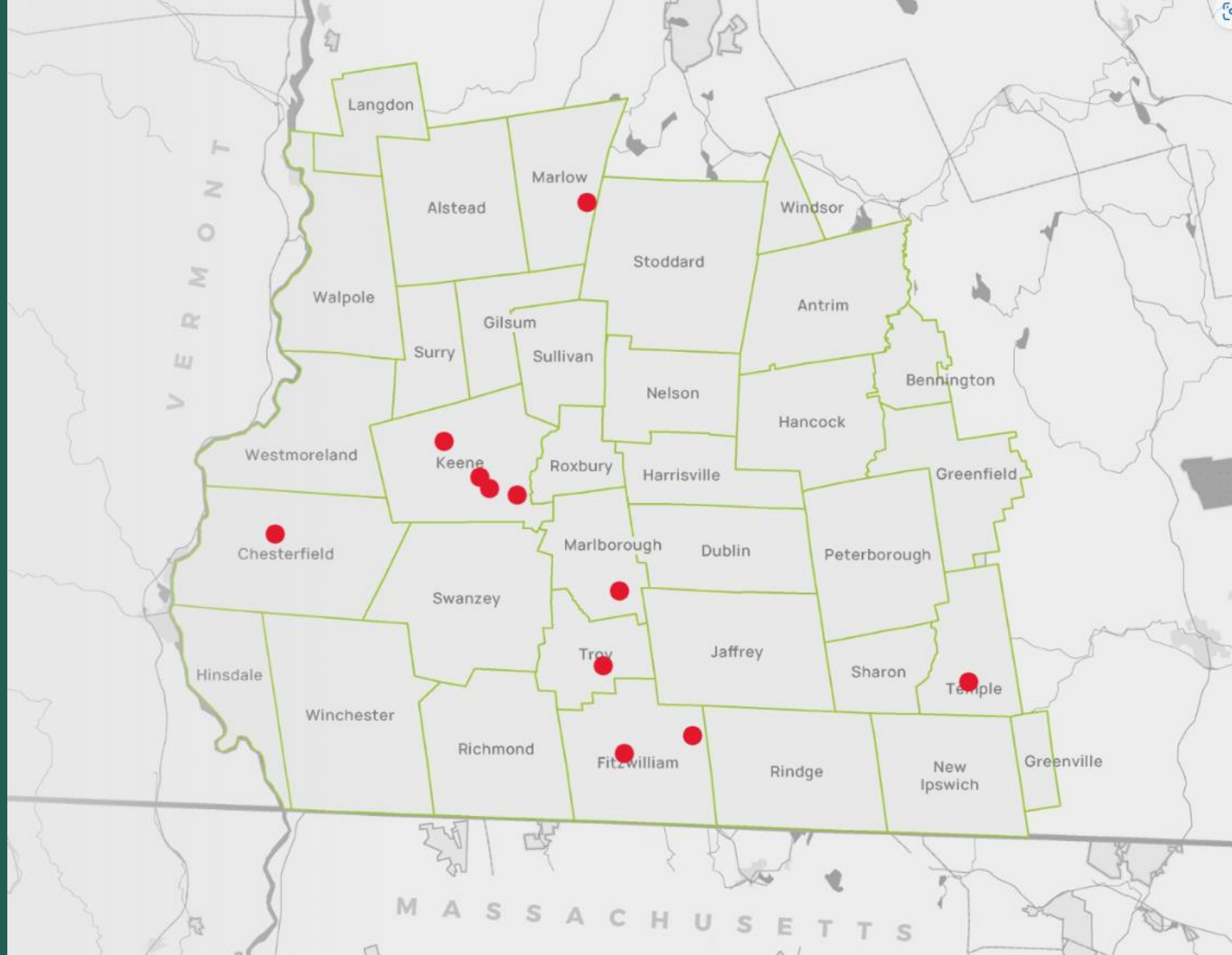
Marcia and Gary

Temple

Amy and Matthew

Troy

Adam and Lisa



ADU Design Categories



Adaptive Reuse of an Existing Structure



Addition to Primary Dwelling



New Detached Structure

Case Study Site: Adam and Lisa



Adaptive Reuse of an Existing Structure

“Housing an aging parent in the near term, or housing for my wife and I when the kids are moved out and our home gets to be too large for us on our own. Would love for one of our kids to take over the main house and my wife and I move into the ADU.”

See the full profile at www.swrpc.org/adu.



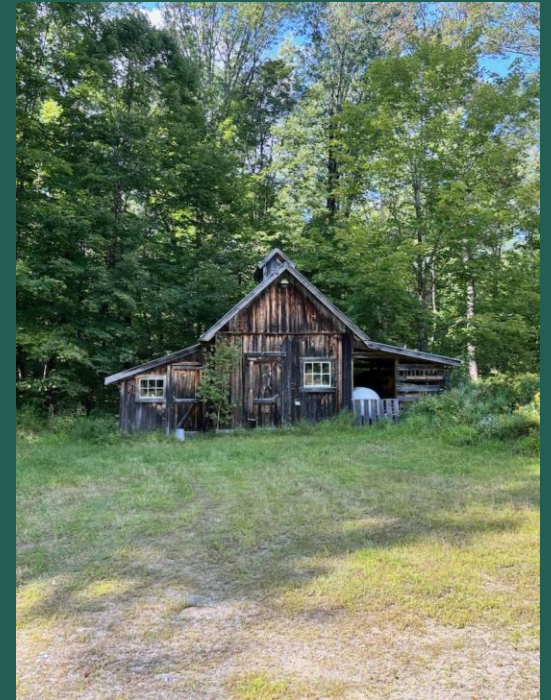
Case Study Site: Marcia and Gary



Adaptive Reuse of an Existing Structure

“We have a sugar house that has a poured concrete foundation and is in good repair. We have entertained the idea of improving the existing building and adding an ADU for our elderly parents. We would like to do it in a budget minded manner. It is in a perfect setting and would allow for some privacy and at the same time be close enough for us to offer assistance as needed.”

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Case Study Site: Amee and Clair



Addition to the Primary Dwelling

“Our beloved home no longer meets our needs. My husband needs one-floor living; our split-foyer home requires stairs to access kitchen/shower/bath. Our 38-year-old son and his toddler have moved in to help us. Our plan is to have a multi-generational home that will allow my husband and I to age-in-place; it must provide one floor living for my husband and I, and a comfortable home for my adult son and his family.”

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Case Study Site: Catherine



Addition to the Primary Dwelling

“I am a 69-year-old woman living in Marlborough and I have adult children and grandchildren living in NH. I have been interested in an ADU so that family members can be close by as I age. My four-plus acre property has the space, and I would like a chance to learn about designing an ADU in my setting.”

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Case Study Site: Daniel and Kellie



Addition to the Primary Dwelling

“We are considering the addition of an ADU to our primary residence for a dual benefit. In the immediate future it could provide supplemental income as a short-term rental near Spofford Lake, but ultimately we will need a place for aging parents in the long term.”

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Case Study Site: Karen



Addition to the Primary Dwelling

“I live alone and have no relatives closer than an hour and a half. I am retired, work part time as a substitute teacher, and do everything myself. It would be nice to have another person/two nearby in case of an emergency. I have plans to add on a garage & breezeway – an apartment above for income and someone here in case of an emergency would be helpful – but with current costs of building, I simply cannot afford it.”

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Case Study Site: Pearl and Leo



Addition to the Primary Dwelling

“Our home is a distance from food, medical, health care etc. At 81 it’s becoming difficult to sustain basic needs and care with a car being the only way to get around. Our son has a home near Keene’s downtown and is willing to add an ADU to assist us. Being that we know so little of the process, your project seems so helpful and much needed.”

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Case Study Site: Amy and Matthew



New Freestanding
Structure

“We have a beautiful 11-acre lot that is not subdividable, and a home that is too big for us now that we are empty nesters. Our lot sets up perfectly for a detached ADU, with a curb cut that would allow for a completely separate driveway etc. My husband’s parents are in their 80’s and we’d love a single level place for them to age in place, as well as provide us with living space when our turn comes. Our fear with selling is that our children will struggle to ever own a home and we want to hang on to our property for them.”

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Case Study Site: Brian and Eileen



New Freestanding
Structure

“We currently live in a four-bedroom home in Keene. Our three older sons have moved out and are starting their careers, our youngest is in high school. My vision is to build an ADU for one of our sons and his future wife to move into, and after a few years when they start their family, they move into the main house, and my wife and I move into the ADU. We can then age in place with family to assist us if needed, but without encroaching on their living space.”

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Case Study Site: Carlotta



New Freestanding
Structure

“I currently live in my childhood home. [My boyfriend and I] would like his sister & her long term boyfriend to move in. They’re both disabled, but his sister helps us with grocery shopping. Originally, we hoped they could move in downstairs, but our basement leaks too often, making it unlivable. An ADU would help us all live affordably as we age.”

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Case Study Site: Zach and Liz



New Freestanding
Structure

“I have a remote employee that wants to move to Keene but they can’t find housing. The couple is living with family in the Boston area and love the idea of living in an ADU walking distance from work and downtown Keene. My idea is to build a carriage barn of sorts with a garage below and living space above.”

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Guest Juror: Rik Ekström



... is the managing director and research coordinator of the research and design practice ARExA.

Rik divides his time between New York City and the Monadnock Region of southern New Hampshire, where he is engaged in local and regional planning and visioning projects.



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Guest Juror: Maggie Randolph

... is the owner of GSD Studios, an architecture and planning firm with a focus on community, sustainability and the concept of home.

Maggie is a workforce and attainable housing advocate whose efforts include 44 award-winning tiny homes in Dover, NH.



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Guest Juror: Tiffany Tononi McNamara



... currently serves as the Executive Director for Plan NH, a nonprofit organization with a mission to foster excellence in planning, design, and development of New Hampshire's built environment.

She has focused her career on stakeholder engagement, participatory planning, and supporting community vibrancy.



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Guest Juror: Fernando Del Ama Gonzalo



... is an Associate Professor of Architecture at Keene State College.

He has taught courses related to construction technology, building physics, acoustics, energy management in buildings, building construction, and history of architecture at four universities in four different countries.



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Guest Juror: Sarah Wrightsman



... is the Manager of Community Engagement and Education at New Hampshire Housing.

Prior to joining the team at New Hampshire Housing, Sarah was Executive Director of the Workforce Housing Coalition of the Greater Seacoast.



Guest Juror: Ken Kost

... is a Professional Landscape Architect with extensive experience in urban planning and design projects both in the United States and globally.

He serves on the Keene Planning Board, the Keene Master Plan Steering Committee, and the Housing Team with The Monadnock Interfaith Project.



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Guest Juror: Paul Clark



... began his journey into architecture as a carpenter, meticulously restoring historic structures in Cincinnati.

In 2022, he brought his wealth of experience to NH, where he focuses on creating well-crafted, affordable homes designed to foster connection, meaning, and belonging.



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Guest Juror: Danica Melone

...has been serving as Peterborough's Director of Planning & Building since May 2020.

She works with residents, businesses and Town boards to implement Zoning Ordinances, flood education, Master Planning, economic and community development initiatives, and other land use projects.



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