

Lake Sunapee Byway Corridor Management Plan

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Lake Sunapee Scenic and Cultural Byway is a driving route around Lake Sunapee in the towns of Newbury, New London, and Sunapee, New Hampshire. The Lake Sunapee Byway is one of seventeen designated routes in the New Hampshire Scenic and Cultural Byways Program, consisting of roadways that exemplify unique cultural, historical, recreational, scenic and natural features in the State.

The goal of the Lake Sunapee Byway Corridor Management Plan is to recognize, preserve, and enhance the character of the Byway and its resources. The Lake Sunapee Byway Committee is tasked with preparing a vision for the byway and creating and implementing a Corridor Management Plan to achieve that vision.

The vision for the Lake Sunapee Byway is as follows:

The Lake Sunapee Byway welcomes travelers seeking alternatives to the beaten path, linking several villages, each with a unique connection to the history and culture of the Lake Sunapee region. The 39-mile route encircles Lake Sunapee, connecting visitors to vibrant communities and natural scenery. The lakes, mountains, and forests offer striking vistas and a multitude of recreational opportunities. In the village centers, history and modern-day culture converge, where old buildings are adapted for new uses and the traditions of yesteryear are still observed.

The Lake Sunapee Byway reflects the best of New England tradition, recognizing and protecting the qualities that make this region unique. The byway will develop and strengthen connections between the communities around the lake, encouraging tourism, historic preservation, arts and culture, and natural resources protection.

The plan identifies the varied and unique characteristics, sites and resources of the Byway and specifies a plan to continue and improve management and protection efforts. The plan addresses 1) protection and preservation of the Byway's resources, 2) existing land use and new development, 3) traffic safety, 4) scenic roadway corridors, 5) visitor experience and 6) community involvement in Byway stewardship.

The Corridor Management Plan identifies the work that the Byway Committee will do over the next ten years to work towards the vision for the Byway. The Plan includes immediate, short, intermediate and long-term goals as well as ongoing processes that are vital to building a strong Byway and a well-represented, multi-town, multi-interest Byway Committee to guide the Byway's future.