

## ***Confirmed or Pending Projects for Fiscal Year 2015 (Tier 1)***

### **City of Claremont Circuit Rider Planning Assistance**

Responsible Staff: Mike McCrory

The Commission will assist the City in the routine performance of its planning related duties. These can include, but are not limited to:

- Conducting site plan review of applications that come before the Planning Board;
- Providing technical assistance and application review to the ZBA;
- Reviewing current and proposed ordinances for the City;
- Assisting the City researching methods for using Innovative Land Use techniques;
- Assisting the City with public outreach regarding new ordinances;
- Providing technical assistance to the City to evaluate and explain proposed ordinance language and implications, and;
- Other duties as assigned by the Director of the Planning and Development Department.

### **City of Claremont GIS Technical Assistance**

Responsible Staff: Rachel Ruppel

The Commission will assist the City in the routine performance of GIS mapping and analysis as well as City staff training and development. This may include, but is not limited to:

- Developing maps upon the request of any City Department, as forwarded through the Planning and Development Department;
- Performing GIS analysis for Planning and Development projects;
- Providing on-demand, personalized training to City staff as directed by the Planning and Development Director;
- Providing technical assistance to the Planning and Development Director to determine appropriate GIS training opportunities for City staff.

### **City of Claremont Local Emergency Operations Plan**

Responsible Staff: Adam Ricker

The Commission will provide the City of Claremont with an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) update, with the input of local officials and volunteers. The EOP update will consist of the evaluation and update of the following sections:

- Introduction including the purpose, scope, structure of the Plan and Emergency Support Function descriptions;
- Situation and planning assumptions section including a hazard analysis and assessment;

- Concept of operations section;
- Plan management section;
- Terrorism Annex;
- Documentation of authorities and references; and
- Documentation and organization of Emergency Support Functions.

Products will include a draft and final Emergency Operations Plan for the City of Claremont.

### **Connecticut River Joint Commissions Administrative Assistance**

Responsible Staff: Pat Crocker

The Commission will continue to provide administrative assistance to the Connecticut River Joint Commissions. This assistance includes, but is not limited to:

- Providing front office and general administrative support for CRJC. Receiving and distributing mail and email on a daily basis. Providing routine website maintenance, such as adding meetings and events to the calendar, posting meeting minutes, press releases or other project information to the CRJC website. Maintaining CRJC's database of names of local officials, riverfront landowners' agricultural businesses, tourism and recreational interests and individuals who participate in meetings and programs related to the Connecticut River;
- Providing financial management for CRJC. Working with an auditor chosen by the CRJC Board to prepare an Annual Audit. The Audit will be presented by the auditing firm. UVLSRPC will process invoices, procure appropriate signatures, process accounts payable UVLSRPC staff will prepare an annual budget for FY2015;
- Assisting with new member recruitment and develop orientation materials for new members to facilitate collaboration between and education on the roles of the Connecticut River Valley Resource Commission, the Connecticut Watershed Advisory Committee and the Connecticut River Joint Commissions. Track progress on implementation of River Management Plan;
- Providing monthly progress reports for both the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources in a timely manner.
- Assisting and preparing CRJC Board members to present the Annual Report to the Governor, Speaker of the House, and the President of the Senate and any necessary Committees of the House or Senate in New Hampshire;
- Developing agendas, posting public meetings, attending meetings and preparing minutes for the subcommittees. Assisting Subcommittees in responding to permit applications.

- Coordinating with the CRJC Board or Executive Committee to seek grant funding to fund the outreach and river planning activities for Local River Subcommittees as outlined in the Strategic Plan;
- Coordinating with Connecticut River Watershed Council and Vermont River Conservancy regarding Connecticut River boating information;
- Monitoring legislation that affects the quality of the Connecticut River and its tributaries. UVLSRPC will provide a written synopsis of legislative activity. UVLSRPC staff will draft letters and memos to assist the CRJC and its Subcommittees to respond to changes in NH and VT legislation.

### **Eastman Community Association GIS Technical Assistance**

Responsible Staff: Rachel Ruppel

UVLSRPC will perform annual maintenance and updates for the Eastman Community Association (ECA) in-house Geographic Information System (GIS). Tasks include, but are not limited to:

- Conducting an annual update of the GIS database:
  - Adding new data released from state agencies.
  - Compiling new data provided by ECA, Village District, etc.
  - Addressing any errors or omissions from existing data.
- Providing staff support for troubleshooting on the GIS system.
- Providing on-demand mapping services as directed by ECA General Manager.

### **Eastman Community Association (Walk and Bike in Eastman Initiative)**

Responsible Staff: Rachel Ruppel

The Commission, with its partner Upper Valley Trails Alliance (UVTA), will facilitate a community visioning process to define how walking and biking facilities can and should be improved in Eastman, followed by an action plan that outlines and prioritizes projects. The Walk and Bike in Eastman Initiative is designed to produce the following outcomes:

- Engaging community members.
- Developing maps depicting common destinations, existing trails and routes, and desired trails and routes.
- Evaluating options to overcome or remove barriers to reaching common destinations and exercising/recreating on foot or bike.
- Implementing a pilot project to improve walking and biking in Eastman.
- Developing an action plan that outlines and prioritizes projects that Eastman can undertake to improve walking and biking facilities.

**Town of Grantham Culvert Inventory**

Responsible Staff: Adam Ricker

The Commission will conduct a culvert inventory for Grantham's town roads and compile the information into a database. The inventory will identify the type and condition of culverts and assess the culvert's adequacy, allowing for the strategic maintenance and replacement of culverts. Project deliverables include:

- Culvert database in Excel and GIS formats.
- Map atlas of culverts.
- Two large format maps of culverts.
- Final report summarizing culvert status/condition.

**Household Hazardous Waste Collections**

Responsible Staff: Vickie Davis

Municipalities throughout the region take part in collections every year. Education and outreach are conducted to reduce waste streams for many hazardous materials. The NH Department of Environmental Services assists with a small amount of funding; the remainder of the costs is billed to participating communities.

**Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Regional Planning Grant**

Responsible Staff: Mike McCrory

The Commission will work within a statewide and coordinated framework with the nine regional planning commissions on the NH Sustainable Communities Initiative (NH SCI), to develop independent Regional Plans. At the local and regional level, the municipalities will be actively engaged in the local and regional planning process, guiding plan development through the Regional Advisory Committee.

The UVLSRPC Regional Plan will be published and considered for adoption in FY 2015, which is the final year of this grant.

**City of Lebanon Circuit Rider Planning Assistance**

Responsible Staff: Rachel Ruppel

The Commission will assist the City of Lebanon in the routine performance of its planning related duties. These can include but are not limited to:

- Assisting with the administration and execution of Safe Routes to School and Safe Routes to Play, and Mascoma River Greenway projects;
- Providing technical assistance to the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee; Planning Board, Heritage Commission and Mascoma River Local Advisory Committee;

- Assisting the Planning Department with research and GIS analysis/mapping;
- Reviewing current and proposed ordinances for the City;
- Other duties as assigned by the Director of the Planning and Development Department.

**Town of Newbury Circuit Rider Planning Assistance**

Responsible Staff: Rachel Ruppel

The Commission will assist the Town of Newbury by performing services in any combination of the following areas as directed by the Newbury Planning Board.

- **Administrative:** The Commission will assist the Planning Board in the routine performance of its duties, including but not limited to, at the request of the Planning Board: meeting with applicants and department heads; accepting applications and checking for completeness of applications; attending and participating in Planning Board meetings; taking part in the review process; making professional comments and/or providing technical assistance regarding the merits of the application and proposed project; and engaging in necessary correspondence on behalf of, and with the permission of the Planning Board .
- **Long-Range Planning:** The Commission will assist the Planning Board with developing, creating, writing, revising, updating, adopting or otherwise drafting long-range planning efforts, including the Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Regulations, Site Plan Review Regulations, Capital Improvements Program, Community Survey, and other planning tools and documents.
- **Special Projects:** Upon request, the Commission will assist the Planning Board with special studies and commissions unique to Newbury's planning environment, such as watershed or shoreline protection for Lake Sunapee, crafting a Conservation Development Ordinance, developing strategies for alternative energy including wind energy, developing strategies and plans for affordable housing, developing and instituting in service education programs for Planning Board members and alternates, etc.

**NHDES Fluvial Geomorphology on the Sugar River**

Responsible Staff: Adam Ricker

The Commission will continue working in partnership with the NH Department of Environmental Services on stream geomorphic assessments for the Sugar River Watershed. This multi-year project will end during FY 2015 with the development of fluvial erosion hazard assessments and appendices for the Claremont, Cornish, Grantham, Newport, and Sunapee Hazard Mitigation Plans.

**NHDOT Section 5310 Purchase of Service for Sullivan County**

Responsible Staff: Pat Crocker

UVLSRPC is the lead agency in implementing coordinated transportation efforts in Sullivan County, and is the sponsoring agency for FTA Section 5310 funding for the purchase and coordination of volunteer drivers services for seniors and individuals with a disability in Sullivan County. The Sullivan County Coordinated Transportation Plan supports countywide volunteer driver services and coordination through the Community Alliance of Human Services (CAHS).

- UVLSRPC will purchase services from a reputable and reliable organization that is a current DOT grantee with the demonstrated fiscal and operational capacity to manage FTA funded projects and to meet the reporting, safety, training, and service standards expected by the funders of this project (i.e. NHDOT). Community Alliance of Human Services is an organization that meets the comprehensive safety and training standards required of NHDOT/FTA sub recipients and has current FTA Certifications and Assurance documents on record.
- UVLSRPC will purchase the services of a volunteer driver corps recruited locally, vetted and trained to meet the standards identified by the Sullivan County Regional Coordinating Council (RCC). Only drivers who meet the criteria will be permitted to provide services or receive mileage reimbursement.

**NHDOT Unified Planning Work Program**

Responsible Staff: Nate Miller/Adam Ricker/Pat Crocker

The Commission's transportation planning work has four categories: 1) Policy and Planning; 2) Public Involvement and Coordination; 3) Plan Support; and 4) Technical Assistance. In the Policy and Planning category, the Commission solicits and prioritizes projects for the state Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (under RSA 228:99 and 240), contributes to the development of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), and coordinates the development of the region's long-range transportation plan. In the Public Involvement and Coordination category, the Commission coordinates the region's Transportation Advisory Committee, maintains the region's Public Involvement Plan, and conducts outreach to the general public related to transportation issues/projects/programs affecting the region.

In the Plan Support category, the commission collects traffic data for all arterial and collector roadways in the region, coordinates the collection of data related to the receipts and expenditures of local governments on transportation (FHWA Form 536), and maintains transportation-related data for the region's Geographic Information System (GIS). In the Technical Assistance Category, the commission provides transportation-related technical assistance to municipalities and state agencies coordinates the development of special transportation studies (e.g. corridor studies), facilitates the region's public transit/human service transportation coordinating councils, provides technical assistance to public transportation providers, and reviews transportation-related impacts of large-scale development proposals.

Specific sub-tasks of the Unified Planning Work Program include:

- Complete all requirements related to the development and submittal of reimbursement requests, and to provide all required accounting reports and services necessary to administer the Unified Planning Work Program.
- Provide training opportunities for staff to increase their knowledge base and improve their ability to provide communities with the highest quality professional transportation planning services.
- Quantify success by identifying and tracking performance measures associated with the delivery and implementation of UVLSRPC planning services and initiatives, including compliance with applicable State and Federal regulations.
- Assist the UVLSRPC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) in identifying projects of local and regional importance for the Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan. This task includes updating and submitting project priorities, conducting public outreach for the Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan per the processes established in RSA 228:99 and RSA 240, and implementing the NHDOT TYP LEAN statewide process improvements.
- Participate in quarterly meetings of the New Hampshire Transportation Planners Collaborative and its Steering Committee.
- Participate in monthly Interagency Consultation meetings or conference calls when topics of importance to Rural Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs) arise.
- Assist with the implementation of the New Hampshire Statewide Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Architecture in the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Region.
- Develop an up-to-date vision and policy document for the construction, maintenance, and management of the region's transportation system that recognizes the critical relationship between transportation and land use.
- Provide the necessary organizational, clerical and technical support for the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and to encourage increased public participation in both municipal and regional forums on transportation policy decisions.
- Provide transportation planning assistance to the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission and sub-committees thereof.
- Develop and maintain a Public Involvement Plan for the UVLSRPC Region.
- Provide informative outreach to assist communities in transportation planning efforts. In the interest of providing all persons/groups with the opportunity to provide input in the transportation planning process, the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission will target outreach efforts toward low income and minority populations, including persons/groups with Limited English Proficiency (LEP).
- Collect, analyze, and present traffic volume data for use in NHDOT project development, HPMS submittals to FHWA, statewide traffic volume database development, and for other tasks within the Unified Planning Work Program.
- Support NHDOT's development of a Local Highway Finance Report (FHWA Form 536) - a biennial report summarizing highway funding by local governments. Local governments include counties, townships, municipalities, special districts, and other general purpose authorities that are under the jurisdiction of local governments. Form

FHWA-536 provides for the exporting of four basic areas of local highway finance: (1) disposition of highway-user revenues; (2) revenues used for roads and streets, identified by source and type of funds; (3) road and street expenditures identified by purpose or activity; and (4) local highway debt status.

- Develop and maintain transportation-related Geographic Information System (GIS) data layers, and apply that data in support of transportation planning initiatives in the region.
- Collect, process, report, and/or disseminate demographic information essential for transportation planning activities, including but not limited to, decennial census and employment information.
- Purchase, maintain, and update equipment and software as necessary to complete the transportation planning tasks outlined in this Unified Planning Work Program. Equipment identified herein shall be used only for transportation planning purposes.
- Further regional goals and objectives toward a better transportation network through local collaboration, and providing small-scale and periodic technical assistance to municipalities and local partner organizations on transportation-related topics and project implementation.
- Further our goals and objectives toward a better transportation network by participating in statewide initiatives and providing technical assistance for projects, plans, and committees that affect the State of New Hampshire.
- Assist communities in the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee region in applying for or managing transportation-related Local Public Agency projects.
- Provide the necessary organizational, clerical and technical support for the Statewide Coordinating Council for Community Transportation (SCC), Grafton-Coos County Regional Coordinating Council (GCRCC) and Sullivan County Regional Coordinating Council (SCRCC).
- Further our goals and objectives toward a better regional transportation network through collaboration, and providing small-scale and periodic technical assistance to local transit agencies.
- Assist communities in recognizing the link between site development and traffic impacts, the UVLSRPC will review development proposals for likely impacts on municipal and State infrastructure, as requested by municipalities.

### **NTIA Statewide Broadband Planning**

Responsible Staff: Rachel Ruppel

The Complex Systems Research Center, University of New Hampshire, and the state's nine regional planning commissions (RPCs), have been collaborating on a multi-faceted project to assist the State in achieving its goals of managing statewide broadband access for its businesses, its educators, and its citizens.

The Commission has convened a Regional Broadband Stakeholder Group (i.e., local technology planning team) to guide the development of the UVLSRPC Regional Broadband Plan. Planning activities under this contract include: 1) Identifying barriers to the deployment of broadband services; 2) Promoting collaboration with service providers to facilitate deployment and use; 3) Collecting and analyzing information on the use and demand for broadband services; and 4)



Facilitating information sharing between the public and private sectors regarding use of and demand for broadband services.

The draft UVLSRPC Regional Broadband Plan was released in March 2014, and will be considered for adoption at the August 2014 Commission meeting.

**NTIA Regional Community Anchor Institutions**

Responsible Staff: Rachel Ruppel

The Commission will assume responsibility for managing the Community Anchor Institution (CAI) dataset being developed as part of the NH Broadband Mapping & Planning Program (NHBMPP). The dataset includes records on seven categories of CAIs, including K-12 schools, healthcare facilities, libraries, colleges/universities, public safety locations, and community support facilities. It currently contains the name, location, and broadband access characteristics of 3,500 entities in the state. UVLSRPC will coordinate the maintenance of this data set for the final year of the NHBMPP.

**NHOEP Targeted Block Grant**

Responsible Staff: Nate Miller/Pat Crocker

The Commission will continue to provide technical assistance to member communities on an as-needed basis, including but not limited to guidance on master plans, local regulations, grant assistance and resource and data gathering. This will include limited assistance with Geographical Information System data and management of that data. The Commission will work with its Planning Committee to respond to the growing number of Development of Regional Impact applications that we are receiving from communities within the region. The Commission will also continue to develop and distribute the monthly E-Bulletin for communities within the region.

**Town of Orford Circuit Rider Planning Assistance**

Responsible Staff: Vickie Davis

For many years the Commission has been providing assistance to the Town of Orford for application review, procedural and technical assistance during Planning Board meetings and general guidance. This work will continue in FY 2015.

**Town of Orford Long-Range Community Facilities Plan**

Responsible Staff: Nate Miller

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission will assist the Town of Orford in a long-range planning effort to ensure that town facilities and services are adequate for the

Town's population and are maintained in a state of good repair for the next twenty years. This project will develop a plan to address the long-range needs of the community with regard to its community facilities and services, including roads and bridges, town buildings and services, libraries, recreation facilities, historic preservation, and cemeteries. This plan will include the following:

- An inventory of the current status of community facilities and services, and any capital improvements completed within the last 10 years;
- A needs assessment for community facilities and services over the next 20 years;
- A prioritized series of capital investment options/scenarios, with preliminary cost estimates, that address current and future community needs.

**Pre-Disaster Mitigation Planning (NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management)**

Responsible Staff: Adam Ricker

The Commission will assist the towns of Washington and Newport in developing Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plans. The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000), Section 322 (a-d) requires that local governments, as a condition of receiving federal disaster mitigation funds, have a mitigation plan that describes the process for identifying hazards, risks and vulnerabilities, identify and prioritize mitigation actions, encourage the development of local mitigation and provide technical support for those efforts.

**Town of Springfield Circuit Rider Planning Assistance**

Responsible Staff: Mike McCrory

The Commission will assist the Springfield Planning Board in the routine performance of its duties. Such assistance may typically include some or all of the following, at the request of the Planning Board: participating in preliminary conversations with developers, attending Planning Board meetings, taking part in the review process, making professional comments and/or providing technical assistance regarding the merits of a project, and engaging in necessary correspondence on behalf of, and with the permission of the Planning Board. Additionally, the Circuit Rider position assists the Planning Board in reviewing current procedures, site plan review and other regulations for the Town.

**USDA Rural Development Solid Waste Management Grant**

Responsible Staff: Vickie Davis

The Commission, through partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, will continue its Solid Waste Management Planning program in FY 2015. There will be six major tasks for this project, including:

- **HHW Collection:** Develop new locations for one-day “satellite” household hazardous waste (HHW) collections especially at edges of region to provide access to the smaller towns. Increase public outreach efforts for notification of collections and why proper disposal of HHW is important to everyone. Develop statewide HHW coordinator network. Explore partnership with Hartford, VT to use their permanent HHW facility.

A “satellite” collection is defined here as a HHW collection in a small town during similar hours to a major one-day event in a larger town elsewhere. Materials from the satellite collection would then be brought to the major event and consolidated for transportation and disposal. Typically a satellite collection would be held at least 20 miles from the major collection. This increases participation substantially in the small outlier town or towns.

- **Nontoxic Cleaning Program:** Expand the Healthy Home: Clean Safe & \$ave Program developed in 2013 using USDA funds to educate the public about using nontoxic cleaning products to reduce hazardous products in the home. Public workshops will be added for residential cleaning purposes as well as the development of commercial information about cleaning needs such as blood-borne pathogens, safety, and regulations and the use of nontoxic cleaners. At least 10 volunteers from the public workshops will try the nontoxic cleaners and provide results of the switch from commercial products. At least three volunteer entities from the commercial sector will be asked to switch to nontoxic cleaning products and provide the results.
- **Chemical Safety Workshops:** Train school faculty (art and science teachers) and other staff to use less hazardous chemicals in the schools and how to properly dispose of hazardous and dangerous materials. The artist community will be invited to the art workshop. These workshops will be taught by an expert consultant, Dave Waddell of Waddell Environmental, LLC. Mr. Waddell’s biography is provided in Appendix D.
- **Transfer Station Attendant Technical Assistance:** Provide training to transfer station attendants for safety issues such as spill response, safety equipment needs and maintenance, expansion of recycling markets and greater revenues through local processing (e.g. take microwave ovens apart...), expanded collection of Universal Waste such as batteries, electronics, and mercury-containing devices; updating operations and emergency response plans, and develop various composting programs including at least one pilot with food waste and information for home composting for residents.
- **Unwanted Meds Public Outreach:** Teach the public why improper disposal or hoarding of medicines is a danger to our water systems and our youth. Provide information about access to proper unwanted meds disposal.

- Police and Pharmacy Meds Collections: Work with the municipal police departments and pharmacies to provide greater medicine disposal options by assisting them in developing drop-box programs and educational outreach.

**Town of Washington Local Emergency Operations Plan**

Responsible Staff: Adam Ricker

The Commission will provide the Town of Washington with an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) update, with the input of local officials and volunteers. The EOP update will consist of the evaluation and update of the following sections:

- Introduction including the purpose, scope, structure of the Plan and Emergency Support Function descriptions;
- Situation and planning assumptions section including a hazard analysis and assessment;
- Concept of operations section;
- Plan management section;
- Terrorism Annex;
- Documentation of authorities and references; and
- Documentation and organization of Emergency Support Functions.

Products will include a draft and final Emergency Operations Plan for the Town of Washington.

**Town of Wilmot Circuit Rider Planning Assistance**

Responsible Staff: Rachel Ruppel

The Commission will assist the Wilmot Planning Board in the routine performance of its duties. Such assistance may typically include some or all of the following, at the request of the Planning Board: preliminary conversations with developers, attending Planning Board meetings, taking part in the review process, making professional comments and/or providing technical assistance regarding the merits of a project, and engaging in necessary correspondence on behalf of, and with the permission of the Planning Board. Additionally, the Circuit Rider position can assist the Planning Board in reviewing current procedures, reviewing site plan review and other regulations for the Town.

## ***Proposed or Potential Projects for Fiscal Year 2015 (Tier 2)***

### **Town of Enfield Local Emergency Operations Plan**

Responsible Staff: Adam Ricker

The Commission has proposed to provide the Town of Enfield with an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) update, with the input of local officials and volunteers. The EOP update will consist of the evaluation and update of the following sections:

- Introduction including the purpose, scope, structure of the Plan and Emergency Support Function descriptions;
- Situation and planning assumptions section including a hazard analysis and assessment;
- Concept of operations section;
- Plan management section;
- Terrorism Annex;
- Documentation of authorities and references; and
- Documentation and organization of Emergency Support Functions.

Products will include a draft and final Emergency Operations Plan for the Town of Enfield.

### **EPA Healthy Communities Program- Emergency Preparedness**

Responsible Staff: Vickie Davis

The Commission has proposed a project under this program with two key objectives: 1) Organize a conference and training workshops for emergency management providers in the bi-state region; and 2) Conduct outreach to municipal officials and the general public.

The Commission proposes to develop a conference for all the municipal professionals and emergency management organizations to come together to clearly identify their roles in emergency management in the region. It is clear that the specific roles of each organization are not well defined and available to all the players. The goal is to make that happen and share information to reduce duplication of efforts and make sure all needed services are covered well. Further, it is important to know what other players do specifically so they know how to work with each other and with whom to work. Putting these organizational tasks into writing will help clarify this for everyone. The first part of the conference will be introductions and listing organizational tasks. These tasks will then be mapped out to show if there are overlaps, gaps in service, and how the organizations might work together.

At least two follow-up meetings will be used to cement understanding about the organizational roles and how they can work together and how they might make slight changes in organizational

structures to fit more effectively as an entire system. There will be three municipal outreach meetings in New Hampshire and three in Vermont. The purpose will be to educate municipal officials and interested residents about the many agencies available for assistance and the necessity to include the impacts of our changing climate in local planning and capital improvement programs. It is important for municipalities to know the availability of services since they can often only be accessed by requesting assistance. If a community does not even know help is out there, they are not going to request it.

**Healthy New Hampshire Foundation Childhood Obesity Prevention Program**

Responsible Staff: Rachel Ruppel

Commission staff is currently working with the City of Lebanon Department of Recreation and Parks on a grant application for this program. Two projects are being considered: 1) Equipment procurement and evaluation for playgrounds in the City of Lebanon; and 2) Assistance in developing the City of Lebanon Recreation Master Plan.

**NHDES Section 604(b) Water Quality Planning Program**

Responsible Staff: Rachel Ruppel

Commission staff is currently exploring two potential projects for this program, including: 1) Culvert assessments and retrofit planning in the Sugar River Watershed; and 2) Watershed Plan scoping with the Mascoma River Local Advisory Committee.

**U.S. DOT TIGER Planning Program**

Responsible Staff: Nate Miller

The Commission has partnered with our neighboring regional planning commissions in Vermont (the Two-Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission and the Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission) on a grant application to the United States Department of Transportation to develop a bi-state, regional Transportation Infrastructure Resilience Plan. This bi-state approach will enable us to learn from each state's strengths, especially climate modelling in New Hampshire and riverine erosion risk assessment in Vermont, to undertake risk assessments and identify priority vulnerabilities in our transportation system.