



# RPC Newsletter

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## From the Director

I would like to welcome you to the newest Regional Planning Commission Newsletter. Let me begin by revealing some observations of the Commission and the region it serves that I have collected in the very short time I have been Executive Director.

The region seeks technical guidance and education on emerging and complex issues that impact local decision-making, seeks proactive innovative concepts to solve longstanding land use issues, seeks strategies to move civic engagement, seeks acknowledgement of local independence and distinctiveness and seeks regional leadership on issues that affect multiple communities.

Within the UVLSRPC I have observed the skill and commitment of a staff that has the capacity to fill these regional needs and one that has genuinely made my transition possible. To build on this team, UVLSRPC recently hired a GIS Analyst who will focus developing services to meet the region's needs and increasing the region's knowledge of mapping tools. The work of any Regional Planning Commission is complex in that it must serve communities with unique and diverse and sometime conflicting interests, but also must serve the region as a whole. UVLSRPC will be creating a Strategic Plan to guide the organization and region to fulfill the diverse needs of its communities. Throughout the transition in leadership, the UVLSRPC staff has continued to maintain a presence throughout the state, and has shown boldness in introducing new technologies by serving as a University of New Hampshire pilot project as part of completing the Route 120 Corridor Study. UVLSRPC has also been instrumental in completing the Innovative Land Use Model Ordinance Guidebook to be published this year by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. The organization is poised to deliver what the region seeks in addressing development issues.

The UVLSRPC has many committed volunteer Commissioners who have taken considerable personal time over the years to champion the organization. I have been provided with the challenge to improve communications and bring new resources and services to the region in order to make their work materialize. UVLSRPC will strive to build capacity to enable communities to plan for change. It is the goal of this organization to be knowledgeable about emerging issues and educated on innovative technology that will strengthen the region's ability to direct its future.

The region provides significant resources. If anyone were to visualize quintessential New England, they would see the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee region. The area possesses the ability, capacity and resources to continue to be a place that is envied, if growth and development are shaped with thought and collaboration.

I look forward to engaging the communities of the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee region and meeting many of you over the coming year. Please feel free to contact myself and the staff at UVLSRPC at any time.

Sincerely,

*Christine Walker*

Executive Director

*"The future of every community lies in capturing the passion, imagination, and resources of its people"*

Ernesto Sirolli, Founder, Sirolli Institute

## 2 AROUND THE UVLSRPC REGION

### Hazard Mitigation Plans Completed for Six UVLSRPC Communities



Over the past year the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission worked with the communities of Acworth, Charleston, Goshen, Grantham, New London and Unity to create

Hazard Mitigation Plans.

Hazard mitigation planning is one of several ways to address potential natural hazards. Unlike response and recovery measures, mitigation provides mechanisms for communities to be pro-active in reducing the impacts of hazards in the future. To mitigate means “to reduce or alleviate the losses of life, injuries and property resulting from natural or human-made hazard through long-term strategies.” According to the New Hampshire Bureau of Emergency Management, “repeated damage from disasters such as flooding, demand immediate reconstruction. Reconstruction is often more expensive than to mitigating for those damages ahead of time.”

Numerous mitigation measures were developed out of the planning process, such as: conducting culvert inventories to assess the cost of replacement, establishment of Capital Improvement Programs to enable funding for rescue or maintenance needs, hiring a consultant to conduct a stormwater management plan, developing floodplain ordinances, repeater on nearby cell towers, acquiring generators for places such as senior housing, and conducting education and outreach on hazard issues to the community. If your community is interested in updating their plan, please contact Courtney Daniel cdaniell@uvlsrpc.org.

### Charlestown Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) Program to Aid in Transportation Ten-Year-Plan goals

The towns of Walpole and Charleston seek to address safety concerns along the NH Route 12 corridor. The project was initiated through the regional Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) process at the request of local officials in Charlestown. The project is funded for construction in 2011 through the State’s Ten-Year

Transportation Improvement Plan at a cost of approximately \$8.5 million.

The project will incorporate the principals of CSS that have been endorsed by the Federal Highway Administration. The CSS process a collaborative, public, interdisciplinary approach to creating infrastructure that respects the landscape that it serves while maintaining safety and mobility. It is the goal of this project to add lasting value to the community while minimizing disruption and lowering future costs through planned development.

### Route 120 Project Examines Future Growth

The City of Lebanon and the Town of Hanover have been working cooperatively to assess the future land use and infrastructure needs along a part of Route 120. The infrastructure connects Lebanon and Hanover and provides a regional lifeline to services, employment, and emerging technologies. The land surrounding the infrastructure provides challenges, natural features and opportunity to plan thoughtfully.

The project objective is to complete three build-out scenarios that estimate potential growth based on current and future land use decisions using public participation throughout the process.

UVLSRPC has been working with the University of New Hampshire (UNH) and Geographically Referenced Analysis and Information Transfer (GRANIT) Complex Systems Research Center to complete the build-out analysis portion of this project.

A second phase of this project is planned to include identifying land use planning options and alternatives for the use of the corridor, and recommending alternatives that each community can pursue to manage growth within the corridor. Strategies for developing access management, land use policies, recommended fiscal plans and long-term investments is hoped to be accomplished once additional funding is secured.



## Regional Planning Commissions to participate in Local Government Center Annual Conference

The Local Government Center holds an annual conference and exhibition each November to provide workshops and seminars for local government officials. Over 100 exhibitors showcase new equipment and services for communities. The event offers an opportunity to share ideas and improve community support. This year the Regional Planning Commissions in New Hampshire have come together to present four workshops during the event to include: Developments of Regional Impact, Innovative Land Use Planning Techniques from the guide that has been developed among the RPCs and NH Department of Environmental Services, Uses of Geographical Information Systems (GIS) for communities, and the Cost of Stormwater on community infrastructure. The event will be held from November 7th to the 9th in Manchester, NH. For more information: <http://www.nhlgc.org/LGCWebSite/EducationTraining/municipalofficialstraining.htm> or call 603-224-7747.

## State Development Plan Shaping Up

The Office of Energy and Planning (OEP) is completing the State Development Plan and has drafted sections currently available on their website for public review and comment. (<http://www.nh.gov/oep/programs/SDP/index.htm>) The purpose of the State Development Plan is to serve as the State's overall planning document. The framework was established through RSA: 9-A and directs OEP to prepare a plan every four years. Principles of smart growth will be reflected in the plan together with polices in areas related to the orderly physical, social, and economic growth and development of the state. The plan will help state agencies establish priorities and allocate limited resources and should reflect the vision of the State's citizens.

## Shoreland Protection Legislation Changes

Effective April 1st, 2008 there will be changes to the Shoreland Protection Act. The amendments will provide better definitions for many terms such as "water dependent structure", and "natural ground cover", and provides minimum standards that are required, with the exception of forest management, for maintenance of waterfront buffers

and natural woodland buffers. The Act requires a permit be obtained prior to commencing construction, excavation, or filling activities within protected shoreland, exempting timber harvesting operations and construction of public roads, public utility lines and associated structures and facilities. Subdivision of any parcel of land within the protected shoreland area will be subject to approval by New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) under RSA 485—A:29. There are new permit fees and changes to the method for determining buffered area along the shoreline. UVLSRPC will be conducting a workshop some time over the winter to ensure that the communities of the region are adequately prepared to understand the new legislation and are prepared to respond to the changes.

## Governor's Advisory Council on Intermodal Transportation Hearings

The Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan will be updated this year.

The development and prioritization of projects in the State of New Hampshire is an ongoing effort to address transportation needs at the local, regional and statewide levels.



The process begins with the previous Ten Year Plan. The Transportation Advisory Committees (TAC) set up within each of the nine Regional Planning Commissions, provides input that is delivered to the state. After review by the Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT), the Plan is unveiled at a number of regional hearings conducted by GACIT before the Plan is then reviewed and approved by the Governor and Legislature. These GACIT meetings will be taking place this fall for the new Ten Year Plan. As has been highly publicized, the Ten Year Plan has some serious financial hurdles ahead. Therefore it will be more important this year for the public to understand the need to reduce or eliminate projects from the Ten Year Plan, as opposed to making new additions. UVLSRPC will inform its Commissioners and communities of the dates and times of these meetings as soon as it is able, and will provide as much information as possible so that communities understand where their projects are in the process and what alternatives there may be to completing necessary infrastructure projects.

For more information: <http://www.uvlsrcp.org/news.html>

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### Safe Routes to School Program

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### Housing and Conservation Planning Program



Applications are now being accepted for the first round of funding for the NH Safe Routes to School program. The applications need to be sent to the Upper Valley Lake Region Planning Commission by September 17th, 2007.

A new program, the first of its kind, is being developed by the Office of Energy and Planning (OEP). The Housing and Conservation Planning Program will enable municipalities to apply for funding for technical assistance activities in the development and implementation planning that could include mapping, master plan development and ordinance development that integrates housing and conservation efforts. Guidelines are being developed by OEP and should be available this fall. Watch for details on our website, <http://www.uvlsrc.org/news.html>

These funds are being made available through the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). The funds will be used to reimburse schools, municipalities and organizations to encourage children in kindergarten through eighth grade to safely walk or ride bicycles if they live within two miles of a school.

Between 10% - 30% of the funds are to be used for non-infrastructure efforts such as education and planning. The remaining funding will be used for infrastructure projects, including sidewalks, bike routes, safe crossings, signs and markers.

Each regional planning commission has been tasked with reviewing applications prior to being submitted to New Hampshire Department of Transportation. After review by a statewide advisory committee, NHDOT will announce the awards in December of this year.

For more information contact the UVLSRPC, or visit the NHDOT's website: [http://www.nh.gov/dot/bureaus/planning/SRTS\\_home.htm](http://www.nh.gov/dot/bureaus/planning/SRTS_home.htm).

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### Emergency Operations Planning Funding Available

The Bureau of Emergency Management has funding available for communities to update their Emergency Operations Plans. For more information contact the Bureau of Emergency Management,

603-271-2231 or [Jeremy.LaPlante@hsem.nh.gov](mailto:Jeremy.LaPlante@hsem.nh.gov).

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### Local Source Water Protection Grant

Project funding is available from the Department of Environmental Services (DES) to develop and implement programs to protect existing sources of public drinking water. Funds can be used for watershed planning, water supply assessments and source water security. Applications are due to DES by November 1st, 2007. For more information: [www.des.state.nh.us/dwssp/grants.htm](http://www.des.state.nh.us/dwssp/grants.htm). or contact Paul Susca at 271-7061 [psusca@des.state.nh.us](mailto:psusca@des.state.nh.us).

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### Upper Connecticut River Mitigation and Enhancement Fund

Concept papers are due by September 30th for projects that exceed \$25,000 to enable early review and direction to potential applications to the Upper Connecticut River Mitigation and Enhancement Fund. The funds have been created to support projects, activities and planning within the watershed of the Connecticut River upstream of the confluence of the White and Connecticut Rivers at White River Junction Vermont. Proposals should pertain to one of the following: river restoration, wetland restoration protection or enhancement or shoreland protection. For more information visit: <http://www.nhcf.org> or contact Kevin Peterson at 603-653-0387 ext 102.





## **WELCOME NEW UVLSRPC COMMISSIONERS**

### **Nancy Marashio**

Nancy is a resident of Newbury and has recently been appointed by the Board of Selectmen to serve as a Commissioner to the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission. She is currently is a professor at the New Hampshire Technical College in Claremont and also serves as the Town Moderator for Newbury. She is very interested in being a participating Commissioner and looks forward to her liaison role.



## **WELCOME NEW UVLSRPC AT-LARGE MEMBERS**

### **James Taylor**

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission welcomes Jim Taylor, a long-time resident of the region and the current Community Development Director for the Town of Enfield. Among many other commitments Jim is on the Board of Directors of Advance Transit and joins the Commission with broad experience. Jim has already been asked to serve on the Strategic Planning Committee and we look forward a productive year.

### **Peter Gregory**

Peter is the long-time Executive Director of Two Rivers - Ottauquechee Regional Commission in Vermont. Two Rivers - Ottauquechee Regional Commission (TRORC) is a regional planning commission on the Vermont side of the Upper Valley region. Peter has been very successful in the Vermont legislature on municipal issues for the communities in the Vermont region. The Commission welcomes Peter to New Hampshire and looks forward to working more closely together on issues that affect the region as whole.

**UVLSRPC  
Commissioners**

<b>Acworth:</b>	Richard Bishop John Tuthill
<b>Canaan:</b>	Laurie Hildebrandt
<b>Charlestown:</b>	Eric Lutz
<b>Claremont:</b>	Bernard Folta
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<b>Goshen:</b>	Melanie Bell
<b>Grantham:</b>	Vacant
<b>Hanover:</b>	Katherine Connolly William Dietrich
<b>Lebanon:</b>	Shawn Donovan Joan Monroe
<b>Lempster:</b>	Terry Spada
<b>Lyme:</b>	Freda Swan
<b>New London:</b>	Peter Stanley
<b>Newbury:</b>	Nancy Marashio Sheila Barry
<b>Newport:</b>	Virginia Irwin
<b>Orange:</b>	Jay Heinrichs
<b>Orford:</b>	Paul Dalton Jonathan Sands
<b>Piermont:</b>	Helga Mueller
<b>Plainfield:</b>	Steve Halleran
<b>Springfield:</b>	Vacant
<b>Sunapee:</b>	Aaron Simpson Stephen White
<b>Unity:</b>	Vacant
<b>Washington:</b>	John Sheehy
<b>Wilmot:</b>	Richard Chase
<b>Sullivan County:</b>	Jeff Barrette
<b>At-Large Members:</b>	James Taylor Peter Gregory Mark Scarano

**Events, Meetings and  
Workshops**



**Household Hazardous Waste Collection:** September 8 2007. 9:00AM to 12:NOON For Lebanon, Hanover, Cornish, Plainfield, Enfield and Canaan Residents Only Location: Lebanon Solid Waste Management Garage, Rte 12A, West Lebanon, NH For more information and other schedules please visit: <http://www.uvlsrpc.org/news.html>

**Reconstruction Project Planning:** Tuesday, September 11th, in Landaff, NH - How to plan a road reconstruction project and prepare a cost estimate. Contact UNH 603-862-1362 or 800-423-0060 or register online: <http://www.t2.unh.edu> or e-mail [t2.center@unh.edu](mailto:t2.center@unh.edu) cost is \$60.

**A Hard Road to Travel:** Tuesday September 18th, Lincoln, NH - To describe and discuss state laws that govern cities' and towns' rights and obligations regarding local roads. Contact UNH 603-862-1362 or 800-423-0060 or register online: <http://www.t2.unh.edu> or e-mail [t2.center@unh.edu](mailto:t2.center@unh.edu) cost is \$60.

**Cottages, Bungalows and Other Small Homes:** Tuesday September 18th in West Lebanon, NH at the Fireside Inn - Featuring Architects from Washington and Maine to discuss small design and its use in workforce housing, codes, regulations and zoning. For more information: <http://www.uvhc.org/> or Contact Alyson at 802-291-9100 ex 114 or email: [Alyson@uvhc.org](mailto:Alyson@uvhc.org). Cost is \$50.

**Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission Full Commission Meetings:** Meetings are normally held the third Wednesday of every other month at the Grafton County Senior Center in Lebanon, NH at 6:00PM. Next meetings: October 17th and December 19th.

**Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission Program: Solid Waste Resource Management in the Region**

Tuesday September 25th at Richards Free Library, Newport, NH. Paul Markowitz, Project Manager, Antioch New England Institute, will talk about the Progress to Date on the Sullivan County Waste Management Plan and Material Recovery Facility (MRF) Feasibility. Simon Carr will share how he and others in Lyme instituted a successful pay-to-throw system in Lyme. Don Maurer, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and William Konrad from USDA Rural Development will be on hand to share the resources available from their entities.

RSVP by 09/21/07 via email: [info@uvlsrpc.org](mailto:info@uvlsrpc.org) or call: 603-448-1680

**Global Warming - Energy Solutions:** October 12&13 in Manchester, Will convene business, labor and community leaders to communicate specific challenges to the next president. For more information: [http://www.cleanair-coolplanet.org/conference\\_GWS07/index.php](http://www.cleanair-coolplanet.org/conference_GWS07/index.php) or contact Roger Stephenson at 603-422-6464.

**Office of Energy and Planning Fall Planning & Zoning Conference:** Saturday, October 13th, the Mountain Club at Lincoln, NH. For more information: <http://www.nh.gov/oep/events/OEPFallPlanningandZoningConference.htm> or contact Michele Zydel at 603-271-2155 or email to: [Michele.zydel@nh.gov](mailto:Michele.zydel@nh.gov).

**Municipal Law Lecture Series - Lecture 1 - Land Use Law Update:** Wednesday, October 17th, 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Hanover Inn, Hanover, NH. Cost is \$25 per lectures or \$45 for all three in the series. For more information: [http://www.nhlgc.org/LGCWebSite/PDFDocuments/MLLS%202007\\_flyer\\_web.pdf](http://www.nhlgc.org/LGCWebSite/PDFDocuments/MLLS%202007_flyer_web.pdf) Or contact Shana Agan at 800-852-358 ext 150 or email to: [sagan@nhlgc.org](mailto:sagan@nhlgc.org)

**Municipal Law Lecture Series - Lecture 2 - Uncommon Ground:** Wednesday, October 24th, 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Hanover Inn, Hanover, NH - Uncommon Ground: Working Together to Achieve Conservation and Development Goals, Cost is \$25 per lectures or \$45 for all three in the series. For more information: [http://www.nhlgc.org/LGCWebSite/PDFDocuments/MLLS%202007\\_flyer\\_web.pdf](http://www.nhlgc.org/LGCWebSite/PDFDocuments/MLLS%202007_flyer_web.pdf) Or contact Shana Agan at 800-852-358 ext 150 or email to: [sagan@nhlgc.org](mailto:sagan@nhlgc.org)

**Municipal Law Lecture Series - Lecture 3 - Legal Issues for the Land Use Board Members:** Wednesday, October 24th, 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Hanover Inn, Hanover, NH - Cost is \$25 per lectures or \$45 for all three in the series. For more information: [http://www.nhlgc.org/LGCWebSite/PDFDocuments/MLLS%202007\\_flyer\\_web.pdf](http://www.nhlgc.org/LGCWebSite/PDFDocuments/MLLS%202007_flyer_web.pdf) Or contact Shana Agan at 800-852-358 ext 150 or email to: [sagan@nhlgc.org](mailto:sagan@nhlgc.org)

**Northern New England Chapter of the American Planning Association Annual Planning Conference:** October 25th to the 27th, 2007. The conference will take place at the historic **Eastland Park Hotel** in downtown **Portland, Maine**. The hotel is located in the heart of Portland's arts and shopping district, and is only moments away from Portland's famed Old Port waterfront and the financial district. For additional information please visit: <http://www.dcp.ufl.edu/sacrph/conference/conference.html>

**Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust Land Summit:** Saturday October 27th, at Kearsarge Regional HS in North Sutton, NH. Workshops and roundtable discussions will provide citizens and town board members and opportunity to share development and land conservation issues. For more information please contact Laurie DiClerico at 603-526-6555 or email at: [aslptltd@tds.net](mailto:aslptltd@tds.net).



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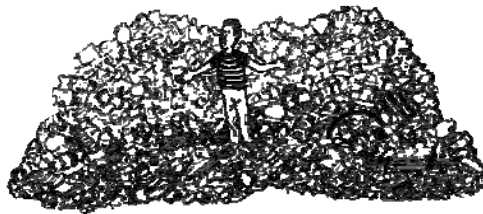


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## Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission Bimonthly Program



Solid Waste Resource

Management Program

Tuesday, September 25th, 2007—6:00-7:30

Richard Free Library

Newport, NH

Please join us for an educational evening about the efforts and successes of resource management in our region and the importance of planning for future regional collaboration.

Paul Markowitz, Project Manager, Antioch New England Institute, will discuss the progress-to-date of the Sullivan County Waste Management Plan and Material Recovery Facility (MRF) Feasibility Study.

Simon Carr will share how he and others in Lyme, NH instituted a successful pay-to-throw system.

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