



July 2022 – eBulletin

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission



Greetings UVLS Region!

I hope everyone is enjoying the wonderful summer we are having so far in the region. You may have noticed through our e-bulletin and other media that there are many grant opportunities being announced from State and Federal resources. As you all know, summer goes by quickly in the Northeast, so I wanted to leave a brief reminder to check on those upcoming grant deadlines!

Let us know if you need support in these applications whether through technical assistance, a letter of support, or staffing on the project so we can help!

Take Care,

Meghan

Lebanon Municipal Airport Seeks Public Comment

Public Comments are due July 30, 2022

The Lebanon Municipal Airport proposes a number of runway and taxiway safety improvements at the airport. In consultation with the Federal Aviation Administration and the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, a draft 2022 Environmental Assessment has been prepared. We encourage the public to comment.

For more information, click [here](#).

Keys Corner

Home builders, architects, and developers are on the front lines of providing the homes our region needs. Whether in the realm of home rehabilitation or new construction, accessory dwelling units or multi-family units; these professionals are essential to the health and prosperity of our communities. However, all too often we fail to celebrate these vocations and highlight the valuable and prosperous career paths in the building industry to young people. Keys to the Valley identified the need to:

- 1) expand our region's building trades workforce, especially in areas of lead paint removal and energy efficiency
- 2) provide information on how to navigate the complex local and state regulations
- 3) expand the number and kind of developers,



Lebanon
Wed July 13
New London
Thurs July 14
Piermont
Tues July 19
Claremont
Wed July 20
via Zoom:
Sat July 16
Thurs July 21

all meetings are
12-130pm
in person events
will have lunch
provided

LUNCH PROVIDED!

**DEVELOPERS
CONTRACTORS
DESIGNERS
ARCHITECTS
OTHER HOME BUILDERS**

GOT THOUGHTS ON HOUSING?

The Regional Planning Commission is conducting lunchtime roundtables with those who **build, develop, or rehabilitate housing** to better inform the Regional Housing Needs Assessment
SIGNUPS ENCOURAGED



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especially those that provide affordable homes

This July, UVLSRPC will be conducting focus groups and interviews with professional home builders, architects, developers and others who produce housing. UVLSRPC seeks to better understand the challenges and opportunities these professionals see in their day-to-day operations as well as strategies that may help the industry advance the homes our region needs – either as individuals or through collaborative effort. UVLSRPC hopes one outcome of these conversations to be actionable initiatives we can support in a pilot program.

If you or someone you know is interested in this initiative – please reach out to Tim Josephson at tjosephson@uvlsrpc.org

For more information, scan the QR code or visit this [website](#).

NH Small Business Development Center

Deadline to Apply is August 15th

FAME connects SBDC clients with Financial, Marketing and Legal consultant partners for up to 5 hours at no cost. The consultants can tackle questions on QuickBooks, digital marketing, contracts, and beyond.

The Cybersecurity Reviews program offers SBDC client businesses a high-level cyber risk assessment with a cybersecurity expert, plus advising and virtual training, all at no cost. This program is in partnership with the NH Tech Alliance.



Watershed Assistance Grants

Pre-proposals are due by 4 PM, September 16, 2022.

Each year NHDES solicits projects to address nonpoint source (NPS) pollution through the implementation of watershed-based plans in priority watersheds. Projects must comprehensively address NPS problems, and must have a quantitative way to assess progress and determine success. The watershed-based plan must have a clear water quality goal and include the nine, minimum elements (a) through (i) required by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Funded projects must make reasonable progress toward achieving the water quality goal established in the watershed-based plan.

For more information, click [here](#).



U.S. Department of Transportation Navigator

The U.S. Department of Transportation recently launched the DOT Navigator. It provides essential information to help stakeholders and communities apply for grants, identify existing resources, and answer questions on how to connect with funding opportunities provided through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program

Applications due October 13, 2022

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) established the new Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) discretionary grant program, funded with \$1 billion over the next 5 years.

It is the first-ever program to help reconnect communities that were previously cut off from economic opportunities by transportation infrastructure. Funding supports planning grants (\$200k to \$2mil) and capital construction grants, as well as technical assistance, to restore community connectivity through the removal, retrofit, mitigation, or replacement of eligible transportation infrastructure facilities.

For more information, click [here](#). To register for a webinar on "how to apply," click [here](#).

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Opportunity

Starting next week, the U.S. Department of Transportation will host three informational webinars for the first round of grants for the [Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\)](#) discretionary grant program. These "How to Apply" webinars will feature information to help potential applicants learn about the SS4A grant program and what they need to know to prepare an application.

The first webinar will provide a general overview of the SS4A program, the grant application process, and the available grant types, while the next two webinars will delve more deeply into each type of grant offered: Action Plan Grants and Implementation Grants. The fiscal year 2022 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Safe Streets and Roads for All grants is live on [Grants.gov](#) and on the [SS4A website](#). *The deadline for applications is 5:00 p.m. (EDT) on September 15, 2022.*

Clean School Bus Program Funding (EPA)

Applications due August 19, 2022

With funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, EPA's new Clean School Bus Program provides \$5 billion over the next five years (FY 2022-2026) to replace existing school buses with zero-emission and low-emission models. EPA is offering \$500 million through the [2022 Clean School Bus Rebates](#) for zero-emission and low-emission school bus rebates as the first funding opportunity.



In the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Region, five cities/towns are designated as "prioritized school districts." If awarded, these towns receive larger clean school bus (\$25k to \$375k) and charging infrastructure than non-prioritized school districts. These cities/towns include: **Enfield** (Mascoma Valley Reg School District), **Lempster** (Goshen-Lempster SAU Office and Lempster School District), **Lyme** (Lyme SAU Office and Lyme School District), **New London** (Kearsarge Regional SAU Office and Kearsarge Regional School District), and **Orford**

For more information, click [here](#) or contact Andrea Cass at acass@uvlsrpc.org.

NEW LinkedIn Page

We are now on LinkedIn! The purpose of this page is to keep our community updated with the latest articles, announcements, and funding opportunities.

To follow the UVLSRPC on LinkedIn, click [here](#).



Culvert Field Work

This summer, staff at the Commission will be conducting stream crossing assessments in Hanover and communities such as

Unity, Acworth, Charlestown in the Cold River Watershed. This field work is part of the Statewide Asset Data Exchange System (SADES), an initiative to collaboratively manage the state's stream crossing assessment efforts.

Picture: Staff out in the field



UPPER VALLEY
LAND TRUST

Upper Valley Land Trust

Understanding whether stated goals are on track to be met is an essential part of the planning process, and adjusting strategies as needed. We at UVLSRPC are here to assist in this process. One recent example is a project

done for the Upper Valley Land Trust (UVLT). UVLT sought metrics to inform their understanding on whether their activities measure up to their organizational goals. UVLSRPC staff, along with staff from TRORC, assisted UVLT in this process, culminating in a report of suitable metrics by organizational goal with details on available data and analysis methods.

Grants Available to Encourage Healthy Living

Next round opens August 1st

For more information, click [here](#).

The New Hampshire Children's Health Foundation is actively seeking grant proposals from municipalities, planning organizations and community-based partnerships that want to expand bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure or increase the use and accessibility of parks, playgrounds, open spaces, and other places for community recreation in higher-need communities and neighborhoods.

One of the foundation's priorities is to improve the health of young children and families by increasing daily physical activity and the expanded community infrastructure needed to support and encourage that.

Requests for single-year grants up to \$30,000, two-year grants up to \$60,000, and three-year grants up to \$90,000 will be considered.



NH Legal Updates

Effective August 23, 2022

All **land use board fees** shall be posted/published in a location accessible to the public during normal business hours – failure to post fees in that fashion at the time an applicant submits an application - such fees shall be deemed waived for that application. Website posting will be sufficient. RSA 673:16, III.

A decision by a land use board shall include **specific findings of act** supporting that decision. Any decision that disapproves an application without findings of fact supporting disapproval could be grounds for automatic reversal and remand by the Superior Court. RSA 676:3, I

Governing body can no longer grant an extension for timely planning board action under RSA 676:4, I (f)

NEW: 674:17,IV: If a municipality allows an increased density, reduced lot size, expedited approval, or other dimensional or procedural **incentive** under this section for the development of **housing for older persons**, as defined and regulated pursuant to RSA 354-A:15, VIII, it may **allow the same incentive** for the development of **workforce housing** as defined in RSA 674:58, IV. Beginning July 1, 2023, incentives established for housing for older persons shall be deemed applicable to workforce housing development.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule

All collections are **9:00 am—Noon**

Fri, July 15 —Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street (off Rt 120)

Sat, August 6—New London Highway Garage, 184 South Pleasant

TIME CHANGE in New London—NOW Noon—3:00 PM

Please Note: The Town of New London collection time has changed due to a parade through town.



For additional information on what to bring click [here](#), or email Victoria Davis at vdavis@uvlsrc.org.

UVLSRPC Commission Meeting Calendar 2022

August 10, 2022
October 12, 2022
December 7, 2022
February 8, 2023
April 12, 2023
June 7, 2023

Location: Hilton Garden Inn, Lebanon, NH
Time: TBD

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Chris at 603-448-1680



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