Monthly new

updates



October 2023

Household Hazardous Waste Collections



There are TWO Household Hazardous Waste Collections coming up in October & November at a **NEW location:**

Saturday, October 7 8:00am - 12:00pm Stadium Drive Nashu

9 Stadium Drive, Nashua

AND

Saturday, November 4 9 Stadium Drive, Nashua

Learn more at nashuarpc.org/hhw

2023 Household Hazardous Waste Collections

Saturday April 22, 8am - 12pm in Nashua Thursday June 1, 3pm 7pm in Nashua Saturday Aug. 5, 8am 12pm in Nashua

Fertilizers

Saturday Aug. 26, 8am - 12pm in Pelham Saturday Oct. 7, 8am - 12pm in Nashua Saturday Nov. 4, 8am - 12pm in Nashua







Pelham Highway Department 33 Newcomb Field Pkwy, Pelham August 26 ONLY

For residents of: Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, Nashua, Pelham & Windham





Accepted Household Hazardous Waste:

Oil-based Paint Pesticides Not Accepted: Lead Paint **NO Latex Paint** Insecticides Oil-based Stains Household Cleaners **NO Electronics** Polyurethane Mercury **NO Medication** Fluorescent Bulbs Solvents **NO Fire Extinguishers** Thinners Adhesive **NO Smoke Detectors** NO Used Oil Sealers Antifreeze **NO Car Batteries** Pool Products Gasoline Brake fluid Acids

Photo chemicals

Cost: \$15 per vehicle

- Covers up to 10 gallons or 20 pounds of waste.
 Carpooling is encouraged.
- Additional charges: \$1/gallon above 10 gallons 50¢/pound above 20lbs
- Cash or check.
- Checks payable to NRSWMD.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE CELEBRATES COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION THIS OCTOBER

The New Hampshire Transit Association (NHTA), along with support and cooperation from the State Coordinating Council for Community Transportation

(SCC), New Hampshire Mobility Managers Network, and Transport NH have announced that this October they will be celebrating the first annual Community Transportation Month in and across New Hampshire.

In New Hampshire, Community Transportation, also known as public transit or local transportation, refers to a system of publicly or charitably subsidized services and infrastructure designed to provide convenient and affordable transportation options within a specific community or region. This typically can include buses, volunteer drivers, shuttles, vanpools, bicycle & pedestrian networks and other specialized, ondemand services such as paratransit and non-emergency medical transportation. The goal of community transportation is to ensure that residents have affordable access to essential services, employment opportunities, education, and recreational activities while reducing congestion, pollution, and the reliance on private cars. New Hampshire has a wide range of transportation options that often go unnoticed by the greater community. NHTA seeks to use this month of celebration to shine a light on all the various modes of community transportation that exist in NH.

Each week in October will focus on a different type of community transportation. Every agency in New Hampshire that provides community transportation is encouraged to join the month of celebration in whatever way they can – by sharing stories on social media, holding informational events, and promoting the work their agency does in their respective communities. More information about how to participate in the celebration and who is participating can be found online at www.commutesmartnh.org/nhcelebratestransit.



The New Hampshire Department of Transportation has announced that the Governor's Advisory Council on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) will hold Public Hearings in September and October to review and receive input on the update of the State's Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (FY2025-2034).

The purpose of the Ten-Year Plan is to develop and implement a plan allowing New Hampshire to fully participate in federally supported transportation improvement projects as well as to outline projects and programs funded with State transportation dollars.

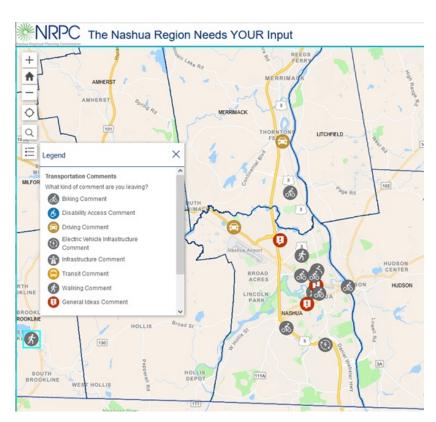
The Nashua region Public Hearing will be held on Monday, October 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hudson Community Center and will be facilitated by Councilor Dave Wheeler (District 5). NHDOT will present information about the plan followed by an opportunity for the public to ask questions and provide comments. This is your chance to provide input and learn more about the draft 2025-2034 Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan.

NRPC staff looks forward to seeing you on October 16th

Additional information about the Ten-Year Plan and GACIT hearings can be found here.

NRPC's newest GIS product has arrived! The MTP Crowdsource Comment Map

CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE MAP

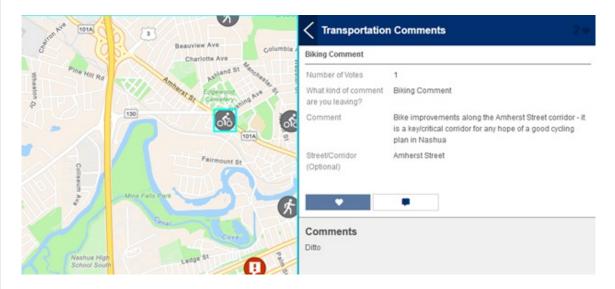


NRPC's newest GIS product has arrived. The MTP Crowdsource Comment Map features a new tool for NRPC in the collection of public feedback with a geographic nature. Users of the map will be able to identify locations in the region and comment on that location's transportation issues and needs. This map was designed to aid in the development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The MTP provides a basic blueprint for long-term transportation investment in the Nashua Region. The plan is structured around four major goals, developed through public outreach and coordination with advisory committees, which include Mobility and Accessibility, Quality of Life,

System Sustainability and Implementation.

As part of the MTP process, this map seeks to collect public input from across the region to help inform the plan and illustrate the priorities and needs of the region's residents and communities. Input can be added to this map by any individual anonymously. It requires them to select a point on the map and choose which category their comment fits into. The comment categories are: Biking, Walking, Driving, Electric Vehicle Infrastructure, Disability Access, Transit, Infrastructure, and General Ideas.

In addition, users will be able to vote on comments submitted by other users by clicking a "like" button. These likes are recorded in the map so that users can easily see which submissions have the most votes. Users are also able to comment onto previous submissions so that there is opportunity for dialogue or additional voices to weigh in on a shared concern.



After the comment period has ended the results of this exercise will be incorporated into the MTP document. It is NRPC's hope that this can be a platform for individuals, groups, and communities to share their concerns and desires for improvement as it relates to the region's transportation network. The MTP document will be completed in December 2023.

Attention All New Hampshire Small Business Owners!

NRPC is pleased to be partnering with the NH Small Business Development Center on their **2023 New Hampshire Small Business Survey.**

Business organizations and economic development partners across the Granite State



are sharing SBDC's **New Hampshire Small Business Survey**. We all hope to discover how businesses have built resiliency and where they may still need our help.

Your input and responses are critical. The higher the response rate, the deeper and more valuable the survey data will be. The survey results will directly impact how economic development partners create programs and add services to help you and other small businesses thrive in the years to come

The survey is live through October 31st and should take 12 –15 minutes to complete. Please click this link to <u>access the Small Business Survey</u>. If you have already taken the survey, thank you for participating! If not, we look forward to hearing from you!

Thank you!



Attention
All Planners, CIP
Commissioners,
and Planning
Board Members!

Don't miss the
October 17th Lunch
& Learn. Learn from
an expert how to
fund your capital
improvement plan.

Lunch will be served. Only ten tickets remain.

Click on the invitation to reserve your seat today!



NHDES REQUEST FOR COMMENT: COMMUNITY EV CHARGING GRANT PROGRAM

NHDES wants your input on the development of a new electric vehicle (EV) charging grant program. The NHDES wants to hear from as many interested parties as possible and are

especially interested in hearing from residents of and businesses located in disadvantaged communities, including rural and low-income areas, to learn how we can structure a program that results in those communities benefiting from this investment.

NHDES has applied to the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) discretionary Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) program for community-based electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE). If awarded, NHDES plans to release a funding opportunity aimed at installing EV charging stations within communities.

The NHDES will be hosting two virtual listening sessions on October 4, 2023 to receive input from the public, one at noon and one at 7:00 PM (Eastern). <u>CLICK HERE</u> for more information about how you can submit comments and join the listening sessions.

See what's happening this month.

October 7, 2023, 8:00am - 12:00pm, Household Hazardous Waste Collection

9 Stadium Drive, Nashua Contact: Emma Rearick

October 11, 2023, at 12:00pm, <u>Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC)</u>

Contact: Matt Waitkins

October 12, 2023, at 1:00pm, Lower Merrimack Valley Stormwater Coalition

Contact: Sara Siskavich

October 17, 2023: Planner's Lunch

Contact: Kathy Kirby

October 18, 2023, at 6:00pm, NRPC Executive Committee

Contact: <u>Jay Minkarah</u>

October 26, 2023, at 10:00am, <u>Greater Nashua Regional Coordination Council for</u>

Community Transportation (RCC7)

Contact: Donna Marceau

November 4, 2023, 8:00am - 12:00pm, <u>Household Hazardous Waste Collection</u>

9 Stadium Drive, Nashua Contact: Emma Rearick

Looking to stay informed about NRPC?

Attend our meetings! Agendas are posted approximately five days in advance on the NRPC online calendar, or reach out to staff contacts to be added to group email lists. Unless otherwise noted, meetings will be held at: 30 Temple Street, Suite 310, Nashua, NH.



The NH Granite State Clean Fleets Grant Program is a competitive program for replacing municipally-owned heavy duty vehicles and equipment with newer and/or electric models.



Approximately \$10,000,000 is available to support local government entities only (municipalities, school districts, transit agencies) for approved projects to reduce emissions from qualifying diesel vehicles and equipment by replacing them with electric alternatives and new diesel models. This competitive program is funded by New Hampshire's Volkswagen Mitigation Trust (VW Trust).

- 80% funding for replacing old diesel vehicles with new diesel vehicles.
- 95% funding for replacing old diesel vehicles with electric vehicles (including the charger, infrastructure, and installation!)
- June 30 Webinar and Q&A
- Granite State Clean Fleets Request for Proposals

Proposals due October 13, 2023.



Save the Date: October 14, 2023, 9AM - 3PM Registration to open

Land Use Law Conference (Planning Board)

This track is for new planning board members and alternates, as well as veterans, who want a refresher course on the basics. Topics for discussion include what is a completed application, the timeline for planning board review, conducting meetings

and public hearings, the use of third-party consultants, the zoning amendment process, scattered and premature development, off-site exactions, conflicts of interests, the Right-to-Know law and more.

Attendees will learn about planning board organization, rules of procedure, application process, purpose and need for checklists and waivers, site walks, third party review, technical review committee, zoning amendments, board member responsibilities. This track will also explore the hot topics presented to NHMA attorneys during the past two years – reviewing issues bedeviling Planning Board's across the State with recommendations for appropriate action by NHMA attorneys. In addition, there will be panel discussion by municipal planners and land use administrators on all matters related to managing the operations of the Planning Board; subdivision and site plan applications, conditional use permitting, master planning, zoning amendments.



Save the Date: October 21, 2023, 9AM - 3PM Registration to open

Land Use Law Conference (ZBA)

This track will provide a detailed look at the statutory responsibilities of the ZBA including appeals of administrative decisions, special exceptions, and variances. This session will also provide an in-depth discussion of how the case law interprets the

five variance criteria. Time will be devoted to participant questions.

There will be a track on the ZBA Decision0Making Process as well as a track that will explore the hot topics presented to NHMA attorneys during the past two years – reviewing issues bedeviling ZBA's across the State with recommendations for appropriate action by NHMA attorneys. In addition, a panel discussion by local code enforcement officials/building inspectors/municipal planners/land use administrators on all matters related to interpreting and enforcing local zoning ordinances and managing decision making on building permit applications and administering applications for zoning relief submitted to the ZBA.



2023 Fall NEARC Conference

The 2023 Fall NEARC Conference will be held Sunday, October 15 - Wednesday, October 18 at the Omni New Haven at Yale in New Haven, Connecticut.

NEARC is not just for the GIS faithful. Yes, NEARC is for GIS practitioners, but NEARC is for anyone who wants to see the value GIS technology brings to their own environment and the world. This conference is very valuable for new users as well as those who have been using GIS for many years. If you are going to attend NEARC

this fall, you might consider also bringing along your Supervisor, Town Manager, DPW Director, IT Director, and your Finance Manager; anyone who would benefit from seeing the value of GIS first hand. You will absolutely walk away saying "NEARC is worth every penny!"



November 6 - 8, 2023 2023 NNECAPA Planning Conference

The Northern New England Chapter of the American Planning Association (NNECAPA) is pleased to host its 2023 Conference from Monday, November 6th thru Wednesday, November 8th at Wentworth by the Sea in New Castle, New Hampshire. We are planning this multi-day conference to provide opportunities for engagement,

collaboration, and (re)establishing partnerships with your colleagues, new and old, throughout New England.



SBDC's webinars focus on the needs of small businesses all around the state of New Hampshire. Topics of webinars range from starting a business to growing a business, including; financial matters, marketing, cyber, DEI, and many more.

SBDC webinars are free, offered live, and include a Q&A session. View upcoming webinars here.

Have an event or workshop you'd like highlighted? Let us know!

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