

## MEETING NOTES

### **HB 1579 COMMISSION TO STUDY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS**

#### **RESEARCH ON ALTERNATIVE STATE PROGRAMS SUBCOMMITTEE**

May 8, 2009 \* 10:00 AM  
Office of Energy and Planning, Concord, NH

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#### **Present:**

Representative Sue Gottling, NH House of Representatives  
Peter Walker, NH Association of Natural Resource Scientists  
Jennifer Czysz, NH Office of Energy and Planning  
Laura Deming, NH Audubon Association

#### **I. REVIEW MATRIX**

The bulk of the meeting conversation revolved around refining the matrix including identifying any missing elements, rows still missing programs, and how to consolidate rows into a more condensed matrix. Of which most time was spent on reorganizing the rows of the matrix, consolidating the program focus areas, and deleting some row topics (moving their programs to more applicable locations). The decided upon programmatic focus area headings, in presentation order, and assigned individual to identify missing programs and prepare the research template for each program in the row, is as follows:

- Federal and State Environmental Protection Acts – P. Walker
- Coordinated Permitting – C. Russell
- Land Use Planning – J. Czysz
- Smart Growth – J. Czysz
- Redevelopment and Historic Preservation – S. Gottling
- Conservation – J. Czysz
- Transportation – P. Walker
- Water, Sewer and Other Infrastructure – S. Gottling
- Water Quality – P. Walker
- Wetlands – L. Demming
- Surface Water – L. Demming
- Ground Water and Aquifers – L. Demming
- Wildlife – L. Demming

Modifications identified to the matrix, to achieve the final list of rows above, included:

- Combine the Integrated Planning programs into the Land Use Planning row, with the exception of the Sensible Transportation Policy Act (ME) which will move to the Transportation row.
- Rename the Water Resources row as Water Quality.
- Shift NPDES – MS4, HB 648 Flood Commission and Dam Maintenance, from the Water Resources to the Infrastructure row.
- Combine the Wetlands – Direct and – Indirect rows and all associated programs into a single Wetlands Row (any programs that address indirect impacts are to be highlighted in the research template).

- Combine the Rivers/Streams and Lakes/Ponds rows, and all programs, into a single Surface Water row.
- Split the Infrastructure and Transportation row into two separate rows addressing (1) Water, Sewer and Other Infrastructure and (2) Transportation.
- Delete the Housing row – of the programs listed in the row delete the one from CT and move the one MA program to the Smart Growth row.
- Reduce the scope of the Conservation and Recreation row to just Conservation.

Other changes to the matrix identified included:

- Add a brief definition of smart growth to note how it is differentiated from land use planning.
- Clarify that any historic preservation programs listed, in order to remain relevant, should have a redevelopment focus.

Programs to be added to the template included (program – state – row):

- Coastal Watershed Alliance – NH – Water Quality
- Natural Resource Protection Act – ME – Wetlands
- Add lakes and ponds related programs – Fed & All NE states – Surface Waters
- Add transportation programs – Fed & All NE states – Transportation
- Add NH Rail Transit Authority – NH – Transportation
- Federal Historic Preservation Tax Credits – Fed – Redevelopment...
- Add Redevelopment and Historic Preservation Programs – All NE States – Redevelopment...
- Add wildlife programs – Fed & All NE States – Wildlife
- Add conservation programs – Fed & All NE States – Conservation
- DES Innovative Permitting Program – NH – Coordinated Permitting

## **II. RESEARCH TEMPLATE**

The research template will be revised one last time to add a question relative each programs approach to wetlands indirect impacts. Jen will email out the revised template after the meeting. All researchers are to use the template for their research to avoid any time being devoted to formatting at the end of the process. The guidance document is available to help all to developed a consistent response to each of the questions.

General points to follow when completing the template stressed during the meeting included:

- Target length of each completed research template is 1-2 pages.
- The research template should cover any programmatic focus area overlaps to avoid having to place programs into multiple matrix rows.
- When listing the program contact a name, phone # and email will suffice (complete agency name and full mailing address are not needed).
- whenever possible and actual contact person or program manager/staff should be identified as the contact name.

## **III. NEXT STEPS**

1. Make all modifications to the matrix identified during the meeting.
2. Submit all remaining programs to be added to the matrix to Jen by 5/14/2009.

3. Prep a matrix that is program titles only for distribution during a presentation of progress to date at the 5/20/2009 Commission meeting.
4. Members will continue working on individual program research. Target deadline for completing all research template sheets is 6/8/2009.
5. Once all research is complete the subcommittee, at this time, intends to:
  - a. assess each state's unique strengths and weaknesses given their suite of programs;
  - b. identify programs in other NE states that may address or resolve some of NH's weaknesses or gaps;
  - c. propose presentations to the full commission on a select number of programs from outside NH; and
  - d. Make recommendations for what should be considered in NH.

#### **IV. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE**

Next meeting – June 8, 2009, 2:30 PM at the Office of Energy and Planning.