



**TO:** NH Boards of Selectmen or City Councils  
NH Planning Boards  
Regional Planning Commissions  
Chambers of Commerce  
Other Interested Parties

**FROM:** Michael J. Castagna, Chairman  
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**SUBJECT:** Design Assistance for New Hampshire Projects

Plan NH is an association of professionals whose work involves all aspects of the development process. We include planners, architects, construction professionals, developers, bankers, real estate professionals, and others. The connecting link between these people is their common interest in the quality of the design of New Hampshire's communities, buildings, and the surrounding landscape and streetscape.

Every year Plan NH offers design services to local communities and non-profit organizations. Typically, a team of a dozen or so Plan NH members visit a community for a Friday and Saturday and work with municipal leaders and citizens to develop options and design suggestions for a project of local interest.

The design services are provided pro-bono. The attached "Charrette Program Guide" explains the details of the charrette program and the costs involved. Plan NH will assist the host community or region in suggesting alternative funding sources such as sponsors if needed.

Past charrettes have involved developing a re-use plan for an old mill in Belmont, evaluating the re-use potential for a commercial building in Franklin, and Goffstown, as well as preparation of plans to revitalize the villages and downtown centers of Bradford, Farmington, Weare, Antrim, Merrimack, Ossipee, Hampton and Candia.

Got a project that comes to mind? Plan NH is currently seeking three communities or regions to work with in 2008. If you think that you might be interested in having us come to your community for a weekend, please complete the enclosed application.

Thanks for your interest. **Proposals are due by February 26, 2008**

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