

Local Historic Districts of New Hampshire

With Their Historic District Commissions and
Heritage Commissions

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The students in the Preservation Planning and Management course at Plymouth State University researched the locally designated historic districts, Historic District Commissions and Heritage Commissions of New Hampshire. The students used online research and direct communication with the towns of New Hampshire to find fifty-six towns in New Hampshire have locally designated historic districts. The districts are of varying ages, sizes, and hold differing levels of protection. The districts are managed and governed by Historic District Commissions, Heritage Commissions, and other groups.

Forward

In New Hampshire, local historic districts range in size and character from large commercial and residential downtowns to riverfront brick industrial complexes and small clusters of public buildings in pristine 19th century village centers. The first districts, established in the 1960s, predate the current state legislation that enables their use as a preservation tool in New Hampshire. In 1983, state law declared that safeguarding a community's heritage was a public purpose and that local historic districting offered a number of benefits, such as conserving property values, strengthening the local economy, fostering civic beauty and promoting the education and pleasure of residents (NH RSA 674:45).

Local historic districts differ from other types of historical designations, such as listing on the National Register of Historic Places or the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places. Although historical resources may be listed as districts on both of the registers, the listing is honorific, by either the National Park Service or the State of New Hampshire, and carries no regulatory oversight.

There are now 56 local historic districts in New Hampshire. This number has grown and receded with time, as communities have managed growth and change in ways that best met their objectives. Historic district commissions, comprised of local volunteers appointed by the community, oversee changes within a local historic district and serve as important sources of technical assistance for property owners. In New Hampshire, local historic district commissions operate with no oversight or approvals from state or federal government. In the 1980s and 1990s, commissions were united by a membership group, known as the New Hampshire Association of Historic District Commissions, but that organization has since disbanded.

Historic districting is often touted as a tried and tested economic development tool. Studies on the economic impact of historic preservation from across the country confirm the economic benefits assumed by New Hampshire state law in 1983. In the spring of 2012, graduate students in the "Preservation Planning and Management" course at Plymouth State University reviewed such studies and found that no statewide analysis had been completed for New Hampshire. As they considered whether such a study could be commissioned for the state, one fact became clear: a lack of current baseline information on the extent of historic districting in the state would hamper any effort.

This report seeks to remedy that lack of updated and accurate data. It incorporates information on each district and the community in which it is located and presents a number of findings and recommendations. The latter are based on the data itself, as well as the challenges of and processes for gathering it.

Although the information in this report is of great value in 2012, it will only remain 100% current until a new historic district is established or a community changes a web site link or street address. Graduate students in future courses at Plymouth State University's Historic Preservation Program will continue to investigate the extent and value of New Hampshire's local historic districts and update the data in this report as time and resources allow.

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Introduction

The students of the Preservation Planning and Management, Plymouth State University class of Spring 2012 undertook the project of collecting information on all of the State of New Hampshire's locally designated historic districts, Historic District Commissions, and Heritage Commissions. The purpose of this undertaking was to gather the information in one place and make it available to the public. Before beginning the research, all that was available to the public of New Hampshire was a list of Heritage and Historic District Commissions compiled and held by the NH Division of Historical Resources ([NHDHR](#)). The most recent list of Heritage and Historic District Commissions in New Hampshire was dated September 2006 and contained 87 towns¹.

[NH RSA 673:1 \(II\)](#) states that "any local legislative body may establish any or all of the following: a heritage commission, a historic district commission, an agricultural commission, and a housing commission.

[NH RSA 674:44-A](#) Heritage Commission- A Heritage Commission may be established in accordance with RSA 673 for the proper recognition, use, and protection of resources, tangible or intangible, primarily man-made, that are valued for their historic cultural, aesthetic, or community significance within their natural, built, or cultural contexts. [NH RSA 674:44-b](#) grants the Heritage Commission powers to oversee and protect the resources discussed above and allows the Heritage Commission the powers to assume the composition and duties of the historic district commission.

[NH RSA 674:46-a](#) Powers and Duties of the Historic District Commission (I.) For the purpose of establishing a legal basis for the district, the historic district commission may perform research and prepare the content of the historic district ordinance prior to its adoption or amendment as provided in RSA 675:2. In cases in which a municipality chooses to have both a heritage commission and a historic district commission, the historic district commission may request assistance from the heritage commission in performing research and preparing the content of the historic district ordinance. (II.) The historic district commission may adopt and amend regulations in the manner provided in RSA 675:6. (III.) The historic district commission shall be responsible for administering the ordinance and regulations within the historic district as provided in RSA 676:8-10. (IV.) All districts and regulations shall be compatible with the master plan and zoning ordinance of the city, town, or county in which they exist. (V.) The historic district commission may assume, if authorized by the local legislative body, the composition and duties of heritage commissions.

Methods & Tools

The 2006 list of 87 Heritage and Historic District Commissions in New Hampshire was combined with an additional 9 towns which reported having a Heritage or Historic District Commission on the [NH Department of Employment Security](#) town profile, for a total of 96 towns. Each student was given a group of towns out of the 96 which had a potential of containing a locally designated historic district. For each town the students determined if the town has a designated local historic district and/or if the town has an active Historic District Commission or Heritage Commission. If the town did have a locally

¹ The 2006 list of NH Heritage and Historic District Commissions included the commissions name and address, but information as to how the data was compiled was not available.

designated historic district, additional information was collected for that district including: Type of commission (Heritage Commission, Historic District Commission or other), web site link to the commission, link to the town ordinance, zoning section referencing the historic district and/or commission, link to the town’s master plan, section in the Master Plan referencing the protection of historic resources, link to the commission’s guidelines, link to the map showing the boundaries of the historic district, name of district, year the district was established, number of properties within the district, acreage of the district, zoning type within the district, history of the district, and characteristics of the district. Information on the Historic District Commission and/or Heritage Commission was also collected in a separate survey targeting municipalities with locally designated historic districts which included the type of commission, name of each historic district with the number of properties, year established and estimated acreage, how often the commission meets, and what building/property modifications they oversee.

The research was conducted by reviewing on-line sources, which included town web sites, master plans, and zoning ordinances. This was followed by personal contact with a town representative to clarify or add missing data. This data was collected into a database system found at ZOHO.com. Here researchers logged their town contacts, added and edited entries, and generated progress reports on their assigned towns. The local district survey form was created and hosted using Freeonlinesurveys.com which consolidated the responses into an Excel spreadsheet for reporting and analysis.

Results & Analysis

The research determined that 56 towns in New Hampshire have locally designated historic districts. Eighteen of these locally designated historic districts are within [Certified Local Governments \(CLG\)](#), and 38 are in towns without CLGs.

Of the 96 towns researched, 84 towns were found to have a local Historic District Commission, Heritage Commission or a local historic district. The remaining 12 towns appear to have abandoned their former commissions and districts.

Historic Districts

The locally designated historic districts are highly variable, being of varying sizes, containing buildings of different zoning types, and of different characteristics. The 56 towns with historic districts are managed by Historic District Commissions, Heritage Commissions, and some are managed by other entities within the town. Thirty-five towns have Heritage Commissions, thirty-

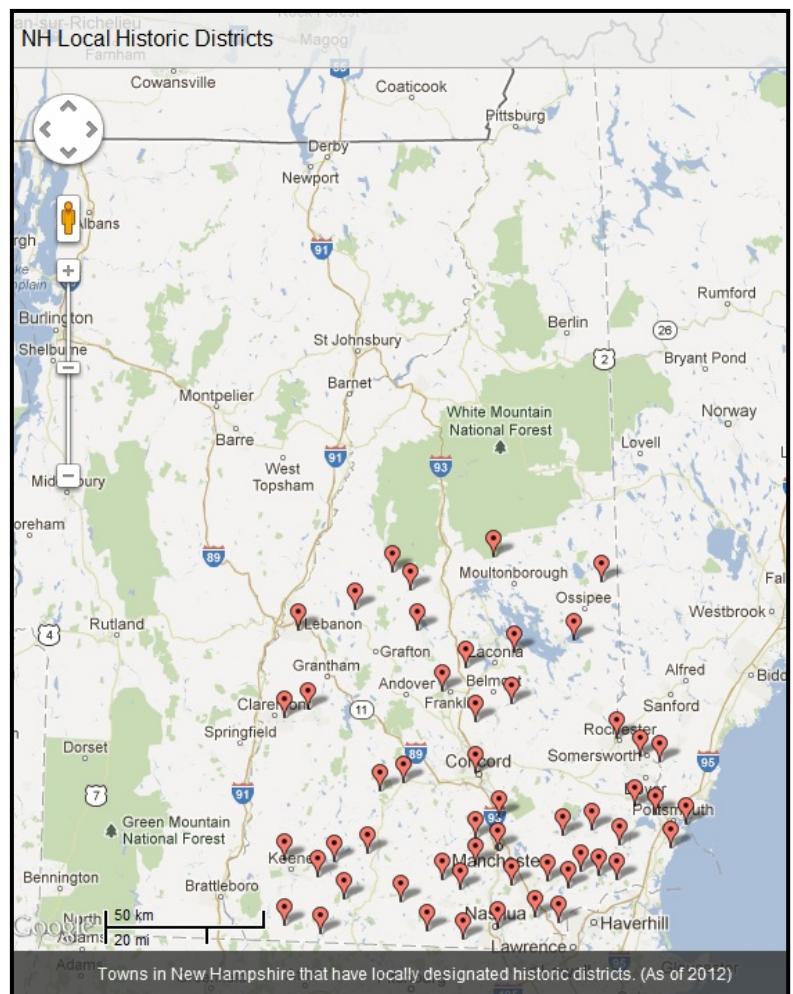


Figure 1 Location of Historic Districts in NH

four towns have Historic District Commissions and fourteen towns have both Historic District Commissions and Heritage Commissions. One town, Wolfeboro has two local historic districts but in 2010 abolished the Historic District Commission enforcing their ordinance.

The locally designated historic districts are found throughout the central and southern part of New Hampshire. No historic districts were identified within or north of the White Mountains. The most northern town with a historic district was Sandwich, NH at the southern edge of the White Mountains. Figure 1 shows the geographical location of the historic districts throughout New Hampshire.

The earliest historic districts were established in NH in 1966 (Rye), with nineteen others established during the 1960s and 1970s. Fourteen historic districts were established in the 1980s, nine in the 1990s, and seven from 2000 to 2010. The remaining six did not offer a date of establishment for their locally designated historic districts.

691,059 people live within the 56 towns which have a Historic Districts and 657,706 people live within the other 178 NH towns. A demographic analysis of towns that support local historic districts shows that they tend to be in the larger, more densely-populated areas of their respective counties. Other factors like median household income, college degrees, and median age appeared to have very little significance and sometimes in unanticipated directions. Local historic districts seemed slightly more prevalent in municipalities with lower household incomes and younger populations, for example

Historic District Commissions and Heritage Commissions

Most of the Historic District Commissions and Heritage Commissions meet monthly, with nine of the commissions meeting as needed and one commission (Danville) meeting twice a month. Eighty percent of the commissions regulate siding, roofing, and windows. Landscape and paint are regulated in only half of the responding towns.

Of the 96 towns reviewed, we find that twelve of the towns listed do not have either a locally designated historic district or Heritage/Historic District Commission in 2012.

Historical trends show that in 1996, 58 towns had Historic District Commissions and 5 towns had Heritage Commissions. In 2000, fifteen Heritage/Historic District Commissions were added across the state and two were abolished. In 2006, twelve commissions were added and one was abolished. In 2012 we find that nine Commissions have been added and twelve were abolished.

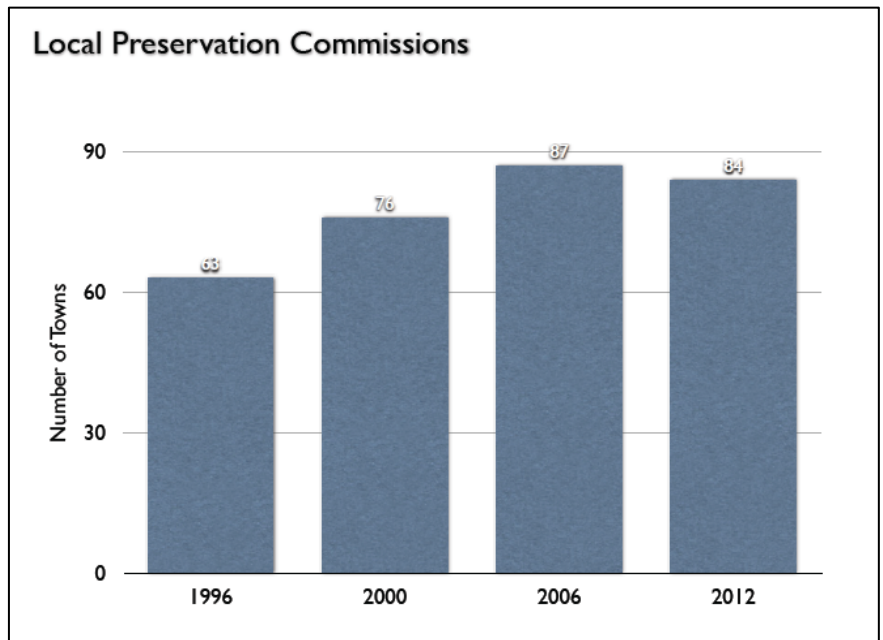


Table 1. The number of towns with either historic district or heritage commissions increased through 2006 but declined in the final period from 87 to 84.

Conclusions

The amount of information available on each of the town's web sites varied greatly. Some towns had all of the needed information in an easy to find format. Other towns had information "hidden" away and required long searches. Other towns such as South Hampton, at the time of this report, do not have a web page at all. Many web sites had limited information, such as a list of commission members or links to meeting minutes. Many of the larger or more web oriented towns had links to the zoning ordinances, master plan, meeting minutes, district map, contact information for the commission, guidelines, and information about the historic district(s).

Discussion

Completing this project the students determined that not all of the information regarding locally designated historic districts is equally available or known for each of the towns in New Hampshire. Even when in direct contact with a representative from a town's Historic District Commission questions such as when the district was established or how many properties or acres are in the district were not always readily available.

Discussions with individuals found that Historic District Commissions and/or Heritage Commissions can be fragile in their presence. One person can be leading the effort, and if that person leaves, no one else can follow up or may want to follow-up.

To strengthen the importance and permanence of a historic district, Historic District Commission and/or Heritage Commission we recommend:

- A strong Web Presence; with detailed information about the historic district or Commission, a link to the map showing the district boundaries, a list of rules or regulations governing the district, and how to apply for permits.
 - A web site template reflecting current "best practices" and modest support might assist towns lacking technological resources.
 - Improved access and transparency will help improve communication with district residents and improve understanding of and compliance with district regulations
- Commissioner Training: Training/orientation materials for commission members and alternates may be incomplete in some towns. An online training course for commissioners might prove helpful.
- A regional or state wide organization that links and informs the Historic District Commissions and Heritage Commissions to provide support, information on grants and funding opportunities, and educational opportunities. This was previously provided by the disbanded New Hampshire Association of Historic District Commissions.
- Incentives should be provided to help sustain local historic districts: promoting participation in Historic District Commissions and Heritage Commissions of residents/business owners of structures within historic districts would help increase the longevity of the Commissions. Disincentives such as application fees and unexpected delays for minor projects could be eliminated. Periodic field surveys of historic districts might allow commissions to anticipate the needs of local property owners and begin an early dialog.

APPENDIX A
LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT DATA BY TOWN

District View

Town Name	Amherst
Commission	Historic District / Heritage
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	Section D, Historic District Commission Regulations
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	Section 2, Plan Elements - Historic and Cultural Resources
Link to Guidelines	
Link to Map	District Map
District Name	Amherst Historic District
Year Established	1991
No. Properties	120
Est. Acreage	
Zoning Type(s)	Conservation, Agricultural, Commercial, Industrial, Residential, Institutional
District History	<p>The Historic District, the largest in New Hampshire, comprises more than 1600 acres and 120 buildings.</p> <p>Amherst became the first seat of Hillsborough County when the county was formed in 1769. The central village contained the courthouse, complete with jail, pillory and whipping post. By 1869, all county government had moved to either Manchester or Nashua. Many historic buildings are well preserved in the center of town, and the Amherst village area is well known for its history and beauty. The Village Common has played an important role in the cultural development of the community and has served as a center of activity for nearly 200 years, continuing to be a focal part of the community by hosting events. The historic district borders the Town Center/Commons.</p>
District Characteristics	<p>The District is so designated by the U.S. Department of the Interior, under whose basic regulations the National Historic Landmark designation has been earned. The properties cover the period from 1700-1924 and incorporate important Colonial, Federal and Greek revival styles; the entire Historic District is on the National Register. The Historic District has played a significant role in understanding the history of the town, and the role in local and regional history. The designation, Historic District, means that the District possesses significance in American history, architecture, or culture and retains its historic integrity.</p>

Other Comments	The Historic District Commission currently consists of five members and five alternates, all of whom are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Commission meets monthly, and is charged by ordinance with the responsibility of reviewing applications for Certificates of Approval for exterior alterations to buildings and settings within the Historic District. In early 1991, Historic District Commission "Regulations" (i.e., design guidelines) were completed. They are a land use Board and advisory in nature. The commission's immediate goal is to inventory the entire Town for historic and cultural resources as well as assist homeowners in preserving Amherst's heritage.
NR Districts	Amherst Village Historic District - 19820818
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	Danforth's Corner/Ponemah Road (A) - 06-13-1990, Jasper Farm Historic District - 06-13-1990, South Merrimack Village (B) - 06-13-1990, South Ponemah Road Historic District (P) - 06-13-1993, South Merrimack Road Area - 06-13-1993
Other Surveys	
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Town Name	Bedford
Commission	Historic District
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	Article VII, Historic District
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	Historic and Cultural Resources
Link to Guidelines	Design Guidelines
Link to Map	District Map
District Name	Bedford Historic District
Year Established	1974
No. Properties	
Est. Acreage	
Zoning Type(s)	Conservation, Agricultural, Commercial, Residential, Institutional
District History	
District Characteristics	The purpose of the Historic District is to ensure that new construction and significant building and property renovations are in keeping with the character of the district and preserve the Town's cultural, economic and architectural history. At the same time, the Historic District Commission strives to balance concerns and protect historic character of the Town center, keeping in mind that Commission decisions have an impact on residents and businesses in the District.
Other Comments	In March 2012, after Town agreement, it was decided to exclude commercial properties from the Historic District. The Historic District Commission meets on a monthly basis and regulates the Historic District. Items under their concern include fences, landscape, roofing/siding, windows and signage. The Historic District Commission administers Article VII, Historic District of the Bedford Zoning Ordinance, and adopts and amends regulations for the administration of the Historic District. The Historic District Commission regularly reviews applications for property owners who want to make improvements within the Historic District.
NR Districts	
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	
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Town Name	Bristol
Commission	Historic District
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	Article XIII
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	Chapter 6
Link to Guidelines	Design Guidelines
Link to Map	
District Name	Bristol Historic District Overlay
Year Established	2006
No. Properties	32
Est. Acreage	13
Zoning Type(s)	Commercial, Residential, Professional
District History	A local historic district is one of the most effective and comprehensive mechanisms to manage change in an historic area. Such a district ensures that new construction and significant renovation are respectful of existing character. In March of 2006, the Town of Bristol voted to pass its current Historic District Ordinance.
District Characteristics	
Other Comments	The Historic District Zoning Ordinance is a subset of the Town of Bristol's Zoning Ordinance, and as a result there are some land use items that fall under the jurisdiction of both, in particular, signage and lighting. For instance, the size and number of signs on a property are regulated townwide — including within the Historic District — by the town's Zoning Ordinance. Within the Historic District, sign design is regulated by the Historic District Ordinance. Thus, in some cases, for certain changes made in the Historic District, approval is necessary from both the town's Historic District Commission (for the Historic District Ordinance) and the Planning Board (for the town's Zoning Ordinance).
NR Districts	Central Square Historic District - 19830324
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	Pleasant St. Neighborhood Historic District - 09-01-1993, IPC Upper Dam - 07-23-2008
Other Surveys	
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Town Name	Canaan
Commission	Historic District
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	
Zoning Section	
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	Section IX
Link to Guidelines	Design Guidelines
Link to Map	
District Name	Canaan Street Historic District
Year Established	1986
No. Properties	91
Est. Acreage	185
Zoning Type(s)	
District History	<p>The Canaan Historic District, the first historic district in New Hampshire in a town without zoning ordinance, was first established in 1968. Due to legal requirements, the District was reestablished by a vote of the Town on Article 1 on March 11, 1986, and the Historic District Commission was established by vote of the Town on March 15, 1986. The Canaan Street Historic District was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on May 7, 1973. The Old Meeting House was previously listed on March 24, 1972.</p>
District Characteristics	
Other Comments	<p>The Canaan Historic District is located on Canaan Street and includes properties extending from the Old North Church, southward along Canaan Street, past the Museum and Old Meeting House, and continuing past the Pinnacle House, to approximately the highest point on Canaan Street. The easterly boundary is Canaan Street Lake, and the westerly boundary is a line 500 feet west of Canaan Street.</p> <p>The Master Plan identifies the resources and needs of the community and recommends a plan for its growth and meeting its needs. It does not restrict growth by regulation. Typically this is done through zoning ordinances. Canaan does not have a townwide zoning ordinance.</p>
NR Districts	Canaan Street Historic District - 19730507
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	Canaan Street Historic District - 05-07-1973
Other Surveys	

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Town Name	Canterbury
Commission	Historic District
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	Article 13
Link to Master Plan	
Master Plan Section	
Link to Guidelines	Design Guidelines
Link to Map	
District Name	Center Historic District, Shaker Historic District
Year Established	
No. Properties	
Est. Acreage	
Zoning Type(s)	Conservation, Agricultural, Residential, Professional
District History	
District Characteristics	
Other Comments	<p>The purpose of the Center Historic District is: To acknowledge those areas of cultural aesthetic or historic value as community assets which must be conserved by special consideration of the impact of uses in these areas.</p> <p>The purpose of the Shaker Village Museum Preservation District is: To foster and encourage the preservation of the Canterbury Shaker Village, and education regarding the Canterbury Shakers. The town recognizes that the Canterbury Shaker Village, including the existing buildings, the Shaker Ponds, the prime agricultural and forest land, represents a unique part of Canterbury's history, and finds that its preservation, restoration and enhancement are in the public interest. It is recognized that the property is restricted by a Conservation and Preservation Easement granted to the State of New Hampshire, dated December 17, 1992, and recorded in the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds at Book 1903, Page 1412 (hereinafter the "Conservation Easement"). It is understood that the uses of property within this district are restricted by the Conservation Easement, that future development can occur only in specific locations and under the specific restrictions set forth in the Conservation Easement, and that subdivision of the land is not permitted.</p>
NR Districts	Canterbury Shaker Village - 19750617

Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	Rocky Pond Summer Camp Historic District - 08-18-1993, Canterbury Center Historic District - 12-17-1997
Other Surveys	
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Town Name	Claremont
Commission	Historic District
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	
Zoning Section	
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	
Link to Guidelines	Design Guidelines
Link to Map	District Map
District Name	Claremont Historic District
Year Established	1983
No. Properties	179
Est. Acreage	93
Zoning Type(s)	Commercial, Industrial, Residential, Professional, Institutional
District History	Claremont Historic District includes the Downtown National Historic District, Mondanock Mills National Historic District, Lower Village/Downtown National Historic District.
District Characteristics	
Other Comments	The HDC now has 3 members, a chairman, and several vacancies.
NR Districts	Central Business District - 19780221, Lower Village District - 19780221, Monadnock Mills - 19790215
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	Claremont Lower Village Historic District - 03-03-1993, High Street Historic District - 08-27-2003
Other Surveys	
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Town Name	Concord
Commission	Heritage
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	28-3-4 Historic (HI) District
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	
Link to Guidelines	Design Guidelines
Link to Map	District Map
District Name	Concord Historic District
Year Established	1967
No. Properties	15
Est. Acreage	
Zoning Type(s)	Residential, Institutional
District History	<p>Organized public preservation activity in Concord began in the 1960's when the pending demolition of the Franklin Pierce House and the former U.S. Post Office (now the Legislative Office Building) brought the community together in successful protests. The Concord Historic District and the administering Historic District Commission were established in 1967 "to safeguard the heritage of the city as it is represented in structures of historical and architectural value located, or which may be located, in the Historical District." The District was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1975 and since that time, the Concord Civic District, Downtown Concord and twenty-four individual properties have also been listed. [master plan]</p>
District Characteristics	
Other Comments	<p>The Concord Historic District was established as a matter of public policy to recognize, preserve, enhance, and promote the continued use of buildings, structures, sites, areas, locales, and districts within the municipality of Concord having historical, architectural, cultural, or design significance.</p> <p>Concord was among the first cities in New Hampshire to apply to the National Park Service's Certified Local Government Program in 1989. This allowed the City to receive federal funds and technical assistance to integrate the process of historic preservation with the work of the local government. In 1994, Concord became the first city – and one of the first communities – in the state to establish a Heritage Commission. The Heritage Commission replaced the Historic District Commission, assuming its regulatory duties in</p>

	addition to providing advice on preservation-related projects throughout the city. [From the Concord Master Plan]
NR Districts	Blossom Hill and Calvary Cemeteries - 20101215, Concord Civic District - 19831222, Concord Historic District - 19750611, Downtown Concord Historic District - 20000609, Page Belting Company Mills - 20020614
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	Eagle Square Historic District - 03-10-1980, Gasholder/Holt Brothers Industrial Dist (G) - 11-10-1980, Josiah Bartlett Road Rural Historic Area - 05-12-1993, Loudon Road Agricultural Historic District - 05-12-1993, Concord District A - 07-07-1993, Concord District B - 07-07-1993, East Concord Village (EC) - 03-14-1996, Downtown Concord Historic District (DC) - 05-03-2000, South End Railyard - 07-26-2000, Broadway/Rollins Park Historic District (BRP) - 05-12-2004
Other Surveys	
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Town Name	Danville
Commission	Historic District / Heritage
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	Article XIII, /pg 86 zoning
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	7-1 thru 7-22
Link to Guidelines	Design Guidelines
Link to Map	District Map
District Name	Danville Village Historic District
Year Established	1999
No. Properties	16
Est. Acreage	450
Zoning Type(s)	
District History	1996 Heritage Commission established 1999 Historic District established Heritage Commission oversees the Historic District
District Characteristics	
Other Comments	
NR Districts	
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	
Other Surveys	
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Town Name	Deering
Commission	Heritage
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	
Link to Guidelines	
Link to Map	District Map
District Name	Deering Historical District
Year Established	2010
No. Properties	
Est. Acreage	
Zoning Type(s)	Conservation, Commercial, Residential
District History	Recently established Historic District (2010) which is overseen by the Heritage and Historic District Commission and the Town Planning Board. The Heritage Commission meets on a monthly basis.
District Characteristics	<p>Town Hall, having been used for over 220 yrs., remains the historic center of Deering and symbolizes its collective sense of community. At one time Deering supported eleven public schools. Two of the original school buildings are still standing: the buildings of the East Deering School and the school at Deering Center that is now the town Library. In 1860 Deering had several stores, many water mills, three post offices, two hotels and many successful farms.</p> <p>Deering is a small, rural, residential community; its old homes, barns, and meeting places have become the essence of Deering and one of its greatest assets.</p>
Other Comments	The Town Master Plan (2004) contains a list of multiple buildings that are considered historically significant (Table III-7, History and Culture section).
NR Districts	
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	
Other Surveys	
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Town Name	Derry
Commission	Historic District / Heritage
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	Section 165-28.1 Architectural Design Regulations
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	Chapter 9, Historic and Cultural Resources
Link to Guidelines	
Link to Map	
District Name	East Derry Historic District
Year Established	1982
No. Properties	22
Est. Acreage	720
Zoning Type(s)	Conservation, Agricultural, Commercial, Industrial, Residential, Institutional
District History	<p>East Derry also known as Upper Village, the area where the earliest settlements occurred. Later area settlements involved the area known as Derry Village and the downtown area. Although now considered part of Derry, at one time East Derry was a separate area. There is a designated Historic District, but no District ordinance. There is a Historic overlay area. The Heritage Commission meets on a monthly basis; there is no direct regulation of exterior building features.</p> <p>The builders and owners of the Upper Village's houses were intimately connected with the religious, commercial, and educational activities of the area. It is the Upper Village settlers who were responsible for the establishment of the Presbyterian faith within New England.</p>
District Characteristics	<p>The East Derry Historic District's houses were all constructed between 1810 and the early 1900s, with the majority built in the early-to-mid 1800s. No houses have been built in the Village since 1929. The greatest number of homes within the East Derry Historic District are in the Federal style, but the East Derry Historic District does display a wide variety of well-integrated architectural styles. Few of the buildings have undergone major alterations, and all are in good condition. Upper Village's twenty-two buildings provide an "unusually cohesive study of 19th century architectural styles from about 1810 to the beginning of the 20th century.</p>
Other Comments	The East Derry Historic District was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1982.
NR Districts	East Derry Historic District - 19820810

Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	Derry Village Historic District (DV) - 09-25-2002, Derry Town-wide Area Form - 04-24-2004
Other Surveys	
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Town Name	Dorchester
Commission	Historic District / Heritage
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	
Link to Master Plan	
Master Plan Section	
Link to Guidelines	
Link to Map	
District Name	Dorchester Historic District
Year Established	1981
No. Properties	
Est. Acreage	
Zoning Type(s)	
District History	
District Characteristics	
Other Comments	Boundaries of the Dorchester Common Historic District: shall be a 550' (five hundred and fifty foot) radius circle with the center point of this circle to be demarked by a plaque on the Southwest corner of the property known as the Dorchester Community Church property as recorded at Woodsville May 25, 1955 in Liber 862, Folio 451; said plaque to be located at a distance of 55 feet south of the stone wall behind the Dorchester Community Church.
NR Districts	Dorchester Common Historic District - 19850307
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	
Other Surveys	
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Town Name	Durham
Commission	Historic District
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	Article 17
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	
Link to Guidelines	
Link to Map	District Map
District Name	Durham Historic District
Year Established	
No. Properties	60
Est. Acreage	
Zoning Type(s)	Commercial, Residential, Institutional
District History	
District Characteristics	
Other Comments	
NR Districts	Durham Historic District - 19800531
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	Doe-Mooney-Dame-Stevens Farms Historic Dist. - 01-26-2005, Wiswall Falls Historic District (W) - 02-27-2008
Other Surveys	
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Town Name	Effingham
Commission	Historic District
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	Pages 23 - 25
Link to Master Plan	
Master Plan Section	
Link to Guidelines	
Link to Map	
District Name	Effingham Historic Districts
Year Established	1985
No. Properties	36
Est. Acreage	
Zoning Type(s)	
District History	<p>Pursuant to NH RSA 674:46, the Town of Effingham hereby establishes the Center Effingham Historic District and the Lord's Hill Historic District.</p> <p>The Lord's Hill Historic District contains twenty-one properties. There are also five small cemeteries. The remaining sixteen properties have sixteen major buildings and nineteen outbuildings. Counting the bandstand, there are therefore thirty-six buildings in the Lord's Hill Historic District. [Edited, from www.livingplaces.com]</p>
District Characteristics	<p>Lord's Hill is a remarkably cohesive village. All of its major buildings are wooden and sheathed with white painted clapboards. This unity of material, similarity in size, consistent use of similar forms and roofs, and dominance of the "early American" styles, the vernacular, Georgian, Federal, Greek Revival, and Colonial Revival styles, give the village exceptional architectural unity. [Edited, from www.livingplaces.com]</p>
Other Comments	
NR Districts	Lord's Hill Historic District - 19850912
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	
Other Surveys	
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Town Name	Epping
Commission	Historic District
Link to Commission	
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	19.5 Signage in Historic District
Link to Master Plan	
Master Plan Section	
Link to Guidelines	
Link to Map	
District Name	Epping Historic Overlay District
Year Established	
No. Properties	
Est. Acreage	
Zoning Type(s)	Commercial, Residential
District History	
District Characteristics	
Other Comments	
NR Districts	
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	Sanborn/Liddy Historic District - 01-28-1991, West Epping-Depot Neighborhood - 05-13-1991, Hedding Camp Meeting Grounds Hist. Dist. (H) - 09-20-2000
Other Surveys	
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Town Name	Exeter
Commission	Historic District
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	Article 8
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	Chapter 5 Section 8; Chapter 7 Section 3G; Chapter 11
Link to Guidelines	
Link to Map	District Map
District Name	Exeter Historic Districts (3)
Year Established	1971
No. Properties	51
Est. Acreage	
Zoning Type(s)	Commercial, Residential, Institutional
District History	<p>Front Street was established in 1971 and contains approximately 51 properties.</p> <p>Downtown Historic District was established in 1979 and contains approximately 56 properties.</p> <p>High Street Historic District was established in 2006 and contains approximately 71 properties.</p>
District Characteristics	Exeter was founded in 1638 and the Historic District contains four houses from the 1700s and then High Street includes houses built after World War II.
Other Comments	The goal of the Exeter Historic District is "to keep Exeter pretty".
NR Districts	Exeter Waterfront Commercial Historic District - 19801203, Exeter Waterfront Commercial Historic District (Boundary Increase) - 19861229, Front Street Historic District - 19730705
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	Lyford/Conner Historic District - 01-12-1989, West End Railroad Industrial District - 06-23-1999
Other Surveys	
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Town Name	Fitzwilliam
Commission	Historic District
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	pg. 22
Link to Guidelines	Design Guidelines
Link to Map	District Map
District Name	Fitzwilliam Historic District
Year Established	1992
No. Properties	165
Est. Acreage	
Zoning Type(s)	Agricultural, Residential
District History	<p>In order to preserve and protect these resources, an Historic District Commission was established by vote of Town Meeting in 1970; one of their tasks was to define one or more historic districts. The current boundaries of the District (see map) were approved at Town Meeting in 1992. This district is comprised of 165 properties located primarily in the village center.</p> <p>In 2007 the Historic District Commission developed guidelines for the construction and reconstruction of building exteriors and the site and settings of the buildings; and in 2008 an Historic District Overlay Ordinance was adopted at Town Meeting.</p>
District Characteristics	<p>District: primarily the current village center.</p> <p>Fitzwilliam's historic district is a compact mixed use village centered on a Town Common dominated by the Town Hall, which along with seventeen other village buildings and lots, is on the National Register of Historic Places.</p>
Other Comments	<p>Ordinance amended January 26, 1999.</p> <p>Master Plan reference to historic vision: 4. The integrity of Fitzwilliam's historic past is preserved</p> <p>"The residents of Fitzwilliam value the Town's rich history, and support preservation of existing historic buildings and archeological sites. "</p> <p>"By their very nature historic neighborhoods embody</p>

	<p>the principles of smart growth and sustainable development.</p> <p>Fitzwilliam's historic district is a compact mixed use village centered on a Town Common dominated by the Town Hall, which along with seventeen other village buildings and lots, is on the National Register of Historic Places. For more than two and centuries Fitzwilliam has invited homes, farms, businesses, municipal buildings and community organizations to exist side by side in a rural village setting."</p>
NR Districts	Fitzwilliam Common Historic District - 19970502
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	Tommila Family Historic Neighborhood - 09-24-1997
Other Surveys	2008: inventory of all historic homes listed 40 homes built between 1750 and 1799; 77 between 1800 and 1849; 128 between 1850 and 1900.
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Town Name	Franklin
Commission	Heritage
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	Chapter 78
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	Section V
Link to Guidelines	Design Guidelines
Link to Map	District Map
District Name	Franklin Falls Historic District
Year Established	1982
No. Properties	99
Est. Acreage	52
Zoning Type(s)	Commercial, Industrial
District History	
District Characteristics	
Other Comments	<p>In 2006, a PlanNH charrette was held in Franklin to discuss the revitalization of the city's center. The report includes a brief historical outline of Franklin Falls' development since the first mills were constructed in the 1820s.</p> <p>"It was strongly recommended that a Downtown Revitalization District be created with the same geographic boundary as the Historic District. This district would place controls that are flexible enough to rehabilitate and reuse existing buildings but provide a framework for the Planning Board to review various applications.</p> <p>Ordinances and design guidelines could be adopted in a similar fashion as those in other towns such as Meredith and Portsmouth. Under this scenario, a new review and approval mechanism could be created for the activities in the District that involve exterior appearances - lighting, signs, renovation work, etc. - as opposed to the Planning or Zoning Board reviews that would deal with actual uses of a building. The Franklin Heritage Commission, or some other composite Board, could assume this responsibility."</p> <p>[from Plan NH Charrette, June 2006]</p> <p>See www.franklinnh.org/Pages/FranklinNH_PlanZoning/nh.pdf</p>
NR Districts	Franklin Falls Historic District - 19820819
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	West Franklin Historic District - 03-12-1988, Aiken Family Webster Lake Complex - 03-22-2000, Webster

Farm Historic District - 11-07-2005, Bow Street Historic Area (B) - 03-12-2008

Other Surveys

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Town Name	Gilford
Commission	Historic District / Heritage
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	Article 14
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	Chapter 6
Link to Guidelines	
Link to Map	
District Name	Gilford Village Historic District
Year Established	1973
No. Properties	71
Est. Acreage	195
Zoning Type(s)	Commercial, Residential
District History	It is the purpose of this Article to safeguard the heritage of the Town as it is represented in structures of historical and architectural value; to preserve a district in the Town which reflects elements of its cultural, social, economic and political history; to conserve property values in such district; to foster civic beauty; and to promote the use of a Historic District for the education, pleasure, and welfare of the citizens of our Town.
District Characteristics	
Other Comments	The boundaries of this District, as described herein, are those shown on the Official Gilford Village Historic District Map, which is on file and available to the public at the Department of Planning and Land Use.
NR Districts	
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	Gilford Village Area Form (A) - 09-28-1990
Other Surveys	
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Town Name	Gilmananton
Commission	Historic District
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	
Zoning Section	
Link to Master Plan	
Master Plan Section	
Link to Guidelines	
Link to Map	
District Name	Gilmananton Historic Districts (2)
Year Established	1967
No. Properties	98
Est. Acreage	620
Zoning Type(s)	
District History	Gilmananton has two local historic districts: Gilmananton Corners (established 1967) covers 53 properties on 102 acres, and the Smith Meetinghouse Historic District (established 1977) covers 45 properties on 517 acres.
District Characteristics	
Other Comments	<p>Current meeting agendas indicate an active HDC, but the Historic District Regulations, Master Plan, and Zoning Ordinance are not available online.</p> <p>All exterior property features are regulated within the districts at monthly HDC meetings.</p>
NR Districts	
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	Rocky Pond Summer Camp Historic District - 08-18-1993, Gilmananton Iron Works Village - 01-28-2004
Other Surveys	
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Town Name	Goffstown
Commission	Historic District / Heritage
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	Sections 2, 13, 15
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	Appendix C, Conservation, Open Space and Historic Preservation
Link to Guidelines	
Link to Map	District Map
District Name	Goffstown Historic Districts (3)
Year Established	1983
No. Properties	14
Est. Acreage	
Zoning Type(s)	Conservation, Agricultural, Commercial, Industrial, Residential, Institutional
District History	<p>The Historic District is comprised of 3 separate, locally recognized districts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parker Station (est.1986) 7 properties, 1 partial property, area surveyed 2011 -Grasmere (est. 1986) 4 properties, surveyed 2009 boundaries expanded in 1988 -Carr Court (est.1983) 2 properties, not surveyed <p>Goffstown Historic District Commission est. 1981 and also a Heritage Commission, each of these commissions meets monthly. Both are involved with regulating the historic districts.</p> <p>The Goffstown Historic District Commission (HDC) is the primary board responsible for the preservation of these buildings, structures and features. In 1994, the Commission was given the additional role of Heritage Commission, which has the ability to hold funds for preservation. 13.4.3 Limits of the HI District - The HI District includes the Grasmere District, Parker Station District, and the Carr Court District. Within the HI District, no construction, demolition, or other activity shall be permitted without a Certificate of Appropriateness issued by the Historic District Comm. .</p> <p>The HDC has identified the town's historic structures and features, promoted the adoption of historic districts and developed a walking tour brochure for the Village area, which is available at the Town Hall. The town has identified 60 historically significant structures, 14 in recognized areas. The Goffstown Main Street Historic District is not a separate locally designated district (tables 2, 3 in Master plan). During the development of the 1997 Town Master Plan, the Town residents also identified a number of</p>

	<p>other important historic or natural features, listed in Table 1, that were felt to form the cornerstones of Goffstown's cultural heritage.</p>
District Characteristics	<p>As of 2004, there are still quite a few agricultural uses remaining in Goffstown, although many of them keep a low profile. The landowners involved provide a vital part of the Town's rural character.</p> <p>The Historic District Commission and the Goffstown Historic Society have exerted considerable effort to identify and develop means for protecting historic landmarks and "Cornerstones" in Goffstown. As a result, residents are able to visit and learn about these resources and be reasonably assured of their continued protection. However, there may be other resources that have not yet been discovered.</p> <p>The Historic District Commission's Historic Marker Program seeks to educate the public about the many historical people, places, and events in Goffstown's past by emphasizing the presence of history all around us. Each attractive marker displays a photograph and brief description of the person, place, or event being commemorated, offering visitors and residents alike a glimpse into the Town's unique heritage. The first seven historic markers were installed in Spring 2012.</p> <p>A walking tour of historic landmarks was written by the Goffstown Historic District Commission (1995). Main Street is an important part of the historic area.</p>
Other Comments	
NR Districts	Goffstown Main Street Historic District - 20070315
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	Goffstown Village Historic District Area Form - 07-08-1998
Other Surveys	
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Town Name	Hampstead
Commission	Historic District / Heritage
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	pg 107
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	
Link to Guidelines	Design Guidelines
Link to Map	
District Name	Hampstead Historic Districts (4)
Year Established	1975
No. Properties	
Est. Acreage	
Zoning Type(s)	
District History	<p>Regulations amended, June 1998</p> <p>4 districts, 1975, 1995, 1999, 1999.</p> <p>Historical Zone E Old Library Building Town Pound Old Main St. Cemetery</p>
District Characteristics	
Other Comments	
NR Districts	
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	
Other Surveys	
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Town Name	Hancock
Commission	Historic District
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	Article 8, pg. 31-39
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	
Link to Guidelines	Design Guidelines
Link to Map	District Map
District Name	Hancock Historic District
Year Established	1975
No. Properties	38
Est. Acreage	
Zoning Type(s)	Residential
District History	
District Characteristics	
Other Comments	
NR Districts	Hancock Village Historic District - 19880308
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	
Other Surveys	
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Town Name	Harrisville
Commission	Historic District
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	pg. 12
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	pg. 2
Link to Guidelines	
Link to Map	
District Name	Harrisville Historic District
Year Established	1969
No. Properties	
Est. Acreage	
Zoning Type(s)	Industrial, Residential, Professional
District History	
District Characteristics	
Other Comments	
NR Districts	Beech Hill Summer Home District - 19880114, Chesham Village District - 19861229, Harrisville Rural District - 19870218, Pottersville District - 19861229, Silver Lake District - 19861229
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	
Other Surveys	
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Town Name	Hebron
Commission	Historic District
Link to Commission	
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	Article V
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	
Link to Guidelines	Design Guidelines
Link to Map	
District Name	Common Historic District
Year Established	1985
No. Properties	32
Est. Acreage	
Zoning Type(s)	Commercial, Residential, Institutional
District History	
District Characteristics	While some of the present buildings in the District were built during the early 1800's, there is not a predominant number of such buildings of buildings of similar architectural design that relate to a particular period to establish specific guidelines based on a certain period design.
Other Comments	The Historic District provides an important emotional and physical common ground for the community, and will continue to do so in the future. To preserve the uniquely beautiful Town Common, any new or remodeled buildings regulated by the Hebron Historic District Commission will be kept in the tradition of old New England. Every effort will be made to keep the historic buildings surrounding the Village Green a vital part of the community. To this end, priority will be given to renovating and repurposing town-owned buildings rather than constructing new buildings. Handicapped accessible spaces for civic, recreational, cultural, and community events will be available for citizens of all ages and interests to gather and interact with one another. [From Plan NH charrette.]
NR Districts	Hebron Village Historic District - 19850307
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	
Other Surveys	
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Town Name	Henniker
Commission	Historic District
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	Article XXIX, Historic District
Link to Master Plan	
Master Plan Section	Chpt. 2, Historic and Cultural Resources
Link to Guidelines	
Link to Map	District Map
District Name	Henniker Historic District
Year Established	1975
No. Properties	6
Est. Acreage	
Zoning Type(s)	Conservation, Agricultural, Commercial, Industrial, Residential, Institutional
District History	<p>The Historic District in town consists of Town-owned properties only: Town Hall, Town Hall Commons, Town Graveyard, Town Community Center and Park and the Historic Society Building. No official specific district location established at this time.</p> <p>Historic District Commission is designated steward of the historic buildings and land in the immediate vicinity of Town Hall. Henniker's Historic District Commission has identified the buildings as historic and recommends incorporating them into the Historic District. Their inclusion in the Historic District will allow the commission to review and approve any proposed alteration to these buildings. The commissioners, comprised of town residents, are volunteers committed to historic preservation and restoration.</p>
District Characteristics	<p>The main village of the town is defined as Henniker and is located along the Contoocook River. The town also includes the village of West Henniker. Farmers found the town's surface relatively even, with fertile soil. Various mills operated by water power on the Contoocook River, including a woolen factory; mills in Henniker were closed in 1959 by the Hopkinton-Everett Lakes Flood Control Project.</p>
Other Comments	<p>The Heritage Commission worked with the Planning Board to present an Amendment to the Zoning Regulations for ballot vote. To protect town landmarks, the Henniker Historic Commission has drafted a warrant article to add three buildings to the town's historic district; to have been presented to voters recently. If passed by voters, the warrant article would protect Grange Hall (former Unitarian Church, 1882); Academy Hall, constructed in 1836</p>

	as Henniker Academy (1836); and the Henniker Community Center (former Baptist Church, 1834). Under the designation, the historic commission would have to approve any proposed changes to the buildings.
NR Districts	
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	Henniker Village Historic District (HV) - 01-15-1996
Other Surveys	
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Town Name	Hillsborough
Commission	Historic District
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	http://www.ecode360.com/10181067
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	Historic Resources Section, p.26-37 (2004, Downtown Master Plan)
Link to Guidelines	Design Guidelines
Link to Map	District Map
District Name	Hillsborough Center Historic District
Year Established	1975
No. Properties	13
Est. Acreage	200
Zoning Type(s)	Commercial, Residential, Institutional
District History	The town has a Historic District Commission which is overseen by the Selectmen; the Commission meets as needed and regulates exterior features including outdoor lighting, fences/landscaping, paint/siding and masonry, roofing, signage and windows and also new construction in the Historic District; these things being enforced by the Selectmen. The Town owns 3 Historic buildings, downtown area, and there are 9 one-room schoolhouses also in the downtown area.
District Characteristics	Two villages were established: one was Hillsborough Center, which is near the geographic center of town, the other was Bridge Village at falls on the Contoocook River with the first mill. For generations the Bridge Village has been the center of economic activity and social life in Hillsborough and surrounding towns. The Bridge Village continued to develop as a typical small mill town into the early twentieth century, creating a walkable and self-sufficient urban center. Before long the textile industry in New Hampshire and in Hillsborough became increasingly noncompetitive and steadily declined. Very few intact mill villages remain in New Hampshire that are as large as Hillsborough. Bridge Village has survived for over two hundred years, evolving as economic pressures shifted and the communities needs changed.
Other Comments	
NR Districts	Contoocook Mills Industrial District - 19750610
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	Center Road Area - 10-21-1992, Merrill/Codman Area - 10-21-1992, Hillsborough Bridge Village Area - 04-28-1993, Central Square Area - 10-06-1993,

	Dascomb Farm Area - 10-06-1993, Bear Hill Road Historic Distrct - 08-17-1994, Hillsborough Lower Village Area - 11-08-2006
Other Surveys	
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Town Name	Hollis
Commission	Historic District / Heritage
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	Section VII, Historic District
Link to Master Plan	
Master Plan Section	
Link to Guidelines	Design Guidelines
Link to Map	District Map
District Name	Hollis Village Historic District
Year Established	1971
No. Properties	122
Est. Acreage	400
Zoning Type(s)	Conservation, Agricultural, Commercial, Industrial, Residential, Institutional
District History	<p>Hollis Village is a well-preserved example of vernacular community development, illustrating the evolution of the center of a small farming community over two hundred years. The nucleus of the village has always been the small common around which the public buildings were situated. This common, now triangular in shape and known as Monument Square (#39), was first laid out in 1740.</p> <p>The Hollis Village Historic District is significant for its range of late 18th to mid 20th century architecturally-significant properties. The buildings are predominantly residential, but also include public buildings including a town hall, library, engine house and schools as well as commercial buildings. Although architecturally the district is best known for a number of exceptional examples of the Georgian and Federal styles, additional structures in the district also display the influence of the Greek Revival, Gothic Revival, Italianate, Stick Style, Queen Anne, Colonial Revival, Classical Revival, Craftsman and Bungalow.</p> <p>The Hollis Village Historic District is also significant as a well-preserved example of the historical evolution of a vernacular village center over two hundred years. Beginning with the establishment of the town common in 1740, and insulated by agricultural development which has historically surrounded the village core, the area has served as the village center since its beginning, a role which it continues to serve today. The period of significance for the district is 1740 - 1950, reflecting the dates of the earliest settlement in the area and the fifty-year cutoff of the National Register. Despite incremental changes to individual resources and the addition of new buildings over the years, the nominated district</p>

	possesses considerable integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association.
District Characteristics	<p>Nomination for the National Register of Historic Places, for Hollis under a CLG grant (2000), resulted in the placement of the district on the Register.</p> <p>The Hollis Village Historic District is located near the geographic center of the town of Hollis. The district includes an area of approximately 400 acres in Hollis' historic town center, the majority of properties in the district are residential in nature. In total, the district includes 90 contributing buildings, 32 buildings which are noncontributing, 11 contributing sites, 3 noncontributing sites, 4 contributing objects, 3 noncontributing objects and 1 additional building previously listed on the National Register.</p>
Other Comments	<p>Within the Town, 67 of the 257 historic sites are located on land parcels that can be developed and are potentially at risk. Maintaining the rural characteristics is an issue for the residents. The Master Plan Committee found the preservation and conservation of these sites and areas to be of tremendous importance to the preservation of the visual and rural character of Hollis.</p>
NR Districts	Hollis Village Historic District - 20010302
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	South Merrimack Road Area - 06-13-1993, Hollis Village Historic District - 08-23-2000, Woodmont Orchard Area Form (WO) - 08-14-2001
Other Surveys	
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Town Name	Hooksett
Commission	Heritage
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	
Zoning Section	
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	
Link to Guidelines	Design Guidelines
Link to Map	
District Name	Village Area
Year Established	2007
No. Properties	
Est. Acreage	
Zoning Type(s)	
District History	
District Characteristics	
Other Comments	At a previous meeting, Kathie Northrup, Heritage Commission Chair was asked to present a district boundary map to be adopted for RSA 79-E, Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive Program. The program was adopted on October 10, 2007. [Heritage Commission Meeting Minutes, various]
NR Districts	
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	Hooksett Village Historic District - 09-28-2005
Other Surveys	
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Town Name	Jaffrey
Commission	Historic District
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	Paragraph 15.2, pg. 51
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	pg. 89
Link to Guidelines	Design Guidelines
Link to Map	District Map
District Name	Jaffrey Center Historic District
Year Established	1969
No. Properties	36
Est. Acreage	
Zoning Type(s)	Residential
District History	
District Characteristics	
Other Comments	
NR Districts	Jaffrey Center Historic District - 19750611
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	
Other Surveys	<p>Local survey in 1986 for most of the historical and architectural resources erected prior to 1940.</p> <p>Agricultural survey, 1996, all resources currently or formerly associated with an active farm and erected prior to 1936 ; also detailed documentation on Sawyer Farm survey #89, Milliken Tavern/Chiselhurst Farm survey #5 and Steven Farm survey #39. [on file at the Clay Library]</p>
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Town Name	Keene
Commission	Historic District / Heritage
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	
Zoning Section	
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	pg 52-55
Link to Guidelines	Design Guidelines
Link to Map	District Map
District Name	Downtown Historic District
Year Established	2008
No. Properties	
Est. Acreage	
Zoning Type(s)	Commercial, Industrial, Residential, Professional
District History	Established June 18, 2008, amended June 19, 2009.
District Characteristics	
Other Comments	
NR Districts	Beaver Mills - 19991209
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	Central Square Historic District (CS) - 09-23-1992, Appleton Street Historic Area - 05-21-1997, Lower Main Street Historic Area (E) - 07-30-1997, Main Street Historic District (A) - 07-30-1997, Bergeron Historic Area (D) - 08-13-1997, Island-Pearl Streets Historic Neighborhood (B - 08-27-1997, Park-Fairview Historic District - 08-27-1997, Park Row (PW) - 02-28-2001, Baker-Adams Street Historic Area - 04-12-2002, Beaver Street Area (BE) - 07-14-2004
Other Surveys	Building Inventory from 1983 at keenepubliclibrary.org
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Town Name	Kingston
Commission	Historic District
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	Article 102
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	
Link to Guidelines	Design Guidelines
Link to Map	
District Name	Main Street Historic District, Little River Historic District
Year Established	1972
No. Properties	
Est. Acreage	123
Zoning Type(s)	Conservation, Agricultural, Commercial, Residential, Professional
District History	The Main Street Historic District was established in 1972, contains 79 acres and the Little River Historic District was established in 1976 and contains 44 acres.
District Characteristics	
Other Comments	<p>As explained in the Zoning Ordinance Historic District I "is an integrated area of mixed uses being predominately residential with small retail businesses for convenience shopping." The area also contains a variety of public buildings serving religious and civic functions, dining facilities, customary home occupations, traditional home arts and crafts, gardening, domestic animal raising and service professions. The area is characterized from its general appearance along the Plains as typical of a small New England village containing many fine examples of colonial architecture as well as a mix of other architectural types.</p> <p>The intent of the Little River Historic District (Historic District II) is to preserve the scale and unique historic character of this cluster community built around two old mill sites. (from the Master Plan)</p>
NR Districts	
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	Kingston Town-wide Area Form - 09-24-2003, Old Coach Road Historic Area (OCR) - 10-08-2003, Kingston Main Street Historic District - 12-10-2008
Other Surveys	
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Town Name	Lebanon
Commission	Heritage
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	Section 408
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	Chapter 11
Link to Guidelines	
Link to Map	District Map
District Name	Colburn Park Historic District
Year Established	1996
No. Properties	29
Est. Acreage	17
Zoning Type(s)	Commercial, Residential, Professional
District History	The Heritage Commission was established by Ordinance #2006-7 on July 19, 2006 (See City of Lebanon Code, Chapter 31, Article VII) in accordance with NH RSA 674:44, 675:7 and 676:1. The Heritage Commission replaced the previous Historic District Commission.
District Characteristics	
Other Comments	
NR Districts	Colburn Park Historic District - 19860110
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	Westboro Railyard Historic District - 02-26-2003, South Main Street Historic Area (SM) - 09-12-2007
Other Surveys	
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Town Name	Londonderry
Commission	Historic District / Heritage
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	Section 2.6.4, Historic District
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	
Link to Guidelines	
Link to Map	District Map
District Name	Londonderry Historic District
Year Established	1998
No. Properties	226
Est. Acreage	20
Zoning Type(s)	Conservation, Agricultural, Commercial, Industrial, Residential, Institutional
District History	<p>Londonderry has a Historic District and Heritage Commission and also a Historic Overlay District. The Historic District Commission meets monthly; some exterior changes to bldgs. in the Hist. District require a Certificate of Approval from the HDC. "The Londonderry Historic Properties Preservation Task Force exists to identify and develop a prioritized list of historic buildings and cultural resources that should be protected from demolition or development in order to preserve the Town's history and cultural character".</p> <p>The HPPTF began meeting monthly in May of 2006. The task force defined Historic structures, reviewed preservation techniques and made recommendations. The report contains specific information and reports 141 historic structures/sites and 85 barns.</p>
District Characteristics	<p>The town remains heavily wooded and has retained a great deal of its rural qualities. Today, Londonderry is particularly noted for its orchards – still producing apples for local and regional customers – and rural character that provides a visual connection with its history. The Historic structures are of various period styles. The Master Plan states Londonderry's Historic District is designed to achieve a variety of goals, including but not limited to safeguarding the heritage of Londonderry, preserving elements of the town that reflect history, and guiding development to be consistent with the character of historic resources. The district currently covers four lots in Londonderry's town center; Londonderry's town center and Town Common will be the focus of future enhancement initiatives. It is felt "the allowed uses, design, and density of new development in the area</p>

	<p>should reflect the overall character of the town center. Specifics of these changes should be dealt with by the Town Center Task Force . Even though land uses here should remain relatively stable, the town should consider establishment of a town center zoning district or overlay".</p>
Other Comments	<p>Londonderry has a combined Historic District/Heritage Commission, which holds monthly meetings. Exterior changes to historic buildings requires a Certificate of Approval from the Historic District Commission. It also has a Historic Overlay District.</p>
NR Districts	
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	<p>North Londonderry Historic District - 01-29-1997, Wilson's Crossing Historic Area - 01-29-1997, The Elms/Highlander - 01-26-2000, Woodmont Orchards Historic District - 02-27-2002, Meadow Estates Historic Area - 03-04-2002, Building 800 Area/Grenier Field Historic Area - 09-28-2005, Bacigalupo Houses Area Form - , Local Historic District -</p>
Other Surveys	<p>Historic Property Survey completed 2008 by Historic Preservation Task Force for Town Task Force Report, members of task force are citizens of town.</p>
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Town Name	Manchester
Commission	Historic District / Heritage
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	Historic Manchester
Link to Guidelines	
Link to Map	District Map
District Name	Manchester Historic District
Year Established	1996
No. Properties	
Est. Acreage	
Zoning Type(s)	Conservation, Commercial, Industrial, Residential, Institutional
District History	<p>The Heritage Commission was created in 1996 by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen in order to insure the proper recognition, use and protection of legacy resources within the City. This inheritance from the past generally consists of man-made things which may range widely in kind and type and which may be both tangibly or intangibly expressed. These heritage resources are typically valued for their historic, cultural, aesthetic, or community significance and are appreciated for what they contribute to the built, intellectual or spiritual environment of the City.</p> <p>Also, one of the key tasks assigned to the Heritage Commission when it was created was to assume the duties and powers previously granted to the new defunct Historic District Commission (1981-1996). Chief among these duties is: The power to review and approve all building permit applications involving outdoor work within the Amoskeag Corporation Housing Historic District, and the power to review and approve all proposals to demolish buildings and other structures in either the Amoskeag Corporation Housing or the Amoskeag Millyard Historic Districts.</p> <p>The Millyard Design Review Committee was created in 1996 by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen in order to provide for the proper design review necessary to enhance the image and protect the interest in the historic Amoskeag Millyard. The Committee's area of jurisdiction involves the entire area of the locally zoned "AMX" district – which essentially corresponds to the geographic area of the Amoskeag Millyard Historic District overlay zone – on both side of the Merrimack River. The Millyard Design Review Committee is specifically empowered</p>

	by the Zoning Ordinance .Any and all proposals to demolish a building or structure in the AMX district falls under the jurisdiction of the City of Manchester Heritage Commission.
District Characteristics	Manchester has several Historic Districts within it's locally recognized District and contains residential houses, factory/mill buildings and housing and business buildings. Architectural styles are varied.
Other Comments	The Manchester Planning Board, in its 2010 Master Plan, defines 25 neighborhoods within the city. The major neighborhoods, historically, include Amoskeag, Rimmon Heights, Notre Dame/McGregorville and Piscataquog/Granite Square on the West Side; and the North End, Janeville/Corey Square, Hallsville and Bakersville on the East Side; along with Youngsville and Goffes Falls on the periphery of the city.
NR Districts	District A - 19821112, District B - 19821112, District C - 19821112, District D - 19821112, District E - 19821112, Victory Park Historic District - 19960603
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	The Elms/Highlander - 01-26-2000, Goffe's Falls Historic Area - 03-01-1995, Riverside Manor and Devonshire Park (R) - 03-01-1995, Victory Park Civic District - 02-14-1996, Grenier Field Historic Area - 04-10-1996, Kenberma Street Historic Area (K) - 01-29-1997, Amoskeag Millyard Area Form - 04-11-2000, Manchester Low Service Waterworks - 02-13-2002, State Reform School Historic Dist (SRS/YDC) - 11-27-2002, Kalivas Park/Lincoln School Area (E19) - 01-14-2004, Straw-Oak Neighborhood - 05-11-2005, Corey Square/Janesville (E11) - 06-22-2005, Wilson/Hanover Hill Area (E12) - 11-14-2007, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Complex - 03-12-2008
Other Surveys	
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Town Name	Marlborough
Commission	Heritage
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	
Zoning Section	
Link to Master Plan	
Master Plan Section	
Link to Guidelines	
Link to Map	
District Name	Marlborough Heritage District
Year Established	1995
No. Properties	
Est. Acreage	
Zoning Type(s)	
District History	Enacted an Historic District Commission in 1993, which was obsoleted in 1995 and replaced by an Heritage Commission, because the choice of having a Heritage Commission seemed to be a better one, as the previous commission was not able to create the regulation guidelines and map out an historic district in the two years of its existence. There was no resistance to or controversy to the Historic District.
District Characteristics	
Other Comments	
NR Districts	
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	Marlborough Village - 12-22-2004
Other Surveys	
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Town Name	Mason
Commission	Historic District
Link to Commission	
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	Article V, Zoning Districts
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	Historic, Cultural and Conservation Resources
Link to Guidelines	
Link to Map	District Map
District Name	Mason Historic Preservation District
Year Established	1967
No. Properties	34
Est. Acreage	119
Zoning Type(s)	Conservation, Agricultural, Commercial, Residential
District History	<p>The development of Mason’s land has gone through several changes as economic emphasis has shifted from one period to another. The early agrarian society of the Town dominated the land use pattern of Mason in its formative years. Small cottage industries developed throughout the town and when the railroad provided access to the area in the 1850’s many products from Mason were shipped to Boston. The lack of water sources sufficient to support major power needs and the topography throughout the town led to very little industrial development. The community services including the town hall, churches, and library gave the village center the visual impact of an early New England town and little has changed in the Town Center since that time.</p> <p>The Town recognizes the importance of maintaining and preserving its historic buildings, and continues to use them. The Town Hall located at the heart of the Village was built in 1840, and is used for Town Meeting and other community events. The Town Offices are located in the village center. The two-story wood frame structure, known as the Mann House, was built in 1774 and was given to the Town in 1984.</p>
District Characteristics	
Other Comments	<p>There are three zoning districts in the Town of Mason, Village Residential (VR), General Residential, Agricultural, and Forestry District (GRAF) and the Historic Preservation District (HP).</p> <p>Currently the Selectmen administer the Historic District, although previously there was the Historic</p>

	District Commission, which is staffed by volunteers. The Commission regulates exterior changes involving roofing, siding, signage and windows and participates in hearings for such changes. The Historic District Commission meets as needed.
NR Districts	
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	
Other Surveys	
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Town Name	Mont Vernon
Commission	Historic District
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	Article 4, District Regulations : I - 404(zoning regs)
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	
Link to Guidelines	Design Guidelines
Link to Map	District Map
District Name	Mont Vernon Historic District
Year Established	1979
No. Properties	
Est. Acreage	
Zoning Type(s)	Conservation, Agricultural, Commercial, Residential
District History	<p>The town has one Historic District which falls under the jurisdiction of the Zoning Board and the Town Selectmen. The Historic District Commission meets as needed and reviews architectural changes to structures in Mont Vernon's Historic District.</p> <p>The town recognizes the need to maintain and preserve historic sites such as Lamson Farm and the circa-1850 McCollom Building, a former school building that serves as home to the Mont Vernon Police Department and the Town Clerks office is a significant and historic structure.</p> <p>The Lamson Farm was the first farm in the north end of town. The house and some land were donated to the town. The rest of the land was purchased by the town with money partially from the Federal government to be used forever for recreation. The house and land are managed by a Lamson Farm Commission. The Lamson Farm is a working farm, house, and museum at the North end of Lamson Road in Mont Vernon, NH.</p>
District Characteristics	Mt. Vernon is considered a suburban New Hampshire town with many rural qualities. The Town of Mont Vernon incorporated itself in 1803 after it split from the Town of Amherst.
Other Comments	
NR Districts	
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	
Other Surveys	
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Town Name	Nashua
Commission	Historic District
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	Land Use, Article IV Overlay Districts, Section 190:22
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	
Link to Guidelines	Design Guidelines
Link to Map	District Map
District Name	Nashua Historic District
Year Established	1980
No. Properties	200
Est. Acreage	150
Zoning Type(s)	Conservation, Commercial, Industrial, Residential, Professional, Institutional
District History	<p>Nashua Historic District Commission (HDC) was established (1980) to enhance, recognize and strengthen Nashua's heritage. Nashua's Historic District preserves a unique part of heritage. To save both the heritage and property values within the District, a Historic District Commission and rules were established by City Ordinance. The HDC is responsible for the review and approval of all building permit applications located within the Nashua Historic District. On occasion, the HDC is also asked to comment regarding applications scheduled before various city boards in reference to historic significance of properties within and outside of the historic district. Changes to the exterior that require a building permit must also be reviewed by HDC. All proposed changes for alterations, additions, and new construction must conform to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards of Rehabilitation and apply to all residential and commercial buildings within the District. The committee meets on monthly basis.</p> <p>The Nashua Manufacturing Co.(1825) hired Asher Benjamin of Boston, recognized as one of the founding "Fathers of American Architecture", to plan, design and build the new manufacturing township of Nashua Village. Benjamin planned out the urban-grid street system- (seemingly the first in New Hampshire), the location of the massive textile factories, the laborers boarding houses, the mercantile lots, the 1825 Olive Street Church (sadly gone), the 1826 Unitarian Church (a national treasure), the Old Brick Schoolhouse on West Pearl St.; thus here was New Hampshire first large planned manufacturing township.</p>

	<p>In 1842, the Town of Nashua, New Hampshire divided into two separate townships resulting from feelings of insult and impropriety of selecting the location of the proposed new Town House or Town Hall. The residents north of the Nashua River were enraged over the site selected on the south side of the river. (Nashville)</p> <p>The Nashua Manufacturing Company was acquired by Textron, Inc. of Rhode Island, and in September of 1947 liquidated. Some 2,000 Nashuans were out of work and the city that was created to manufacture textiles had to adapt and reinvent itself. From this catastrophic event, a new city of innovation, advancement, and modernity was reborn. The now legendary men of the Nashua New Hampshire Foundation organized their efforts for love of their city and home, purchased the millions of square feet of empty textile mill buildings, and set about attracting new, diverse, and progressive industries to the "Gate City".</p>
District Characteristics	The historic district is composed of residential and industrial properties, and is also part of the historic over-lay zone. The historic district includes a wide variety of residential housing in various styles reflective of the times. Also included are factories and housing for factory workers. The City currently has 4 planning sections for Nashua, the East and West River, Main Street Downtown and the Railroad.
Other Comments	
NR Districts	Nashua Manufacturing Company Historic District - 19870911, Nashville Historic District - 19841213
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	Nashua Manufacturing Company - 09-04-1987, Nashua Mill Canal and Gatehouse - 09-04-1987, Boire Field Area Form - 08-12-1992, Nashua National Fish Hatchery - 08-03-1994, Nashua & Lowell Railroad Historic District - 05-08-2002, Prescott Street Historic Area - 09-25-2002, Pennichuck Water Works (B115) - 07-09-2003, Amherst Street Neighborhood - 10-08-2003
Other Surveys	Town inventory was completed in 1980 which contains descriptions and photos of property in district.
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Town Name	New Castle
Commission	Historic District
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	9.3
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	
Link to Guidelines	Design Guidelines
Link to Map	District Map
District Name	Historic Overlay District
Year Established	
No. Properties	200
Est. Acreage	
Zoning Type(s)	Conservation, Commercial, Residential, Professional
District History	
District Characteristics	
Other Comments	<p>New Castle, the smallest town in New Hampshire, covers .8 square miles, or 504 acres. The Town, consisting of one large island (461 acres) and several smaller islands, serves as a scenic residential and recreational community. New Castle is primarily composed of residential housing units. The sole vehicular and pedestrian access to New Castle is via Route 1B, a narrow state highway, which connects to Portsmouth on the northwest side of the island and to Rye on the southwest portion of the town. As an ocean side island community, New Castle is surrounded by over 7.5 miles of shoreline, which is characterized by valuable natural resources, including beaches, marine grass, salt marshes and wetlands. High-density, single-family houses, the Town Hall, Fire Station, Congregational Church, and Post Office comprise the town center. Many of the homes in this area and elsewhere in the Historic District are of major historical significance, dating back to the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. The southern end of town is primarily the property that comprised the former Wentworth By The Sea Hotel. Closed in 1981, this resort which originally consisted of 85 acres, housed the hotel and substantial open and recreational space for its guests. Today, this land consists of a 170 slip marina and associated amenities, 101 high-density housing units and construction is currently underway for a 170 room hotel complex with 18 hotel apartments.</p>
NR Districts	

Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	Fort Constitution Historic District Area Form - 05-22-2002
Other Surveys	
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Town Name	Newington
Commission	Historic District
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	Section 7
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	Section IV
Link to Guidelines	Design Guidelines
Link to Map	District Map
District Name	Old Town Historic District
Year Established	
No. Properties	
Est. Acreage	110
Zoning Type(s)	Commercial, Residential
District History	The Old Town Center local historic district encompasses all Town-owned land situated in the old town center. Newington's second local historic district is comprised of eight acres at Bloody Point that are owned by the State of New Hampshire and leased to the Town of Newington.
District Characteristics	
Other Comments	
NR Districts	Margeson, Richman, Estate - 19900621, Newington Center Historic District - 19871130, Newington Center Historic District (Boundary Increase) - 19911209
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	Patterson Lane Historic Area - 02-09-2005, Sprague Energy Area Form - 02-09-2005, Pease Air Force Base Railroad Spur - 11-23-2005
Other Surveys	
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Town Name	Newport
Commission	Heritage
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	Sections 213, 304
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	Section XI: Historic Resources
Link to Guidelines	
Link to Map	District Map
District Name	Newport Historic Districts (2)
Year Established	1980
No. Properties	39
Est. Acreage	
Zoning Type(s)	Commercial, Professional, Institutional
District History	Heritage Commission was established in 1981. Downtown Historic District (1985) Common Historic District (1980)
District Characteristics	
Other Comments	The Town of Newport maintains a volunteer Heritage Commission as an advisory and review board to protect historical and cultural resources valued as significant pieces of the community's landscape. In Newport, the Heritage Commission's primary purpose is to review building construction and alterations that may affect town-wide historic resources. The Newport Zoning Ordinance identifies the two historic districts and recognizes the importance of historic structures. [from Master Plan]
NR Districts	Newport Downtown Historic District - 19850606
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	Newport Downtown Historic District (NR) - 06-06-1985, Guild Village and Maple Street Ext. Area (G) - 03-17-1993, Pleasant Street Target Area (PS) - 09-27-1995, Beech Road Neighborhood Potential District - 01-12-2000, Newport Local Historic District -
Other Surveys	
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Town Name	Portsmouth
Commission	Historic District
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	10.63
Link to Master Plan	
Master Plan Section	
Link to Guidelines	Design Guidelines
Link to Map	District Map
District Name	Historic District
Year Established	1997
No. Properties	
Est. Acreage	
Zoning Type(s)	Commercial, Residential, Professional, Institutional
District History	The district was first established in 1977 and later enlarged to include Islington Street.
District Characteristics	The architecture and ages of the buildings within the district vary from 1700s to the present. Many properties/buildings within the district have been divided into multiple owner condominiums.
Other Comments	The Historic District includes most of the City's oldest structures. While not every structure in the District has historic significance on its own, the District's architectural value and its sense of place are shaped by the interaction and focus of many and varied structures, and the City's architectural and historic character is derived from the combination of features that have gained significance over time. Therefore, it is in the public interest to ensure architectural review and approval of all new structures and significant changes to existing structures within the District. [from Section 10.632.10 of Zoning Ordinance]
NR Districts	Atlantic Heights Development - 20060920, Strawberry Banke Historic District - 19750620, Wentworth--Gardner and Tobias Lear Houses - 19791030
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	Mariner's Village (MV) - 06-08-1994, Atlantic Heights Historic District (AH) - 02-14-2001, US Route 1 Bypass Historic District (Rt1) - 03-22-2006, Christian Shore Historic District (CS) - 01-10-2007, Hillside Drive Historic District (HS) - 11-14-2007, Middle Road Historic District (MR) - 11-28-2007, Islington-Melbourne Historic District (IM) - 12-12-2007, Portsmouth Local Historic District (A) - , Portsmouth Armory Neighborhoods Study -

Other Surveys	
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Town Name	Raymond
Commission	Historic District
Link to Commission	
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	3.310
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	Section XII
Link to Guidelines	
Link to Map	District Map
District Name	Raymond Overlay District
Year Established	1977
No. Properties	17
Est. Acreage	
Zoning Type(s)	Commercial, Residential
District History	In 1977, in an effort to preserve the quality of the Town of Raymond's vibrant historic downtown, the Town of Raymond adopted a Historic Overlay District. This district was created to establish standard guidelines for redevelopment, development of new construction, and additions to the existing historically significant structures within the Historic District. The guidelines are intended to stress the importance of maintaining the valued historic character of the district. The properties included within the Historic Overlay District are identified in Table 76. These properties are represented individually from top to bottom by Tax Map and Lot Number. They are also identified and shown as numbers 30-46 on Historical Resources Map 30.
District Characteristics	
Other Comments	In order for historically significant properties to be officially included within the Historic Overlay District, they must be partially or solely owned by the Raymond Historical Society or a petition process is necessary. Owners of historically significant buildings or features interested in joining the Historic District are required to petition to place a structure on the Town ballot and the Historic District Commission then takes a vote on whether the structure is considered historically valuable enough

to become an addition to the current Historic Overlay District. In other instances, the Historic District Commission can nominate historic sites to be placed directly on a ballot for vote. To take a current Historic District property off the list of historic district sites, the same petition process is required. [from Master Plan]

NR Districts	
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	Raymond Downtown Historic District - 03-17-1993, Main Street Residential Neighborhood - 11-26-2003
Other Surveys	
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Town Name	Rochester
Commission	Historic District
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	Section 42.33
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	
Link to Guidelines	
Link to Map	District Map
District Name	Rochester Historic District
Year Established	2003
No. Properties	
Est. Acreage	
Zoning Type(s)	Commercial, Industrial
District History	
District Characteristics	
Other Comments	<p>The Historic Overlay District, encompassing the greater downtown area, includes the following properties:</p> <p>(1) Tax Map 116, Lots 156-162, and 201-204; (2) Tax Map 120, Lots 322-324, 332-340, 342, 342-1, 343, 346, 347, 351, 352, 354, 355, 358- 367, 379-381, 383-390, 392-408, and 419-422; (3) Tax Map 121, Lots 9-18, 28, 29, 361-364, 366-368, 368-1, 369-400; and (4) Tax Map 125, Lots 1, 181, 182, and 202-204</p>
NR Districts	Rochester Commercial and Industrial District - 19830408
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	Willow Brook Brick Culverts - 08-23-2000, Rochester Commercial and Industrial HD - 01-24-2001, Strafford Square Historic District (SD) - 12-14-2005
Other Surveys	
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Town Name	Rye
Commission	Historic District
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	303.1
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	Section 8.0
Link to Guidelines	
Link to Map	District Map
District Name	Rye Historic District
Year Established	1966
No. Properties	40
Est. Acreage	
Zoning Type(s)	Commercial, Residential, Institutional
District History	Original Rye Historic District was instituted in 1966 with a town warrant article enacted in 1978 adding the NH portion of the Isle of Shoals (located approximately six miles offshore) and the Brackett Massacre Site. In 1979 a warrant article was enacted to include the Cable House (site of the terminal for the first Atlantic Cable connecting the US and Europe.
District Characteristics	The Rye Historic District is predominately composed of Pre-Revolutionary, Federal and Victorian residential, commercial and municipal structures dating from 1724. Typically, the facades of the buildings average forty (40) feet wide, and between 1-1/2 to 2-1/2 stories high. The average street frontage of a building lot is seventy-five (75) feet; the average setback is ten to fifteen feet from the edge of the street right-of-way. The average percentage of openings (doors, windows, etc.) as a percentage of the facade is 25 to 40 percent; the usual construction materials and surface treatment is wood clapboards; the usual roof shape is peaked; the usual architectural details are Pre-Revolutionary; and the usual landscaping/ground covers are grass, shrubs, and trees. A detailed inventory of the buildings and structures of the District is on file with the Town Clerk and Tax Collector. Copies are available at the Public Library and from the Historic District Commission. (Amended 2008) [from Zoning Ordinance]
Other Comments	Rye's Historic District should be maintained with only modest expansion beyond its present coverage. There are only a few additional historic buildings in any area contiguous to the present district. Other historically and architecturally significant structures

are dispersed throughout Rye. The goal of preserving our heritage could be advanced by the formation of a Heritage Commission. These changes would require the Town to look into this in more detail. [from Master Plan]

The Rye Historic District is defined as that area from the west end of Grange Park to the intersection of Central and Washington Roads within five hundred (500) feet on either side of the centerline of Washington Road. Also included in the Rye Historic District are the State of New Hampshire Isles of Shoals islands and the Brackett Road Massacre Site and the historic Cable House located at 20 Old Beach Road. (from zoning Ordinance)

NR Districts	Isles of Shoals - 19801210
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	Abenaqui Country Club - 09-24-2003
Other Surveys	
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Town Name	Salem
Commission	Historic District
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	
Link to Guidelines	
Link to Map	District Map
District Name	Salem Historic District
Year Established	1967
No. Properties	30
Est. Acreage	
Zoning Type(s)	
District History	District has been expanded since inception.
District Characteristics	
Other Comments	
NR Districts	Salem Common Historic District - 20110415
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	Shadow Lake Road Historic Area - 02-12-1992, Armenian Settlement Historic District - 02-13-2002
Other Surveys	
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Town Name	Sanbornton
Commission	Historic District
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	Article 9
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	None
Link to Guidelines	Design Guidelines
Link to Map	
District Name	Sanbornton Historic District
Year Established	1972
No. Properties	
Est. Acreage	
Zoning Type(s)	Agricultural, Residential
District History	<p>The Sanbornton Historic District is located at Sanbornton Square, near the geographical center of the original land area of the township of Sanbornton, New Hampshire. The National Register Historic District coincides with a local historic district established in 1972. The district extends north and south along the central range road of the town, and also includes buildings and sites on a number of east-west roads that converge in this part of town.</p>
District Characteristics	<p>The architecture of Sanbornton Historic District is predominantly early nineteenth century in date and Federal in style. Most of the buildings in the district are of wood- frame construction, and most of the dwellings are covered with clapboards. The scale of all structures is small; the largest historical public buildings include: the Lane Tavern (c. 1810); the Woodman-Sanborn Academy (c. 1825); the Congregational Church (c. 1834); and the Town Hall (c. 1834). In addition to the houses and public structures in the Historic District that date before the Civil War, there are several new dwellings of a more recent date; most of which are compatible in style and materials with the clapboarded wood-frame dwellings of an earlier era.</p> <p>The terrain within the Historical Preservation District is gently rolling with good agricultural soils that formerly provided extensive pasturage and tillage and made Sanbornton one of the most productive farming towns in NH during the early nineteenth century. Some of the land near the Square remains unforested and under cultivation. In 1869, 10,000 acres was separated off from Sanbornton to create the town of Tilton. This division left the remaining portion of Sanbornton, in which the Historic District lies relatively undisturbed in its rural economy.</p>

Other Comments	<p>The Historical Preservation District shall be an area surrounding Sanbornton Square, Bounded on the east by Parsonage Brook, on the north by the line of the Forest Conservation Area, on the west by Interstate 93, and of the south by the town line of Tilton as indicated on the Zoning Map of Sanbornton, NH, 2011.</p> <p>Master Plan (2011 draft) states a goal for town meeting: Retain the character of our historic resources town-wide by establishing a Heritage Commission which would supersede the Historic District Commission and would provide guidelines and regulations for the preservation and protection of Sanbornton’s historic resources.</p>
NR Districts	Sanbornton Square Historic District - 19801208
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	
Other Surveys	
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Town Name	Sandwich
Commission	Heritage
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	Various
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	Chapter 4
Link to Guidelines	Design Guidelines
Link to Map	District Map
District Name	Historic District of Sandwich
Year Established	1982
No. Properties	89
Est. Acreage	80
Zoning Type(s)	
District History	The Town Meeting of March 11, 1982, voted the authority to establish the Historic District of Sandwich under RSA 674:45-50 within the said district, the construction, exterior alteration, moving, demolition or use of structures and places shall be regulated by the Historic District Commission.
District Characteristics	
Other Comments	The Historic District is that area of the Town of Sandwich bounded by: Red Hill River, Creamery Brook, the intersection of Mt. Israel Road and Diamond Ledge Road, Stanton Brook, and Burleigh Hill Brook, as shown on the Tax Map in the Selectmen's Office. Within the area, the district extends back 200 feet from the centerline of each road.
NR Districts	Center Sandwich Historic District - 19831222, Lower Corner Historic District - 19861201
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	Mead Base Conservation Center - 06-09-2004
Other Surveys	
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Town Name	Somersworth
Commission	Historic District
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	Section 14
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	
Link to Guidelines	
Link to Map	
District Name	Somersworth Historic Districts (2)
Year Established	1987
No. Properties	305
Est. Acreage	130
Zoning Type(s)	Commercial, Industrial, Residential
District History	<p>Hilltop District (est. 1987) includes 216 properties on roughly 100 acres.</p> <p>Commercial Industrial District (est. 1987) includes 87 properties on roughly 30 acres.</p>
District Characteristics	
Other Comments	<p>The location and boundaries of both the Hilltop Historic District and the Industrial and Commercial Historic District are hereby established as shown on a map entitled "Historic Districts, City of Somersworth, New Hampshire, January 1992", and as amended, which is hereby declared to be part of this ordinance.</p> <p>Master Plan Update goal: Amend the Zoning Ordinance to extend the Historic Millyard District south between the railroad and the Salmon Falls River to approximately Depot Street.</p>
NR Districts	
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	Somersworth Commercial and Industrial HD (CI) - 12-24-1987
Other Surveys	
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Town Name	South Hampton
Commission	Historic District
Link to Commission	
Link to Ordinance	
Zoning Section	
Link to Master Plan	
Master Plan Section	
Link to Guidelines	
Link to Map	
District Name	South Hampton Historic District
Year Established	
No. Properties	
Est. Acreage	
Zoning Type(s)	
District History	
District Characteristics	
Other Comments	
NR Districts	Highland Road Historic District - 19830411, Jewell Town District - 19830411, Smith's Corner Historic District - 19830411, Town Center Historic District - 19830411, Woodman Road Historic District - 19830411
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	
Other Surveys	
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Town Name	Temple
Commission	Historic District
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	Sections: Historical Resources, Significant Historical Features
Link to Guidelines	Design Guidelines
Link to Map	District Map
District Name	Temple Historic District
Year Established	1982
No. Properties	9
Est. Acreage	40
Zoning Type(s)	Agricultural, Commercial, Residential
District History	<p>Temple has 3 Zoning Districts: Village Historic, Rural-Residential-Agricultural, Mountain District. Temple's Historic District is included in the Village District. There is a Historic District Commission which meets on a monthly basis and is responsible for regulating exterior changes such as fences, landscape, paint/masonry, roofing/siding, windows and signage. In 2008, Temple established a Historic District Ordinance which defines the boundaries, properties and lists items falling under the Historic District jurisdiction.</p> <p>The "original" common was 2 ½ acres in size and was purchased as a meeting house site in 1768. Two meeting houses occupied the site; the first was present until about 1782; the second was razed in 1850. The triangle of land now considered the Temple Common was depicted for the first time in Hillsborough County map of 1858. The Temple common was re-established in 1910 to comprise the smaller currently fenced triangular area. Temple Common Village Center, now an outside gathering place is a Town owned Historic Site, the location of the old musterfield, memorial monuments and site of band concerts, festivals, etc.</p> <p>The Town Hall (1842) was used for town meetings until the late 1980s, is located on the Common in the Village, in a row of other public buildings that is comprised of the Mansfield Public Library, chapel, church and post office. It was used for town meetings until the late 1980s. At the present time the Town Hall is used for elections and some official town functions and various gatherings and events. The Mansfield Public Library was constructed in 1890, an addition in 1951. The Congregational Church (1842), on Village Common, between the</p>

Post Office / Store (1805,1882) and Goodyear Chapel (1887). There are four cemeteries in Temple, all of which are town-owned and maintained. The Temple Historical Society is currently in the process of undertaking an inventory of, and documentation of text on cemetery markers, headstones and monuments.

Temple Glass Works/New England Glassworks (1780-82)as one of the first glass manufactory sites in the U.S. Temple glass is highly valued today due to its rarity. Owned by the Historical Society, it is a historic site and the subject of extensive archaeological studies. It is a recognized National Register site.

District Characteristics

Temple owes much of its charm to its agricultural roots, at one time almost all of Temple's land area was devoted to farming. Summer pastures were located on the slopes of Temple Mountain and the other hills. Agriculture and farming reached a peak towards the middle of the 19th century and then started a gradual and steady decline to the present as much of the population moved west beyond New England to new lands that opened up after the Civil War. The area of Temple was originally the eastern part of Peterboro.

Temple was founded on an agricultural economy with multiple generations assuming farms and businesses and living on original homesteads. In the early 1800s, when the region turned to development of industry and subsistence agriculture gave way to a cash economy, Temple remained agricultural and isolated, not participating in industrial and commercial development. Much of the land that was devoted to farming reverted to forest, although some was converted to housing. A small amount of agricultural activity continues today. This is mostly made up of small enterprises of dairy, livestock, hay, poultry, vegetables and orchards. These small farms are important for the preservation of Temple's cultural resources and protecting the historical remnants of Temple's agricultural past.

An attempt was made to establish a glass factory in the township, but that attempt failed. No other largescale industry was ever tried in Temple. There were small mills, powered by water, which operated to provide for local needs of an agrarian society. Since 1917, Temple has moved from an almost entirely self-supporting, relatively stable, agricultural community to an almost entirely dependent, rapidly growing community which looks increasingly beyond its borders for virtually all goods, services, and sources of employment.

Other Comments

Archaeological Districts: Earliest settlement in Spofford Gap area of the Wapack Range (to become Temple and Sharon) on Old Todd Road (the Ashburnham-Peterborough Trail) with numerous cellar holes and mill sites. First deed issued to Joshua Todd in 1758 (first cider-maker in town). School was first kept at the Walton place, now a cellar hole. Area includes Maynard Inn cellar hole and Glassworks site dating to 1780s. Temple has

	multiple historic stone structures and is the site of several different types of mills.
NR Districts	
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	
Other Surveys	A 1975 survey noted the site of several stone structures and many different types of mills. There are also several homes around the Town area from the 1700-1800 period which were noted and also 6 old district schoolhouses. This information is found in the Master Plan and also the Historical Ordinances.
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Town Name	Wakefield
Commission	Historic District / Heritage
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	Article 10, Historic Overlay Zoning District
Link to Master Plan	
Master Plan Section	
Link to Guidelines	
Link to Map	District Map
District Name	Wakefield Historic District, Wakefield Corner Historic District
Year Established	1987
No. Properties	43
Est. Acreage	
Zoning Type(s)	Conservation, Agricultural, Commercial, Residential
District History	<p>The Wakefield Heritage Commission (1993) meets monthly and is an appointed board responsible for every historic site in Wakefield and administers the rules and regulations for the Wakefield Historic District, have held several hearings for the homeowners and plans to update the ordinance.</p> <p>The Commission has been involved with the restoration of the Spinney Meeting House in South Wakefield and the Union Railroad Station (1911), located at Heritage Park in Union, which contains Heritage Centre, which has exhibits of historical artifacts from the area including exhibits on the railroad, the ice industry, and the general store.</p> <p>The Wakefield Historic District has always been residential in character, 19 of the 25 major buildings being houses originally. The remaining buildings are the Town's public buildings. Seventeen of the original houses continue as residences. Much of the landscape in Wakefield retains it's historic feeling, continuing to have open fields and agriculture.</p>
District Characteristics	<p>The Historic District consists of multiple buildings which are also on the National Historic Register, dating from 1770, with most around 1800, the styles are varied, but reflect the early time period. Wakefield consists of villages, which were at one ime independent entities: Wakefield Corner, Union, Sanbornville, Wakefield Corner, South Wakefield, North Wakefield and East Wakefield (including Woodman, Burleyville and Province Lake).</p> <p>Sanbornville is the primary settlement in the town, the downtown is a bustling retail district. Wakefield village occupies a hill just north of Sanbornville.</p>

	Town Hall in the downtown area is the hub of local government and community activity. Union Village has Branch River with its unique power generating dams, many old mill buildings, and historical sites.
Other Comments	
NR Districts	Wakefield Village Historic District - 19840315
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	
Other Surveys	A CLG grant was received from the US Dept of the Interior to hire an archeologist team who researched and surveyed Wakefield's water-powered mill sites and dams.
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Town Name	Weare
Commission	Heritage
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	Article 30-B
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	Chapter 9: Historic and Cultural Resources
Link to Guidelines	
Link to Map	
District Name	Weare Overlay Districts (2)
Year Established	2003
No. Properties	
Est. Acreage	
Zoning Type(s)	
District History	<p>Clinton Grove Overlay Historic District (2003) Mt. Dearborn Road Historic Area Overlay District (2005)</p> <p>The Clinton Grove district appears to have been created by the local Historical Society. The district comprises buildings owned by the Society and others nominated for inclusion by property owners. The Zoning Board of Adjustment appears to regulate development within the district.</p> <p>The Clinton Grove Historic Overlay District (CGHOD) is superimposed over the Clinton Grove Village District in its entirety except lot 404-167. [Zoning Ordinance]</p> <p>For boundaries, see Map 12 in Master Plan (2005).</p>
District Characteristics	Any new development within the districts (prohibited except by ZBA exemption) must have an 1840s appearance.
Other Comments	<p>Heritage Commission was established in 2006. Its creation was proposed in the town's 2005 Master Plan: "The Board of Selectmen should support and establish a Heritage Commission for Weare. This commission should be charged with the responsibility of preparing and updating guidelines for the town's historic districts; seeking status and approval as a Certified Local Government Program; and continuing to work within the community to promote and coordinate various historic preservation initiatives."</p> <p>The Heritage Commission does not appear to have any regulatory oversight of the districts.</p>

NR Districts	
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	Chase Village Area Form - 03-11-1992
Other Surveys	As reported in the town's 1994 Master Plan, the Weare Historical Society has completed an inventory of all the town's important historic resources. This inventory describes the historic value of each site and structure, its age and architectural style, and its eligibility status on the National Register of Historic Places.
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Town Name	Winchester
Commission	Historic District
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	pg. 68
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	pg 11 (goal section pg 2)
Link to Guidelines	Design Guidelines
Link to Map	
District Name	Winchester Historic District, Ashuelot Village Historic District
Year Established	1997
No. Properties	
Est. Acreage	
Zoning Type(s)	Commercial, Residential, Institutional
District History	Begun in 1997, the district was begun because of a threat to its old Bank building (brick, one story) downtown. No amendments to the ordinance have been made.
District Characteristics	The Winchester district encompasses a few different periods, Federal, Greek Revival, and Victorian... Residential, downtown commercial, in winchester and residential, previous mill village, in Ashuelot.
Other Comments	One building, the Wheaton/Alexander house, has become eligible for the State Register of Historic Places, although not currently accepted by present owner. (This building is under threat of demolition currently, despite its age of 200 years and significance historically, as demonstrated by a Historic Preservation consultant in 2011.)
NR Districts	
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	Ashuelot Village Historic District - 01-22-2003, Winchester Village - 12-22-2004
Other Surveys	Wheaton/Alexander house (Winchester) surveyed and eligible for State Register of Historic Places. Winchester Town Hall and Conant Public Library are on the National Register of Historic Places (Winchester). Thayer Public Library (Ashuelot) surveyed and on the State Register of Historic Places. Ashuelot Covered Bridge is on the National Register of Historic Places.
Submitted by	JF

Town Name	Windham
Commission	Historic District / Heritage
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	pg. 32-34, and 93-95
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	pg. 4, 36
Link to Guidelines	Design Guidelines
Link to Map	
District Name	Windham Historic Districts (6)
Year Established	2000
No. Properties	
Est. Acreage	
Zoning Type(s)	Conservation, Residential
District History	<p>Several districts established since 2000:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Searles School and Chapel District 2. Union Hall District 3. Town Center District 4. Windham Depot District estb. 2003 5. Simpson Cellar Hole District, estab. March, 2000 6. Stickney Cellar Hole District, estab. 2008
District Characteristics	
Other Comments	
NR Districts	
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	Windham Center Civic Historic District - 11-24-1993, Canobie Lake Neighborhood - 03-16-1994, Searles Castle Historic District - 03-16-1994, Range Road Rural Historic District - 08-27-2001
Other Surveys	PDFs listing archaeological sites and historic buildings are available from www.windhamnewhampshire.com
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Town Name	Wolfeboro
Commission	None
Link to Commission	Commission Site
Link to Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance
Zoning Section	
Link to Master Plan	Master Plan
Master Plan Section	
Link to Guidelines	
Link to Map	
District Name	North Wolfeboro, Cotton Mountain
Year Established	1977
No. Properties	
Est. Acreage	
Zoning Type(s)	
District History	The historic district was established in 1977 after 35 of the homes were identified as predating the Civil War. A second district, Cotton Mountain, was added later. The district boundaries are ill-defined, encompassing a wide variety of housing stock. Prior to 2009, there had been some consideration of a downtown district as well.
District Characteristics	
Other Comments	<p>In 2009 a Petition Warrant Article proposed abolishing both the HDC and the Board of Selectmen. An amendment dropped the BOS from the article. "The Historic District Commission is arrogant and crosses the line between their authority and property owner's rights."</p> <p>In 2010, the HDC was abolished by town warrant; the two orphaned districts remain as an unenforced ordinance. No attempt has been made to restore a commission.</p>
NR Districts	
Inventoried Areas (NHDHR files)	
Other Surveys	
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APPENDIX B

LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT SURVEY RESULTS

NEW HAMPSHIRE LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT SURVEY / JUNE 2012

TOWN NAME	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	COMMISSION	MEETINGS	REGULATED FEATURES								CONTACT
							Fences	Landscape	Masonry	Paint	Roofing	Siding	Signage	Windows	
Amherst	Amherst Village Historic District (1991) 120 properties/1600 acres				Historic District	Monthly	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	Sarah Marchant, Planning and Zoning smarchant@amherstnh.gov 673-6041
Bedford	Bedford Historic District (1974)				Historic District	Monthly	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Colleen Malliox, Historic District Liason cmalliox@bedfordnh.org
Bristol	Bristol Historic District Overlay (2006) 32 properties/13 acres				Historic District	Monthly	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	Clay Dingman, HDC Chair 744-5602
Canaan	Canaan Street Historic District (1986) 91 properties/185 acres				Historic District	Monthly	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	John Bergeron, HDC Chair 550 Canaan St, Canaan 03741 bergeronjh@gmail.com 523-9621
Canterbury	Center Historic District	Shaker Village Museum Preservation District			Historic District	As Needed	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	Mark Hopkins, HDC Chair 783-9955
Claremont	Claremont Historic District (1983) 179 properties/93 acres				Historic District	Monthly	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	David Messier, Chair, HDC 8 Bailey Ave Claremont, NH 03743 477-0210
Concord	Concord Historic District (1967) 15 properties				Heritage	Monthly	✓	✓	✓			✓			Planning Department 225-8515
Danville	Danville Historic District (1999) 16 lots, 1 road, 450+ acres				Heritage	Twice Monthly	✓	✓						✓	Carol Baird, HC Chair 210 Main Street, Danville, NH 03819 382-8253
Deering	Deering Historic District (2010)				Heritage & Historic District (combined)	As Needed									Beth Rouse, Administrative Assistant beth_deering@yahoo.com 464-3248
Derry	East Derry/Upper Village Historic District (1982) 22 properties/720 acres				Heritage	Monthly									Karen Blanford Anderson, HC Chair Elizabeth Robidoux, Planning Asst elizabethrobidoux@derrynh.org 432-6110
Dorchester	Dorchester Historic District				Historic District	Monthly									Sandy Green, HDC Chair 786-2766
Durham	Durham Historic District (1980) 38 properties				Historic District	Monthly	✓		✓		✓	✓		✓	Andrea Bodo, HDC member 20 Newmarket Rd, Durham NH 868-7152

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TOWN NAME	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	COMMISSION	MEETINGS	REGULATED FEATURES								CONTACT
							Fences	Landscape	Masonry	Paint	Roofing	Siding	Signage	Windows	
Effingham	Effingham Historic Districts (1985)				Historic District										Unknown 539-7770
Epping	Epping Historic Overlay District				Historic District										Unknown 679-5441
Exeter	Front Street (1971) 51 properties	Downtown (1979) 56 properties	High Street (2006) 71 properties		Historic District	Monthly	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Pam Gjetnum, HDC Chair 772-2908
Fitzwilliam	Village Center (1970) 133 properties/1000 acres				Historic District	As Needed	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Sandra Gillis, Land Use Assistant fitzlanduse@wivalley.net 585-9119
Franklin	Franklin Falls Historic District (1982) 99 properties/52 acres				Heritage	As Needed			✓	✓		✓	✓		Richard Lewis, Planning and Zoning Administrator 316 Central Street, Franklin, NH 03235 934-2341
Gilford	Gilford Village Historic District (1973) 71 properties/195 acres				Heritage & Historic District (combined)	Monthly	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	John Ayer, Director of Planning and Land Use 47 Cherry Valley Road, Gilford, NH 03249
Gilmanton	Gilmanton Corners Historic District (1967) 53 properties/102 acres	Smith Meetinghouse Historic District (1977) 45 properties/517 acres			Historic District	Monthly	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Annette Andreozzi, Land Use Clerk 267-6700
Goffstown	Parker Station (1986) 7 properties	Carr Court (1983) 2 properties	Grasmere (1986) 4 properties		Heritage & Historic District (combined)	Monthly	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Derick Horne, Assist. Town Administrator
Hampstead	Emerson Ave. Meeting House 0.75 acres	Main Street Old Library 0.5 acres	Old County Road Town Pound .02 acres	Main St. Old Cemetery 1.5 acres	Heritage & Historic District (combined)	Monthly		✓		✓	✓	✓			Priscilla R. Lindquist, Selectman, Commission member plindquist76@comcast.net
Hancock	Hancock Historic District (1975) 38 properties/30 acres				Historic District	As Needed	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Linda Coughlan, Executive Secretary 525-4441
Harrisville	Harrisville Historic District (1969)				Historic District	As Needed	✓		✓		✓	✓		✓	Patricia Cotter-Englert, Chair 827-4167
Hebron	Common Historic District (1985)				Historic District										Andrea Goldthwaite, HDC Chair 744-2631

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TOWN NAME	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	COMMISSION	MEETINGS	REGULATED FEATURES								CONTACT
							Fences	Landscape	Masonry	Paint	Roofing	Siding	Signage	Windows	
Henniker	Henniker Historic District (1975) 6 properties				Historic District										Unknown 428-3221
Hillsborough	Hillsborough Center Historic District (1975) 13 properties				Historic District										Unknown 464-3877
Hollis	Hollis Village Historic District (1971) 122 properties/400 acres				Heritage & Historic District (combined)	Monthly									Donna Setaro, Land Use Coordinator zoning@hoolisnh.org 465-3446
Hooksett	Village Area (2007)				Heritage										Unknown 485-8472
Jaffrey	Jaffrey Center Historic District (1969) 36 properties				Historic District										Unknown 532-7880
Keene	Downtown Historic District (2008)				Historic District	Monthly	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			Michelle Challice, Planner mchallice@ci.keene.nh.us 352-5474
Kingston	Main Street Historic District (1972)	Little River Historic District (1976)			Historic District	Monthly		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Virginia Morse, Chairperson 642-3342
Lebanon	Colburn Park Historic District (1996) 29 properties 16.6 acres				Heritage	Monthly		✓		✓	✓	✓			David Brooks, Senior Planner 51 N. Park St., Lebanon, NH 03766 448-1457
Londonderry	Londonderry Historic District (1998) 5 properties/20 acres				Heritage & Historic District (combined)	Monthly	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓		John Vogl, GIS Planner/Manager 432-1100, x194
Manchester	Amoskeag Housing District (1980)	Amoskeag Millyard District (1996)			Historic District, Heritage	Monthly				✓	✓	✓	✓		David Beauchesne, Planning/Community Development beau@manchesternh.gov 624-6505
Marlborough	Marlborough Heritage District (1995)				Heritage										Richard Butler, HC 876-3751
Mason	Mason Historic Preservation District (1967) 34 properties/119 acres					As Needed				✓	✓	✓	✓		Barbara Milkovits, Administrative Assistant townofmason@myfairpoint.net

NEW HAMPSHIRE LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT SURVEY / JUNE 2012

TOWN NAME	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	COMMISSION	MEETINGS	REGULATED FEATURES								CONTACT
							Fences	Landscape	Masonry	Paint	Roofing	Siding	Signage	Windows	
Mont Vernon	Mont Vernon Historic District (1979)				Historic District	As Needed									Laurie Brown, Town Secretary townofmontvernon@comcast.net 673-6080 (also Bill Wilds, HDC Chair)
Nashua	Nashua Historic District (1980) 200 properties/150 acres				Historic District	Monthly	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	Linda Panny, Zoning Admin. pannyl@nashuanh.gov Carter Falk, Planning Commissioner Liason falkc@nashuanh.gov 589-3260
New Castle	New Castle Historic District 200+/- properties				Historic District	Monthly	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	Marg Smith, HDC Chair 431-6710 ext 10
Newington	Old Town Historic District 110 acres				Historic District	Monthly								✓	Gail Pare, HDC Chair 435-6415
Newport	Common Historic District (1980) 20 properties	Downtown National Historic District (1985) 19 properties			Heritage	Monthly					✓				Julie Collins, Planning Administrator topaz@newportnh.net 863-6278
Portsmouth	Portsmouth Historic District (1977)				Historic District	Monthly	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	Nick Cranell, Planner 431-2000
Raymond	Raymond Overlay District (1977) 17 properties				Historic District	Monthly									Sue Eggy, HDC 895-4735
Rochester	Rochester Historic District (2003)				Historic District	Monthly	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Michael Behrendt, Chief Planner 335-7521 (moving to Durham, July 2)
Rye	Rye Historic District (1966) additions 1978 & 1979 36 properties & 4 islands				Historic District	As Needed	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Phil Winslow, HDC Chair 100 Harbor Rd, Rye NH 501-0995
Salem	Salem Center Historic District (1967) 30 properties				Historic District	As Needed	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Ross Moldoff, Planning Director 33 Geremonty Drive, Salem, NH 03079 890-2083
Sanbornton	Sanbornton Historic District (1972)				Historic District										Bob Ward, Planning 286-8303
Sandwich	Sandwich Historic District (1982) 89 properties/80 acres				Historic District	Monthly	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Tom Shevenell, HDC Chair shevenell@aol.com

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TOWN NAME	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2	DISTRICT 3	DISTRICT 4	COMMISSION	MEETINGS	REGULATED FEATURES							CONTACT	
							Fences	Landscape	Masonry	Paint	Roofing	Siding	Signage		Windows
Somersworth	Hilltop Historic District (1987) 216 properties/100 acres	Commercial-Industrial District (1987) 87 properties/30 acres			Historic District	Monthly	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	Dave Sharples, Director of Planning and Community Development dsharples@somersworth.com 692-9517
South Hampton	South Hampton Historic District				Historic District										Unknown 394-7696
Wakefield	Wakefield Corner Historic District (1984) 43 properties				Heritage & Historic District (combined)	Monthly				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Teresa William, Town Admin. Pam Judge, HC Chair wakefieldheritage@yahoo.com 522-6205
Weare	Clinton Grove Overlay Historic District (2003)	Mt. Dearborn Road Historic Area Overlay District (2005)			Heritage (non-regulatory)										Unknown 529-7535
Winchester	Winchester Historic District (1997)	Ashuelot Village Historic District (1997)			Historic District	Monthly	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	Julia Ferrari, Commission member PO Box 111 Ashuelot, NH 03441
Windham	Windham Historic Districts (2000)				Heritage & Historic District (combined)										Unknown 432-7732
Wolfeboro	North Wolfeboro	Cotton Mountain			HDC - Abolished (2010)										Rob Houseman, Planning 569-8161