The Statewide Snapshot

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Residents of New Hampshire shared their vision for the future of the state during the Granite State Future Project over the course of 3 Years.
All 9 Regional Planning Commissions Contributed Research & Data...

North Country Council
Bethlehem, NH

Lakes Region Planning Commission
Meredith, NH

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee RPC
Lebanon, NH

Southwest Region Planning Comm.
Keene, NH

Central NH Regional Planning Commission
Concord, NH

Southern NH Planning Commission
Manchester, NH

Nashua Regional Planning Commission
Merrimack, NH

Rockingham Planning Commission
Exeter, NH

Strafford Regional Planning Commission
Rochester, NH
...In Partnership With Many Other Organizations Around the State.

- **State Level Partners**
  - 12 State Agencies
  - 17 Non-Profits
  - 7 University of NH Programs

- **Regional Partners**
  - 9 Regional Planning Commissions and Their Staff
  - 341 Persons Participating on Regional Plan Committees

- **Municipalities**
  - 6,597 Participants at Regional Focus Groups and Publicly Notices Regional Events

- **Engagement**
- **Equity**

The Granite State Future

The Granite State Equilibrium Principles

- Traditional Settlement Patterns
- Community & Economic Vitality
- Housing Choices
- Transportation Choices
- Climate Change & Energy Efficiency
- Natural Resource Functions & Quality
Regional Planning Process

PHASE 1
Coordinated, Statewide Resource Development

PHASE 2
RPC's Develop their Regional Plans

PHASE 3
Adopt Regional Plans & Develop the Statewide Snapshot
Who are we...
What We Heard...

“People are friendly, housing is nice but rent could be lower.
- Concord, New Hampshire Resident

“I love how convenient it is to find shopping and even job opportunities!
- Merrimack, New Hampshire Resident

“We have many resources, like the Rochester Fair, the Roger Allen Park, the Opera House; a great economic base which includes advanced manufacturing, natural resources, and easy access to Route 16.
- Rochester, New Hampshire Resident
The Final Results

Executive Summary

Snapshot

Highlights
What We Have Learned

Common Themes

Several common themes emerged that wove through all plans, chapters and connected each of the NH Livability Principles:

• Statewide Issues & Trends
• Regional Commonalities & Distinctions
• Future Opportunities for Action
The Livability Principles

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Traditional Settlement Patterns...

90%

Of New Hampshire residents say promoting local agriculture should be actively encouraged.
Housing Choice

70% of New Hampshire residents think future development should occur in areas already developed.
Transportation Choice

74% overwhelmingly view maintaining the state’s bridges and highways as the top priority for transportation funding.
Community & Economic Vitality...

86%
Place a High Priority on Nearby Job Opportunities
Natural Resources
Functions & Quality

#1 Environmental Protection and Natural Resource Conservation is the #1 PRIORITY for investing public dollars.
Climate Change & Energy Efficiency

$5.9 Billion
Spent on Energy in 2013
Thank You.

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