



November 2025 - eBulletin

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission

The UVLSRPC newsletter returns this month as winter weather approaches. The work never stops here at the RPC -- the eBulletin has everything you need to stay in the loop!

In this issue:

- **UVLSRPCorner** - Learn about an ongoing staff project!
 - **Grantham Residents - Take a public opinion survey on natural hazards!**
 - Learn visibility tips for walking and biking in the dark
 - Register now for NHDOT's Traffic Fatality Summit in 2026
 - And more!
-

UVLSRPCorner

*Join us every month in the **UVLSRPCorner** to learn more about our projects and the staff behind them!*

This month: Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Our Household Hazardous Waste collections were very popular this year! With four collections already completed, we're well on our way to another successful season of keeping harmful chemicals out of our waste stream by encouraging residents to bring their HHW to any of these regional collections. It doesn't matter where the collection happens, if you're a resident of one of the participating towns, you can bring up to 5 gallons of HHW for free! This program has been funded by grants from USDA and NH DES to bring down the costs for our participating municipalities. One of the benefits of the regional collections is a lower operational cost because municipalities save money by pooling resources and working together. If each were to run their own HHW collection, the costs would be astronomical for many of our small towns, requiring hours of coordination and logistics for municipal staff and time away from their regular duties. Through the regional collaboration on HHW, we get better rates for our communities from waste haulers, save municipalities time and money, and keep dangerous chemicals out of our soil and water.

For information about HHW collections, contact Tim Josephson at 603- 448-1680 or tjosephson@uvlsrpc.org.

More UVLSRP News

UVLSRPC Data Collection

UVLSRPC offers data collection and assessments of various roadway infrastructure for towns. Assessment criteria was created in collaboration with NH Department of Transportation (**NHDOT**), UNH T2, the Regional Planning Commissions, and other State

agencies. Data collected can be utilized to create long-term maintenance plans, understand forecasted improvement costs, identify priority vulnerable infrastructure, as well as be used to support grant applications.

UVLSRPC currently offers data collection and assessment for:

- Stream Crossings/Culverts
- Drainage Culverts
- Pedestrian Facilities (e.g. crosswalks, sidewalks, bike lanes)
- Pavement Road Surface Management and Maintenance Forecasting

UVLSRPC has some funding to provide cost share opportunities for member communities on a first come first served basis. Please reach out to Ian Garland at igarland@uvlsrpc.org for more information!

School Chemical Safety Project and More!

The Commission received a \$172,000 USDA grant this year to provide solid waste management programs. The four major components of the grant will be for School Chemical Safety Trainings, Waste Management Trainings, Household Hazardous Waste Trainings, and Composting Trainings and Research.



We will be working with Becky Andersen of Hazardous Materials Consulting in Iowa again for the school chemical safety training as she is such a talented and experienced trainer with hands-on experience working with hazardous materials in schools and industry. The feedback from previous participants included comments to bring Becky back—and that's what we're doing. We will have several webinar trainings to teach school staff about the State-required Chemical Safety Hygiene Plans, how to write them, and how to enforce them. All schools are required to have these plans to address chemical safety in all classrooms, not just the laboratory. This includes many art classrooms and custodial closets. An additional webinar will address PCBs in schools as well as vapes.

To learn more about the school chemical safety webinars and more details about this project, please [click here](#). Once the webinars are scheduled, we will provide this information to all our municipalities and schools. Contact Victoria Davis at vdavis@uvlsrpc.org for more information.



Check Out the UVLSRPC YouTube Page

Find past webinars, recordings, trainings and more on our YouTube page. There are playlists from our School Chemical Safety series, our Food Scraps and Composting Series, Stormwater Management and Household Hazardous Waste. [Click here](#) to view!

Emergency Preparedness

If you'd like to sign up to receive alerts about hazardous weather in your area, visit [NH Alerts](#) and enter your email and/or phone number.



Public Opinion Survey on Hazards in Grantham

Attention to all Grantham residents! Please see the notice below to take a survey regarding the frequency and occurrence of natural hazards in Grantham and what the town can do to mitigate them.



GRANTHAM HAZARD MITIGATION SURVEY

In 2025, the Grantham Hazard Mitigation Committee will be updating the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan to inventory and evaluate potential hazards such as flooding, severe winter weather, and infectious disease. It will also outline potential projects to reduce the impact of future hazards.

The Committee wants to ensure Grantham residents are aware of hazard mitigation efforts and resources available to them as individuals. It is important to hear from you!

How to complete the 5-Minute Survey:

- Use the link or QR Code below to take the survey on your device

Link to Survey: <https://arcg.is/1z0Oy84>

QR Code to Survey:



Survey Deadline: Monday, November 24, 2025

Questions or More Information? Contact Committee:

Emily Owens at 603-863-6021 or email her at cowens@granthamnh.gov

Housing

Share Your Thoughts on Housing in Lebanon

The **Lebanon Housing Task Force** invites all community members to participate in a **Community Housing Survey**. Whether renting or owning, seeking entry-level housing or multi-million-dollar options, everyone's perspective is essential to help shape the future of housing in Lebanon.

Why This Survey Matters

Lebanon is facing a significant housing shortage and needs a range of housing types to meet the needs of current and future residents. This includes:

- Owner-occupied and rental housing
- Homes across all price points and styles
- Housing that supports the diverse lifestyles and life stages of the community

Input is needed from residents at every income level and with all types of housing

experiences—from long-time homeowners to new renters, and from young professionals to retirees.

What the Survey Covers

The survey asks for input on:

- How Lebanon's current housing options are affecting daily life
- What types of housing are needed going forward
- The challenges residents face in finding suitable housing, regardless of price point

Why Participate?

The feedback collected will help city staff and consultants:

- Recommend housing policies that reflect real community needs
- Guide the Housing Chapter of the [Lebanon Master Plan](#)
- Create a long-term Strategic Plan to respond to housing challenges and opportunities

Survey Details

- Takes 10 minutes or less to complete
- Open to all residents—owners and renters alike
- Anonymous and confidential
- Designed to reflect the full range of experiences and expectations in Lebanon's housing market

All responses are anonymous.

Click [here](#) to take the survey!

Transportation

Be Seen After Dark: Visibility Tips for Walking and Biking

As daylight hours decrease in fall and winter, visibility changes for everyone using Lebanon's roads, sidewalks, and paths. The Pedestrian and Bicyclist Advisory Committee (PBAC) encourages simple safety steps during evening hours.

- High visibility is essential. Bright or reflective clothing and front and rear lights significantly improve the ability of others to see a person walking or biking. These tools are especially important along roadways, at driveways and side-street junctions, and on shared-use paths where lighting may vary.
- Extra care at crossings helps prevent close calls. Before advancing at any road crossing—marked or unmarked—look both ways and check for vehicles turning from side roads. Markings and signs improve predictability, but conditions can change quickly at dusk and after dark.
- Attentive driving protects everyone. As evening darkness arrives earlier, drivers are urged to remain 100% distraction-free, with particular attention at intersections and along narrow corridors where space is limited. Slower speeds increase reaction time and reduce the severity of any potential conflicts.
- Courtesy and a safe speed make shared spaces work. Never assume others can see or hear an approaching person or vehicle. Maintain a speed and distance that allow yielding when necessary, signal intentions early, and pass only when it is clearly safe to do so.
- Planning supports safer trips. The Walk Bike Ride Leb (WBRL) multimodal plan and local maps provide helpful route information for walking and biking in Lebanon.

Mentioning you saw this information about being seen after dark: Visibility Tips for Walking and Winter at Omer & Bob's qualifies residents for 10% off winter bike safety

equipment. This discount helps make lights, reflectors, and other visibility gear more accessible as conditions change. Omer & Bob's is located on the Lebanon Pedestrian Mall, 20 Hanover Street, Lebanon.

The Pedestrian and Bicyclist Advisory Committee welcomes questions about local routes and maps and can help travelers navigate options across the city.

World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims

The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims is a global event held every third Sunday of November to honor those who have lost their lives or been impacted by roadway crashes. This year on November 16, communities [across the globe](#), including several dozen in the United States, will gather together to demand actions towards improving roadway safety and to uplift proven strategies, including redesigning dangerous roads, reducing speed limits, and improving vehicle design.

This day also serves as a crucial opportunity for governments and those working in road safety to demonstrate the scale and impact of road-related deaths and injuries and advocate for immediate and concerted action to end this public health crisis.

For more information, please visit <https://wdor-usa.org/>

Transportation Equity Lunch & Learn - Keep NH Moving

The ABLE NH Transportation Equity Task Force will hold its November Lunch & Learn on **Friday, November 21st at 12:00**.

ABLE NH Transportation Equity Lunch & Learn Series - ABLE NH's Transportation Equity Task Force will host its monthly Lunch & Learn on November 21st, 12:00-1:00 PM. This month they will cover navigating NH's one stop transit resource, KeepNHMoving.com. Their presentation will be followed by a time for Q&A and attendees will receive a one-pager all the best tips and tricks for finding the information you are looking for on the KeepNHMoving.com website.

Participants may join on Zoom at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84389460204> or by using Meeting ID 843 8946 0204. For those who need one, a calendar invite can be copied from the ABLE NH Community Calendar at <https://ablenh.org/events/>

NH's One Stop Transit Resource KeepNHMoving.com

Join ABLE NH's Transportation Equity Task Force for a Lunch & Learn on navigating NH's one stop transit resource, KeepNHMoving.com. This event will include a presentation and Q&A. Attendees will receive a one-pager on all the best tips and tricks for finding the information you are looking for!

ABLENH
DISABILITY JUSTICE ADVOCATES



Featured Speakers

Steve Workman, Director of Transport New Hampshire
Teri Palmer, Statewide Mobility Manager
Ben Herbert, Regional Mobility Manager, Region 8



Mark your calendars for:

November 21, 12-1 PM

Zoom Meeting ID 843 8946 0204
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84389460204>

Save Image
and Press or
Scan to Join



Contact: creighton@ablenh.org Website: ablenh.org Instagram: [@able.nh](https://www.instagram.com/able.nh) X: [@ablenh1](https://twitter.com/ablenh1)

2026 NHDOT Traffic Fatality Summit

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) Highway Safety has announced that their 2026 Traffic Fatality Summit will take place on **Monday, February 9th from 9AM-2PM at the NH National Guard Training Facility in Pembroke.**

This summit is for NH First Responders to meet, discuss what they are facing when responding to MVA's involving serious injuries & fatalities. This is a great opportunity for Fire/PD/EMS to share concerns, needs, observations and help develop a plan to reduce traffic fatalities.

Click this link to register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2026-nh-dot-fatality-summit-tickets-1437769119139?aff=oddtcreator>

Environment and Energy

NHDES Asbestos Program Survey

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) is conducting a survey regarding the **Asbestos program** in the Air Resources Division. As a result of the readoption of the **asbestos rule in November 2024**, NHDES is seeking your feedback about the improvements made to the rule and the **new online asbestos notification**

system.

Please be aware that the survey will only be available until November 14, 2025 at 4:30 pm.

[Click here to take the survey.](#)

Public Notice -Draft Measures for NH's Comprehensive Climate Action Plan

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) posted on its website the Notice of Request for Public Comment for NHDES' draft measures for New Hampshire's Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP).

The CCAP, the second deliverable to EPA under the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) program, will be submitted to EPA before the July 1, 2026 deadline. NHDES anticipates sharing a draft of the complete CCAP for public comment in May 2026.

You can access the public notice at the following NHDES website:

- [Notice of Request for Public Comment: Draft Measures for New Hampshire's Comprehensive Climate Action Plan.](#)

For more information on the CPRG program and the CCAP for NH, see the NHDES resources below:

- [Climate Pollution Reduction Grants | NH Department of Environmental Services.](#)
- [Comprehensive Climate Action Plan | NH Department of Environmental Services.](#)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS:

NHDES will accept comments on its draft comprehensive measures until 4 pm, November 15, 2025. Only written comments will be accepted. Comments may be sent by email (preferred) or postal mail. Please include your name, organization, mailing address, email address, and telephone number with your submittal.

By email: cprg@des.nh.gov

Please include the following text in the subject line: "Draft CCAP Measures - Public Notice - for New Hampshire's Comprehensive Climate Action Plan".

By Mail: NHDES Climate Pollution Reduction Grants
Attention: Kurt Yuengling, Air Resources Division
NHDES Permitting and Environmental Health Bureau
P.O. Box 95
Concord, NH 03301-0095

Request for Proposals: \$5k for Community Partnerships for Climate Resilience

Dartmouth College is launching the second offering of its service-learning course, "Community Partnerships for Climate Resilience", running from January to June 2026. In this course, teams of 4-6 Dartmouth students partner with Upper Valley organizations working to reduce the impacts of climate change on their stakeholders or communities.

They welcome applications from nonprofits, businesses, municipalities (including town energy or sustainability committees), and grassroots groups with a climate challenge. Projects can be self-contained or designed to initiate or advance larger, longer-term efforts. For example, last year's projects included a grassroots organization developing a strategic vision and funding plan, and another project helping to develop a multifaceted flood-resilience plan for a neighborhood hit repeatedly with damaging floods; the latter project will take years for our partner to fully implement.

The course meets over two 10-week sessions: early January to mid-March and early April to early June 2026. Your organization will need a point person to collaborate weekly

(approximately 1–2 hours per week, with flexible scheduling) with students and faculty.

Timeline (all times Eastern):

- October 27, 2025, 12:00 pm: RFP is released
- **November 21, 2025, 5:00 pm: Proposal deadline**
- December 8, 2025, 5:00 pm: Notification of proposal status
- December - early January: Refine project scope and goals with faculty
- Early January - early June 2026: 1-2 hours/week engaging with students and faculty

Instructions:

- Please submit proposals here: <https://forms.gle/um8hQDHAbwTe1pvx5>
- Once you start the online application, you can return to it later – as long as you access the link from the same computer and browser.
- If you have questions, contact Erich Osterberg at erich.c.osterberg@dartmouth.edu

Funding Available through the Granite State Clean Fleets Grant Program

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Mobile Sources team has released a \$7.5 million request for proposals (RFP) through the Granite State Clean Fleets (GSCF) program.



GSCF is a competitive reimbursement program funded by the **Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust** (VW Trust) focused on reducing diesel emissions by replacing Class 4-8 diesel vehicles, engines and equipment, or installing marine shore power systems. This new round of funding provides up to a 95% reimbursement for eligible projects from state and municipally run entities such as school districts, public community colleges/universities and transit agencies.

NHDES anticipates this will be the final funding round for diesel vehicles, engine and equipment replacements under the VW Trust, so applicants are encouraged to take full advantage of this unique opportunity.

Applications are accepted on a rolling monthly basis until March 30, 2026, at 4 p.m. ET or earlier if all funds are obligated.

More information on eligibility, funding limits, and grant requirements can be found in the GSCF RFP, which is located on the **GSCF webpage**. Terms and conditions of the GSCF program are subject to change. Prior applicants are encouraged to thoroughly review the RFP for updated guidance.

Questions may also be forwarded to the Grants Program Coordinator, Mac Bevier, via email to ms-grants@des.nh.gov or by phone at **(603) 271-8330**.

New Hampshire Looking for New Ways to Address Road Salt in Freshwater

A recent article published in the New Hampshire Bulletin details the recurring issue of road salt seeping off roads and into New Hampshire's waterways, overall posing a mounting threat to drinking water and wildlife.

To learn more, [click here](#).

NHMA Guidance on Changes to Laws Governing Elections, Town Meetings, & More

The New Hampshire Municipal Association (NHMA) has posted updates to their guidance on elections, town meetings, zoning, land-use, and more.

To view the new guidance documents, click [here](#).

AgeWellNH Looking For Your Input

AgeWellNH, an initiative of the NH State Commission on Aging, recently launched a survey to gather public input for a 10-year vision to make NH a better place to grow older. Like elsewhere in the state, the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee region is rapidly aging. This demographic shift requires a strategic vision for how to adapt to the needs of an aging population.

Click [here](#) to take the survey.

For information on Molly's scheduled conversations, please email Molly at msinger@dexteritymanagement.com

New Hampshire Rural Economic Development Funding Calendar

The NH-VT office of USDA Rural Development and the NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs (BEA) has created a planning resource to help rural municipalities find economic development funding opportunities in one document. Click the link below to download the calendar from BEA and find out more!

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/media/file/download/new-hampshire-rural-economic-development-funding-calendar.pdf>

Job Opening at Vital Communities: Program Associate - Transportation, Climate & Energy



Our partner, Vital Communities, is looking for a Program Associate - Transportation, Climate & Energy!

Vital Communities has a dedicated and passionate team who are deeply involved in the Upper Valley in their work with the organization and as community members.

To Apply: Submit an application at <https://vitalcommunitiesinc.applytojob.com/apply/>

Applications will be accepted until their position is filled.

Community Happenings

Borrow an E-Bike!

The Upper Valley E-Bike Lending Library is a free selection of four e-bikes of assorted styles and retail costs that has one- and two-week residencies in towns



and workplaces throughout the Upper Valley. While the e-bike library is stationed at a particular lending location, people can try multiple bikes at “Demo Days” or sign up to borrow a single bike overnight to see how an e-bike might fit into your lifestyle. Book a bike [here](#)!

Full Commission Meeting Dates FY 2026

- **December 10, 2025**
- **February 11, 2026**
- **April 8, 2026**



If you have any questions or concerns, please call Chris at 603-448-1680.

**Upper Valley Lake Sunapee
Regional Planning Commission**
Suite 225
10 Water Street
Lebanon, NH 03766
<https://www.uvlsrpc.org>

Connect with Us!



Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Plann | 10 Water Street Suite 225 | Lebanon, NH
03766 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email marketing for free today!