

DEREK SHOOSTER, ASSOCIATE PLANNER



Derek Shooster is an Associate Planner with SNHPC. His work encompasses a wide range of programs at the commission, including transportation planning, land use planning, and economic development. Derek received his B.A. in Sociology from Northeastern University in 2012, followed soon after by a Master of City Planning from Boston University in 2015. He has a broad interest in characteristics that affect our built environment, including business growth, natural resources, social welfare, historic preservation, smart growth, progressive design, and age-friendliness. Derek has also been very active in

promoting safer bicycle and pedestrian facilities across the region, so much so that he was recently named the new Chair of Bike Manchester, the local bike advocacy organization.

Derek's interest in planning grew from a combination of 20 years playing SimCity and from living in vastly different communities around the world—including Boca Raton, FL; Boston, MA; Cape Eleuthera, The Bahamas; Los Angeles, CA; Kezar Falls, ME; and Thessaloniki, Greece. These experiences and others have armed Derek with many valuable skills to affect positive change across the 520 square miles that make up the SNHPC region. Don't be surprised if you bump into Derek winning at bar trivia or cycling down Elm Street.