

Pop-Up Planning in Southern New Hampshire



As part of a collaboration with AARP to encourage “Age-Friendly” communities in New Hampshire, SNHPC has obtained pop-up planning materials for use by SNHPC member communities to conduct temporary planning activities. Pop-up planning is referred to by many names, such as Tactical Urbanism, DIY Urbanism, Planning-by-Doing, Urban Acupuncture, or Street Prototyping, just to name a few. Pop-up planning is a means for implementing flexible and short-term projects to advance long-term goals related to street safety, public space, and more. These projects are not limited to cities. They are useful to any organizational and/or citizen-led approach to neighborhood building. Pop-up planning is characterized by its use of short-term, low-cost, and scalable interventions to catalyze long-term change.

This approach to the design of streets and civic spaces reduces the barriers to new ideas by allowing temporary, low risk, and low cost interim improvements to test new ideas. There is even a free online guide available on how to execute one of these projects in your own community. The guide is called [“The Tactical Urbanist’s Guide to Materials & Design”](#). Within the guide is a set of instructions for selecting a project type, a listing of materials needed, and tasks to follow when implementing your project.



The Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission has gathered a variety of the materials needed to execute project types from parklets to bike lanes, and we are seeking opportunities to lend these materials to groups wishing to execute one of these pop-up planning experiments. This type of pop-up planning can complement any walking or biking activities you may be planning for this spring or summer season.

Along with free access to our inventory of materials, SNHPC can provide technical assistance in the design and layout of your pop-up project in order to make the most of the materials available.



If your community has an interest in executing a parklet or demonstrating a bike lane or a road diet, please do not hesitate to contact James Vayo in the SNHPC office by email at: jvayo@snhpc.org or by phone at: 603) 669-4664 x307 to coordinate a time to borrow these materials.

See below for a list of materials available for loan from SNHPC.

List of Available Materials:

Name	Description	Units
Portable Bollards	Black Dome Top Delineator Valet Cone Kit, plastic w/weighted base	18
Pavement Marking Tape	VISA-LINE Foil Temporary Pavement Marking Tape, White, 4" wide X 100 yards	2
Grass Rugs (Astroturf)	Artificial Grass Lawn 4'x6' Synthetic Turf Grass Rug Green Fake Grass (6-pack)	2
Galvanized Planters	Behrens 2-OV 10-1/2-Gallon Oval Steel Tub, Dimensions: 28" x 14.8" x 9.4"	8
White Spray Paint	Krylon K05151207 Flat White Interior and Exterior Decorator Paint - 12 oz. Aerosol	2
White Marking Chalk	Krylon spray can Inverted Marking Chalk, White, 15 oz. per unit	11
White Nylon Rope	3/8" Thick White Nylon Braided Rope, 100 feet Solid Braided Multi-Purpose Rope	2
Sidewalk A-frame Sign	Plasticade, Curb Sign with Quick-Change - Portable Folding Double-Sided Display	2
Coroplast Sign Inserts	Custom logo to advertise the project	4
Sidewalk Logo Stencil	Ploy Sheet .63 mil, 14" x 20" size, with custom pop-up planning logo	2

While these materials constitute all the basic elements needed to execute a project, you may want to supplement these materials with your own in order to achieve a particular look for your project. For example, SNHPC has galvanized bins for placing in a parklet or as a roadway divider but will not provide the ballast or plants needed to complete the desired aesthetic look. One solution for this situation is to contact your local garden supply store to request loaner plants and ballast in return for adding a small sign to the bins noting something like, "Plants were contributed by So & So Garden Supply Center".

SNHPC is eager to see these materials put to good use and we hope you will contact us with your project idea so we can arrange a date for your team to pick up and return materials to our office. Materials will be made available on a first come, first served basis, so please reach out early so we can secure your date!

Regards,

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