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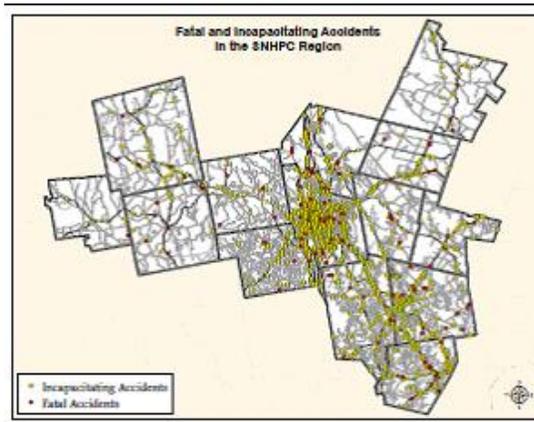
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## Locations with Fatal or Incapacitating Crashes in the SNHPC Region

A Road Safety Audit (RSA) is a formal safety performance examination of an existing road or intersection by an independent team. The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) launched a new RSA application process in 2015, and SNHPC has assisted communities with RSA applications for 2016 and 2017. The NHDOT intends to select locations with high potential for successful safety projects for RSAs, and to make data-driven decisions.



One of the RSA criteria from the application is that fatal and/or incapacitating crashes must have occurred at the locations to qualify. To assist communities to identify locations with fatal and/or incapacitating

crashes, SNHPC staff analyzed the NHDOT Crash Database 2006 - 2015 and produced lists of intersections and streets with fatal and incapacitating crashes for communities in the region.

As shown in the table below, there were 168 fatal crashes and 1,042 incapacitating crashes during the ten-year time period in the region. The City of Manchester has had the most fatal/incapacitating crashes, accounting for 44 percent of the total in the region. Derry and Londonderry have both had 115 fatal/incapacitating crashes.

<b>Community</b>	<b>Number of Fatal Accidents</b>	<b>Number of Incapacitating Accidents</b>	<b>Total</b>
Auburn	6	35	41
Bedford	14	53	67

Henry C. Boyle, Goffstown  
 JoAnn Duffy, Alt., Goffstown  
 Barbara Griffin, Goffstown  
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 Peter Capano, Manchester  
 Raymond P. Clement, Manchester  
 Daniel P. O'Neil, Manchester  
 Elias "Skip" Ashooh, Manchester  
 Bob Mackenzie, Alt., Manchester  
 Harold "Bo" Strong, New Boston  
 Mark Suenen, New Boston  
 Angela Drake, Weare  
 Wendy Stevens, Weare  
 Carl Griffin, Windham  
 Peter Griffin, Windham  
 Mark Samsel, Windham  
 Eileen Mashimo, Alt., Windham

Candia	8	21	29
Chester	6	25	31
Deerfield	5	16	21
Derry	22	93	115
Francestown	1	4	5
Goffstown	4	23	27
Hooksett	18	65	83
Londonderry	10	105	115
Manchester	47	482	529
New Boston	6	11	17
Weare	4	33	37
Windham	17	76	93
Total	168	1042	1210

Data source: NHDOT Crash Database 2006-2015

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**SNHPC Region Becomes Age-Friendly**

New Hampshire's population is aging, millennials are moving out of the state, and SNHPC wants to know how our region is addressing these realities. The baby-boomer generation is arguably the economic backbone of the state, and the younger population has the opportunity to vitalize the local and greater economies in the future. These seemingly opposite populations may have surprisingly similar wants and needs, and SNHPC is deep in the weeds in listening to those experiences.

The first phase of the Becoming Age-Friendly project has two objectives:

1. To survey residents of the region; and
2. To hold community forums with our communities' staff, local organizations, and residents on how they are addressing an aging population and a declining millennial population.



Currently, SNHPC staff is working to secure funding for a second phase of the initiative.

The Commission, through support from the Tufts Health Plan Foundation, AARP, and the Manchester Health Department has organized and facilitated a diverse group of stakeholders to sit on a Becoming Age-Friendly Committee intended to steer the direction of the new Becoming Age-Friendly initiative. Through the work done by SNHPC staff, the Committee provided meaningful feedback on a region-wide resident survey and community assessments which aim

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to examine the built environment and how it relates to a changing demographic.

In February and March, SNHPC staff facilitated Becoming Age-Friendly community focus groups in the towns of Auburn and Londonderry. Representatives from the Board of Selectmen, police, fire, libraries, religious organizations, the Audubon Society, and more came to share their experiences and engage in a community discussion on aging in their community.

In the coming weeks, staff will be facilitating focus groups in the remaining SNHPC communities. It is our hope that these meetings will spark discussion and highlight opportunities for addressing a growing senior population as well as a declining millennial presence.

Community residents are welcome and encouraged to attend their community forum as well as fill out the **online resident survey** at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CTBR33S>.

For more information, please contact Sylvia von Aulock, Deputy Executive Director, at (603) 669-4664 or [SvonAulock@snhpc.org](mailto:SvonAulock@snhpc.org).

## MTA Short Range Transit Plan Update

Beginning in January, SNHPC staff began to assist Manchester Transit Authority update its Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP). This document provides a five-year program for the continuing development of the MTA fixed-route bus and ADA paratransit services. The document has been designed to provide MTA and SNHPC with the necessary information to review all aspects of operation. The SRTP includes a description and evaluation of existing transit service and formulates recommendations. The SRTP was last updated in 2013; anticipated completion date for the FY 2017-21 SRTP is May 2017.



*A satisfied MTA rider. Photo Credit: Cam Prolman*

### Sections of the plan are:

- Existing Transit Service MTA management structure, fixed-route service, service area, operating schedule, facilities and equipment, ridership trends, revenue sources, on-board survey

results, revenue and costs, individual route data, special services, cost allocation, and income breakdown.

- Evaluation of Existing Service Reliability as determined from the schedule adherence checks and missed runs, passenger loads, and complaints.
- Public Transportation Demand Data-driven section including assessment/analysis of service areas in Manchester with significant elderly populations, and route coverage in relation to demand.
- Recommendations and the Five-Year Program Includes issues of system monitoring, service and schedule adjustments, marketing practices, vehicle replacement, system amenities, and support activities.

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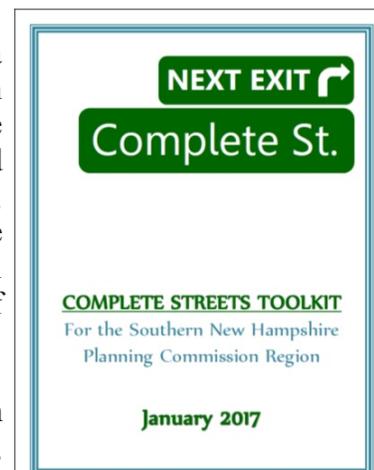
## Complete Streets Toolkit Update and Pilot Program Extension

In 2016, the Commission had the pleasure to come out and meet with Planning Boards and present the Commission's Complete Streets Toolkit project. There were many lively discussions as each Board and their Planning Staff considered possible pilot projects for their communities.

**Complete Streets** is a transportation design approach that encourages streets to be planned, designed, operated, and maintained to enable safe, convenient and comfortable travel and access for users of all ages and abilities regardless of their mode of transportation.

In Fall 2016, the Commission worked with Frankestown, Deerfield and Windham on three demonstration projects. Although each community had unique situations, many of the themes were similar. The communities all wanted to create temporary striping to test how the effect might change driver, pedestrian, and cyclist behavior. All three pilot programs can be reviewed in Section 5 of [SNHPC's Complete Streets Toolkit](#).

Fortunately, the Commission has been authorized to continue the Pilot Programs for an additional season. It is our hope that Planning, Road Agents, and/or Public Works staff will take advantage of this opportunity. The programs can include:



- Policy/resolution development
- Assistance with design standard development
- Education/outreach
- Pop-up planning initiative (demonstration project)
- Other (combination or some other project exemplifying Complete Streets standards)

If your community is interested in working with the Commission on a pilot program this spring (the deadline is June 30<sup>th</sup> for completed programs), please contact us as soon as possible. We look forward to assisting our communities with creating safe (Complete) streets for all users.

Also, if you have questions or would like us to present the Toolkit or the complete pilot programs to your Community, please contact Sylvia von Aulock at (603) 669-4664 or email [svonaulock@snhpc.org](mailto:svonaulock@snhpc.org).

## Statewide Byway Council Members Convene to Discuss Marketing

Despite a paucity of funding since the 2012 collapse of the National Scenic Byway Program, there are still grassroots efforts afoot in many areas of the state to promote outstanding scenic and cultural tourism opportunities to prospective visitors. The forum will be an occasion for fledgling byway councils to learn from well-established ones best shoestring marketing practices, as well as providing a chance to hear about what resources might be available at the state level.



On April 12, 2017 at 2:00pm, byway council members from many of New Hampshire's 20+ Scenic Byways will gather for what is believed to be the first ever marketing forum. Moderated by SNHPC Executive Director David Preece, guest speakers William Rose of NH DOT and Victoria Cimino of NH DRED will be followed by an open information exchange among byway council representatives.

The Meredith Community Center was chosen for its location at the heart of the Lakes Region and of New Hampshire. It is hoped there will be representation from all corners of the state, and attendees will depart with both increased knowledge and the reassurance that all byway councils are in a similar situation.

There are three scenic byways in the SNHPC region: the **General John Stark Scenic Byway** ([www.generalstarkbyway.org](http://www.generalstarkbyway.org) or <https://www.facebook.com/General-John-Stark-Scenic-Byway-484379230444/>); the **Robert Frost/Old Stagecoach Scenic Byway** (website under construction); and the **Upper Lamprey Scenic Byway** (<https://www.facebook.com/ulsbnh/>).

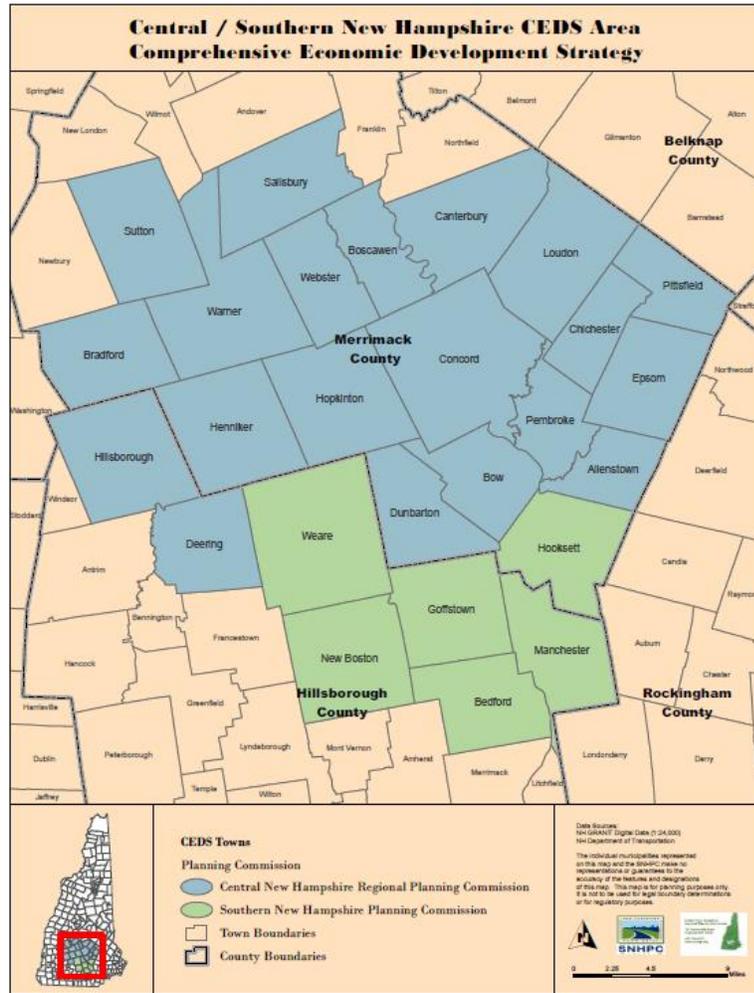
Corridor Management Plans for the three scenic byways can be found at [http://www.snhpc.org/index.php?page=reg\\_transp](http://www.snhpc.org/index.php?page=reg_transp).

For additional details, contact Adam Hlasny, Transportation Planner, at (603) 669-4664 or [ahlasny@snhpc.org](mailto:ahlasny@snhpc.org).

## Updating Regional Economic Development Strategy

Southern NH Planning Commission has begun the process to update the 2014 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) with the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission.

The CEDS is a comprehensive economic development strategy for several communities in the SNHPC region (Bedford, Goffstown, Hooksett, New Boston and Weare) and 20 communities in the CNHRPC region. The purpose is to present various economic and demographic data and identify common strengths and weaknesses, as well as projects and strategies to strengthen the local economy. The 2017 CEDS update will include the City of Manchester, one of the region's most important economic assets.



New Hampshire's Central/Southern Region is the most populated region in the state, and is an important economic development engine and corridor, connecting Concord and Manchester. By including Manchester in this update, this CEDS represents an opportunity to spur economic development within the heart of this dynamic region.

The CEDS is designed to foster collaboration between regions and communities, build capacity and guide the economic prosperity and resiliency of the Central/Southern Region. It will include an analysis of the regional economy; establish regional goals and objectives; set forth a regional plan of action; and identify investment priorities and funding sources for the region. An important aspect of the CEDS is that it is a crucial prerequisite for the region to be designated by the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) as an Economic Development District (EDD). This is an important benefit: the EDD designation enables municipalities and counties to qualify for EDA funding under EDA's current public works, economic adjustment and planning grant programs.

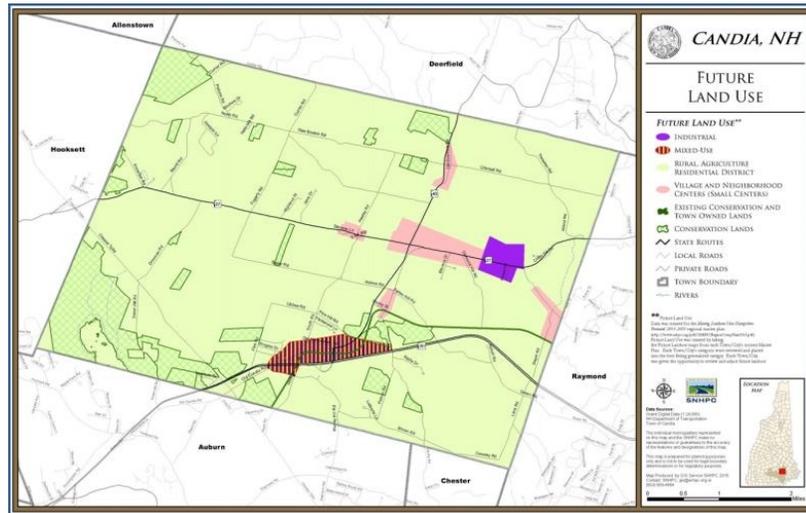
SNHPC and CNHRPC are organizing a Steering Committee with multiple representatives from each community as well as individuals representing the region's private sector. With the Steering Committee meeting in the coming months, SNHPC and

CNHRPC staff have been conducting economic analyses of the CEDS region which will be used to develop the regional goals, objectives, and action plans.

For more information, contact Cam Prolman, Associate Planner, at (603) 669-4664 or [cprolman@snhpc.org](mailto:cprolman@snhpc.org).

## Candia Master Plan: The Home Stretch

After nearly a year, the Town of Candia's Master Plan update process is almost complete. The Candia Master Plan Steering Committee met with SNHPC staff for several months to craft a final draft master plan document first presented to the Planning Board at a public hearing on March 1, 2017.



The new Master Plan establishes the Town's vision around Community, Culture, Education, and Recreation. It identifies goals and strategies across several areas, including Natural Resources, Land Use, the Built Environment, Housing, Economic Development, Community Facilities, Transportation, and Cultural/Historic Preservation. While several of the goals and strategies outlined in the new master plan are consistent with those from the Town's 2004 plan, the steering committee made sure to include new goals that better reflect Candia's changing needs.

A chapter of the new Master Plan highlights opportunities, constraints, and strategies for seven important planning areas throughout Candia.

These planning areas include:

- The Four Corners Area - Town Center
- The "Other Villages" in Candia
- Main Street & Raymond Road
- Lands South of NH Route 101
- Exit 3 and Old Candia Road
- Rural Residential Lands

- Town Conservation Lands

Candia residents are very proud of the small town character and charm throughout their community and value maintaining the community's natural and pristine environment while also addressing the need to accommodate thoughtful planning and future land use. These planning areas will enable the town to establish commercial development opportunities within designated areas, encourage greater diversity in housing choice, and provide a walkable and safe village center while still preserving the town's rural character. The plan also features community snapshots with issues and trends across various data characteristics such as population, housing, natural resources, and zoning (among others). Lastly, the master plan features a chapter on a Future Land Use Plan for the Town of Candia.

The Candia Planning Board left the public hearing open for comment. Hardcopies of the draft master plan are available for review at the Town Offices (74 High Street, Candia, NH), and a digital copy will soon be shared on the town's website. The Planning Board will vote on whether to approve the new Master Plan at their meeting at 7:00PM on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at the Town Offices.

For more information, contact Derek Shooster, Assistant Planner at (603) 669-4664 or [dshooster@snhpc.org](mailto:dshooster@snhpc.org).

## ReadySetGo! is Ready and Set to Go

In 2013, SNHPC established **ReadySetGo!**, a certified sites program, after identifying it as a way to spur economic growth in the *Regional Economic Development Plan for the SNHPC Region*. Today SNHPC is injecting new life into the program by partnering with NH Commercial Investment Board of REALTORS® (CIBOR), our communities, and others to secure funding to better market the program to businesses.

Certified Site programs facilitate economic growth by certifying that specific land parcels and buildings approved by a municipality (i.e. sites zoned for industrial, office-use or mixed-use) have met established specifications and guidelines. Having an inventory of shovel-ready sites greatly reduces risk, increases predictability for land development, and instills confidence among businesses that they can be up and running in a faster time frame. The ReadySetGo! program is the first certified site program in New Hampshire and the New England region. There are three levels of certification:

**Level 1:** Completion of a non-binding Concept Plan or a non-binding "Design Review" (per NH RSA 676:4 II a or II b) and a vote of endorsement by the Planning Board allowing the applicant to proceed with submittal.

**Level 2:** Site Plan or Master Plan approval (per NH RSA 674:43/44 and RSA 674:21) from the Planning Board.

**Level 3:** Level Two certification and a utility plan showing the availability and/or the provision of utilities to the site for building.

SNHPC is engaging municipalities to consider the program and help make it successful. As ReadySetGo! builds an inventory of program-ready sites, SNHPC and CIBOR will post essential information online to attract business growth.



To learn more about certified sites, please visit [www.readysetgonh.com](http://www.readysetgonh.com) or contact David Preece, AICP, Executive Director, at [dpreece@snhpc.org](mailto:dpreece@snhpc.org), or Derek Shooster, Assistant Planner, at (603) 669-4664 or [dshooster@snhpc.org](mailto:dshooster@snhpc.org).

## Holy Cross Family Learning Center 6th Annual Spaghetti Supper

The Holy Cross Family Learning Center (HCFLC) Board of Directors is requesting financial support through purchasing tickets, an event sponsorship, or advertising at their 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Spaghetti Supper. This popular event is being held May 11, 2017 at Holy Cross Center located at 357 Island Pond Road in Manchester.

This fun, casual event is the largest fundraising effort of HCFLC and is attended by over 300 people each year. This year will feature a cultural fashion show to display styles of the various ethnic groups that HCFLC have guided in their path toward citizenship. The evening will also include raffles, a silent auction, and a 50/50 drawing.



The mission of HCFLC is to respond to the needs of immigrants and refugee population in Greater Manchester (especially the West Side) helping them transition into the American culture with a strategic focus on:

- Teaching English Language Arts (ELA)

- Guidance to a path towards Citizenship
- Coaching toward Workforce Development

The funds raised 100 percent support the operational cost of HCFLC, which is lead by Executive Director Sister Jacqueline R. Verville, CSC, and supported by a staff and volunteer teachers.

More information about the Center can be found at [www.hclearningcenter.org](http://www.hclearningcenter.org).

To buy tickets, contact a Board member or go to <https://hcflcspaghettisupper2017.eventbrite.com>.

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