

University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension
Description of Services/Resources to
NH Dept. of Transportation, Community Technical Assistance Program (CTAP)
And the 26 Route I-93 Corridor Communities

The University of NH Cooperative Extension is the outreach arm of UNH. Extension's mission ensures NH citizens have access to land grant university knowledge and research, enhancing their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources and improve the economy. A network of staff in Agriculture, Forestry, 4-H Youth Development, Community Development, Sea Grant and Water Resources and Family & Consumer Resources on the Durham campus and across all ten counties help ensure Extension's ability to apply resources quickly to address societal and environmental issues.

UNH Cooperative Extension supports and trains hundreds of volunteers annually. Volunteers manage local 4-H Clubs, become Master Gardeners, Tree Stewards, Lake Monitors, and Community Profile facilitators and scribes. Participants in Community Profiles often become select and planning board members or members of other local commissions or committees.

Relevant Support to CTAP and the I-93 Corridor Communities

Cooperative Extension's Strengthening NH Communities program assists communities to achieve long term well-being by building human, economic, social and environmental capacity. To build community capacity, Extension provides a variety of educational services to community residents, organizations and local governments. These include:

- Facilitated community forums and strategic planning processes (Community Profiles, Master Plan Visioning, etc). The Community Profile is a community-level strategic planning program, coordinated by a locally-based steering/planning committee. Extension staff provides advisory and technical assistance in planning and execution of the program. A small fee is assessed by Extension and some additional costs may be incurred for such things as food and marketing.
- UNH Cooperative Extension provides assistance to NH communities and conservation groups with land and water conservation planning projects through its Community Conservation Assistance Program. A team of Extension educators provides direct assistance to selected projects in a limited number of communities each year. Through the Natural Resources Outreach Coalition, UNHCE staff and program partners assist three communities in coastal watersheds each year. Projects typically include a team of community volunteers. Extension assistance includes: 1) helping establish goals and priorities, 2) guidance formulating achievable project work plans, 3) training volunteers to complete specific project tasks, and 4) addressing issues in specialized areas, such as water quality monitoring, land conservation, and wetlands evaluation.

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