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PLAN NH

Plan NH is a 501(c)3 non-profit Foundation founded in 1989 to support education, fellowship, scholarship, and enhancement of good planning, design, and construction throughout the State. Our objective is to create a forum to improve New Hampshire's communities through excellence in planning, design and development of the built environment. Plan NH is unique in that we are a multi-disciplinary professional organization whose members include architects, engineers, planners, landscape architects, real estate, developers, lawyers, contractors and other professionals involved in the planning, design and development process. The diversification of our membership brings a variety of views and perspectives to discussions of issues concerning New Hampshire's Built Environment.

Plan NH conducts several initiatives throughout the year including:

- Programs and forums on topics pertinent to development in New Hampshire. A recent program
 on Smart Growth attracted over 100 attendees of design professionals and local officials
- Annual Awards Program to recognize excellence in planning, design and construction projects
- Administer the Granger/Plan NH Fellowship on behalf of the charitable foundation. The fellowship supports NH students in architecture, interior design, studio arts and certain engineering disciplines, while our Plan NH Scholarship supports NH students in other fields relating to the built environment not covered in the Fellowship.
- Community Design Charrette Program where two or three communities are selected through a competitive process to receive a two day planning and design charrette to help solve a particular community problem or concern. We have conducted charrettes in over two dozen communities since the mid 1990's. The cost to the community is a modest contribution to Plan NH to cover printing and miscellaneous expenses. The professionals are members of our organization who donate their time to the community.

Plan NH can provide the forum for continued discussions, workshops, and presentations of examples of good community planning and development for the CTAP communities. Our ability to bring all perspectives to these discussions, workshops, and presentations can aid in the communities process of developing a comprehensive "tool-kit" for addressing growth in their community.

Plan NH can provide planning and design charrettes for CTAP communities as they address growth concerns in specific areas of their community. This process would continue to be a competitive process and if a CTAP community is selected, their contribution can be offset by CTAP funds.

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