



## Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission

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### CNHRPC NEWS & UPDATES

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#### CNHRPC Office Operations Update

The CNHRPC office is closed to the public through May 4 as per Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #17. The CNHRPC operations will continue during the COVID-19 State of Emergency. All CNHRPC staff have been given the option to work from home until such time that it is deemed safe to return to the office. Our staff are equipped with the necessary technology, network access and remote meeting tools to communicate with you effectively.

We are all accessible via email. For staff email addresses, please visit the [Contact Us](#) page of our website. You can also call the main CNHRPC office line at 226-6020.

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#### CNHRPC April TAC & Full Commission Meetings CANCELED

Please note that CNHRPC has canceled both the April 3, 2020 TAC Meeting and the April 9, 2020 Full Commission Meeting.

As of now, both of these meetings are now scheduled for June. Please check the CNHRPC website for more information as we get closer.

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#### Guidance on Public Meetings during COVID-19 State of Emergency

Governor Sununu has issued Executive Order #12 which provides new guidance on the conduct of meetings, including electronic meetings. In addition, the New Hampshire Department of Justice has issued guidance on public meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic. If you have questions or need some assistance related to public meetings please contact [Matt Monahan](#).

- [Executive Order 12](#)
  - [Specific Guidance on Holding an Emergency Meeting](#)
  - [SOE E-Meeting Checklist](#)
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## **New Hampshire Municipal Association COVID-19 Resources**

The New Hampshire Municipal Association is providing these resources from federal and state agencies in order to assist cities and towns in developing appropriate responses at the local level regarding COVID-19. Topics include The Right-to-Know Law, Town meeting Postponement, NH SEOC Activation, and more.

<https://www.nhmunicipal.org/covid-19-resources>

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### **April 1st is Census Day!**

April 1st is Census Day, a key reference date for the 2020 Census- not a deadline. The Census Bureau uses this day to determine who is counted and where in the 2020 Census. When responding to the Census, you'll tell the Bureau where you live as of April 1, 2020, and include everyone who usually lives and sleeps in your home. You can respond before or after that date.

Learn more about the 2020 Census: <https://2020census.gov/en.html>

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### **Please take the Survey for the update of the Regional Trails Plan 2012**

In coordination with the Southern NH Planning Commission, the Central NH Regional Planning Commission is conducting a survey to gather input for the Regional Trails Plan Update (last updated in 2012). Your thoughts on trails and future trail priorities will help inform the plan and guide efforts of advocates and decision makers. A lot has changed in 8 years, so it's time for a fresh look! If you're interested in the development of trails in the Southern/Central New Hampshire region, please take a moment to fill out this brief survey. Please also feel free to distribute this survey to your audiences. Your input is appreciated.

Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TrailsPlan>



*Northern Rail Trail in Boscawen. Photo credit Friends of the Northern Rail Trail Merrimack County.*

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## **Hazard Mitigation and Emergency Operations Planning Continues**

Updating local Hazard Mitigation Plans (HMP) and Emergency Operations Plans (EOP) are essential planning processes. In March, CNHRPC organized well-attended remote meetings for the Allenstown HMP Committee and the Sutton EOP Committee. These towns are ensuring they retain access to certain federal grant programs, and just as importantly, will develop plans that will help mitigate future disaster events.