WHAT IS THE CEDS?

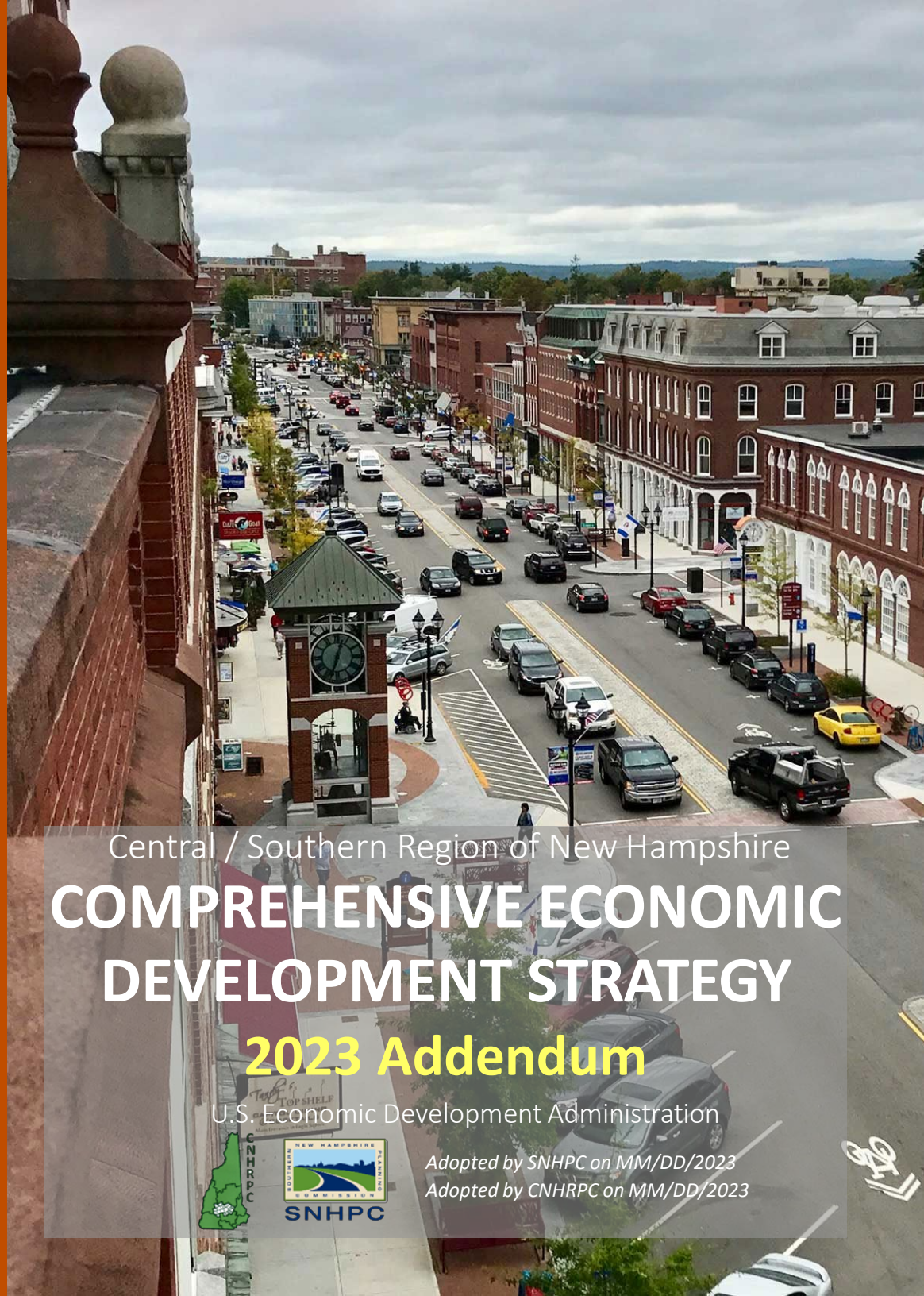
A Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy or CEDS is more than just another plan. It is designed to bring regional economic development to the forefront by identifying regional and local economic development priorities established through an agreed upon plan of action. It is also an important prerequisite to receive designation as an Economic Development District by the federal Economic Development Agency, enabling the region and its communities to be eligible for funding of certain projects.

WHAT IS THE PLAN'S PURPOSE?

An important part of the CEDS development is to bring the public and private sectors together to review the regional economy, analyze and interpret pertinent data, with an eye towards developing recommendations that target investment priorities and projects that will strengthen the regional economy.

WHAT DOES THE CEDS ACCOMPLISH?

The CEDS identifies economic development priorities and provides a foundation for communities and the region to strategically identify funding opportunities. It builds on and supports other local and regional efforts and identifies key areas to focus economic development efforts. By looking at the competitive advantages of the region, aligning public and private investments, and using the best available data to provide stakeholders with sufficient information to make well-informed decisions, the CEDS can advance and increase the economic competitiveness of the region.



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COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

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Our Vision...

"Continue to support and encourage a diversified economy in the region that recognizes the need to maintain a balance between attracting new investment, supporting local businesses, fostering local entrepreneurship, and strengthening the region's key industries. The region's quality of life will be enhanced by maintaining the region's rural character in balance with identifying and promoting projects for funding that strengthens the regional economy and workforce that leads to job creation and enhancement."

HOW WAS THE CEDS UPDATED?

In 2023, SNHPC and CNHRPC worked collaboratively to pull together economic development leaders, public officials, municipal staff, representatives of land use boards and economic development committees from the 26 communities within the boundary of the CEDS region. This group, the CEDS Strategy Committee, focused their efforts on nominating new CEDS projects to be included in the 2023 CEDS Project List Update.

A Project Selection Sub-Committee consisting of municipal representatives reviewed each project submission and ranked projects according to their Regional Economic Impact and Project Readiness. The new CEDS project list includes Economic Development projects ranging from strategic sewer and water infrastructure expansions to transportation infrastructure that will enable business development and job growth in the Central-Southern CEDS region.

After the ranking by the Project Selection Sub-Committee, the full project ranking list was brought to the CEDS Advisory Committee in July 2023. The projects are listed on the following pages and are sorted under the following categories: Education, Energy, Transportation, Sewer & Water, Studies Municipal, Recreation, and Other.

HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

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2023 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Project Priority List Update

EDUCATION PROJECTS

Rank	Project	Community	Location	Project Description	Points Awarded	Cost Estimate
ED #1	Armond R. Dupont Middle School Fields	Allenstown	Armond R. Dupont Middle School Fields	Improve Armond R. Dupont Middle School Fields	3	$750,000

ENERGY PROJECTS

Rank	Project	Community	Location	Project Description	Points Awarded	Cost Estimate
EN #1	Photo Voltaic Storage and Electric Vehicle Charging	Bedford	Chubbuck Road	Battery Storage Unit for PV and EV	4	$400,000
EN #2	Solar Array at Capped Landfill	Bedford	Chubbuck Road	Installation of solar array at Bedford's capped landfill	4	$4,480,000
EN #3	Extend High Pressure Gas Line through Village*	Goffstown	Route 114 from the Hillsborough County Complex through Village	Extend high pressure gas main along Route 114 through the Village	3	TBD

TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

Rank	Project	Community	Location	Project Description	Points Awarded	Cost Estimate
TP #1	Heritage Trail Greenway Study	Bedford	Heritage Trail	Comprehensive corridor study of the Heritage Trail in Bedford	10	$75,000
TP #2	Route 101 Corridor Study	Bedford	Route 101	Update the Route 101 Corridor Study west of Wallace Road intersection to the Bedford/Amherst Town Line	10	$434,000

TRANSPORTATION
PROJECTS continued

TP #3	Multi-Use Trail Feasibility Study	Manchester	Arms Park to Hooksett Town Line	Planning-level study for a multi-use trail from Arms Park to the Hooskett town line	10	$250,000
TP #4	Downtown Traffic Signal Improvements	Manchester	Pine, Union, Beach, and Maple Streets	Installation of advanced signal technology/signal performance measures	9	$6,500,000
TP #5	McKee Square Intersection Improvements	Concord	McKee Square Intersection	Congestion and safety improvements at the intersection of Broadway and West Street	8	$6,600,000
TP #6	Concord-Lake Sunapee Rail Trail	Hopkinton	Hopkinton/Contoocook	Trail improvements on the Concord-Lake Sunapee Rail Trail	8	$750,000
TP #7	King St & North Main St Upgrades	Boscawen	King St & North Main St	Pedestrian and safety intersection improvements	8	TBD
TP #8	Storrs Street Extension North	Concord	Storrs Street	Extend Storrs Street north to Constitution Avenue	7	$9,385,000
TP #9	Upgrade Manchester Street	Concord	Manchester Street	Right-of-way acquisition and relocation of private business signs to accommodate utility relocation; replace sewer main.	7	$7,765,000
TP #10	New Airport Terminal Building	Concord	Concord Airport	Construction of a new airport terminal building	7	$2,530,000
TP #11	Pedestrian Bridge Carrying Rail Trail over Piscataquog River	Goffstown	Goffstown Village	Construction of a pedestrian bridge carrying Goffstown Rail Trail over Piscataquog River	7	$1,250,000

TRANSPORTATION
PROJECTS continued

TP #12	Downtown Pedestrian Infrastructure Improvements	Manchester	Downtown Manchester	I reconstruct and maintain identified sidewalk segments	7	$5,000,000
TP #13	Rail Trail Improvements	Allenstown	Allenstown Rail Trail	Installation of benches, rest areas and three fitness stops along the rail trail	6	$200,000
TP #14	Fountain Square Intersection Upgrades	Hopkinton	Contoocook Village	Complete Streets improvements in Fountain Square; improve pedestrian, bicyclist, and motorist safety	6	$3,250,000
TP #15	Intersection Improvements at US202/NH9 and NH127	Hopkinton	US 202/NH 9 and NH 127	Safety and flow improvements at the intersection on the border of Henniker and Hopkinton	6	$4,486,682
TP #16	South River Road Improvements	Bedford	South River Road	Roadway widening, construction of a sidewalk and implementation of safety improvements along South River Road from Hawthorne Drive to the Merrimack Town Line	6	$25,251,537
TP #17	Passenger Rail	Manchester	Manchester	Support the development of passenger rail	6	$600,000,000
TP #18	Canal St. Widening Project	Allenstown	Canal Street	Widen Canal Street between China Mill and Ferry Street	5	$500,000
TP #19	West Main Street Sidewalk Improvements	Bradford	West Main Street	Construct new sidewalks on West Main Street	5	$1,000,000

TRANSPORTATION
PROJECTS continued

TP #20	Whitney Road Extension	Concord	Whitney Road	Extend Whitney Road southerly to Sewalls Falls Road	5	$17,500,000
TP #21	Queen City Avenue Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge	Manchester	Queen City Avenue	Construct a bicycle and pedestrian bridge to connect the rail trails north and south of Queen City Avenue	5	$5,000,000
TP #22	Exit 6 & 7 Improvements	Manchester	I-293 Exit 6 & 7	Address the transportation needs of a 3-mile segment of I- 293 extending northerly from the Granite Street interchange (Exit 5) to approximately one mile north of the NH Route 3A interchange (Exit 7)	5	$190,000,000
TP #23	Henniker Street Complete Streets	Hillsborough	Henniker Street	Complete Streets improvements on Henniker Street	4	$4,000,000
TP #24	Campbell Street Roadway and Signal Reconfiguration and North Manchester Livingston Park Connector	Manchester	Route 3 Corridor	Design and address the traffic congestion as well as the multi-modal transportation and environmental needs of the Route 3 corridor; installation of sidewalks along Union Street and Hooskett Road	4	$8,000,000
TP #25	River Road Reconstruction	Weare	River Road	Reconstruction of River Road	4	TBD
TP #26	River Road Bridge Upgrade	Weare	River Road	Upgrade bridge on River Road	4	TBD
TP #27	River Road Widening and Paving	Allenstown	River Road	River Road widening and safety improvements	3	$2,000,000
TP #28	Merrimack River Foot Bridge	Manchester	Manchester over Merrimack River	Construction of a pedestrian bridge over the Merrimack River from Foundry Street to the intersection of Mungall and Waumbec Street	3	$25,000,000

SEWER & WATER PROJECTS

Rank	Project	Community	Location	Project Description	Points Awarded	Cost Estimate
SW #1	TIF Sewer Infrastructure Project - Exit 11	Hooksett	Hooksett Exit 11 area	Installation of a sewer system that will service Quality Drive, Technology Drive, and a portion of Route 3A	10	$9,500,000
SW #2	TIF Sewer Infrastructure Project - Exit 10	Hooksett	Hooksett Exit 10 area	Installation of a sewer system that will service Quality Drive, Technology Drive, and a portion of Route 3A	10	$14,000,000
SW #3	Contoocook River Pump Station Upgrades	Hopkinton	Contoocook River Pump Station	Replace the Contoocook River Pump Station	8	$2,000,000
SW #4	Sewer Line Extension to Daniel Plummer/Route 114*	Goffstown	Daniel Plummer Road and Route 114 within access of Route 101	Conduct feasibility study to extend municipal sewer to Daniel Plummer Road and Route 114	7	TBD
SW #5	Exit 6/Maple Street Water-Sewer Expansion	Hopkinton	West Side, Manchester	extend municipal water and sewer service along Maple Street (NH127)	6	$4,250,000
SW #6	Pembroke Sewer Expansion	Pembroke	Manchester Street, Pembroke, Street, Sheep Davis Road	Expand sewer from Pembroke St. at Broadway going north, as well as all of Sheep Davis Rd.	6	$15,000,000
SW #7	Cooperative Water Drive Extension	Goffstown	Goffstown Village Precinct	Installation of treatment to existing wells for Iron and Manganese removal	5	$2,700,000
SW #8	Sebbins Pond Sewer and Water	Bedford	Sebbins Pond area	Construction of sewer and water lines around Sebbins Pond area	3	$18,700,000

COMMUNITY FACILITY

Rank	Project	Community	Location	Project Description	Points Awarded	Cost Estimate
CF #1	Bradford Theater Restoration at Town Hall	Bradford	Bradford Town Hall	Restoration of Bradford Town Theater	9	$225,000
CF #2	Old Elementary to Town Hall Conversion	Allenstown	Allenstown Elementary School	Convert the old Allenstown Elementary School into a Town Hall	6	$1,300,000
CF #3	Old Town Hall to Library Conversion	Allenstown	Allenstown Town Hall	Convert the old Town Hall into a Library	5	$500,000
CF #4	Public Works Garage Replacement	Allenstown	Allenstown Public Works Garage	Replace existing Public Works garage	5	$1,500,000
CF #5	Library Expansion	Bedford	Bedford Town Library	Construction of an 8,890 sq. ft. addition to the Bedford Town Library	5	$8,700,000
CF#7	Police and Fire EMS Facility	Bedford	South River Road	Construction of a new 41,000 square foot Police Station/Fire and EMS Substation	5	$24,800,000
CF #8	Town Office Facility Improvements	Bedford	North Amherst Road	Renovation of Bedford Town Offices	2	$2,700,000

RECREATION PROJECTS

Rank	Project	Community	Location	Project Description	Points Awarded	Cost Estimate
RC #1	Concord Lake Sunapee Rail Trail	CNHRPC	Regional	Completion of the Concord Lake Sunapee Rail Trail	8	$15,263,427
RC #2	Contoocook River Municipal Boat Launch	Hopkinton	Riverway Park, Contoocook Village	Reconstruct the municipal boat launch	7	$200,000
RC #3	Boat Launch Improvement	Allenstown	Merrimack River Boat Launch	Recreational improvements to the Allenstown boat launch	6	$25,000
RC #4	15 Mile Paved Merrimack River Greenway Trail	Concord	Merrimack River, Concord	Construct a 15-mile paved trail along the Merrimack River	5	$11,000,000
RC #5	Recreation Area at Merrimack County Boat Launch	Boscawen	Merrimack County Boat Launch	Upgrade facilities to include parking, accessible fishing area, and other recreation amenities	4	TBD

OTHER PROJECTS

Rank	Project	Community	Location	Project Description	Points Awarded	Cost Estimate
OP #1	CEDS Region Website	CNHRPC	CEDS Region	Develop website for CEDS region	10	$30,000
OP #2	Regional Broadband Internet Access	CNHRPC	CNHRPC Region	Study to determine regional broadband needs in CNHRPC Region	9	$30,000
OP #3	Assisted Living Improvements to McLeod Building	Merrimack County	Merrimack County Nursing Home	Capacity Expansion to the McLeod Building	8	$10M - $12M
OP #4	Woods Woolen Mill Hazardous Waste Site Proj. Cleanup and Redevelopment	Hillsborough	Woods Woolen Mill	Cleanup and Redevelopment at Woods Woolen Mill brownfields site	8	$3,000,000
OP #5	Gap analysis on Cell-Coverage in CNHRPC Region	CNHRPC	CNHRPC Region	Conduct a gap analysis of cell-coverage in CNHRPC Region	7	TBD

OTHER PROJECTS continued

OP #6	West Hopkinton Redevelopment Study	Hopkinton	Main Street	Redevelopment and development study; potential housing, commercial, mixed-use, environmental assessment, remediation of a 31-acre area	6	$50,000
OP #7	Expansion and Development of Naughton Property	Bradford	East Main Street	Acquire 122 East Main Street, demolish structures, conduct brownfields assessment	4	$650,000
OP #8	Associated Electric Cleanup and Redevelopment	Hillsborough		Brownfields assessment and cleanup	4	$2,000,000