

WELCOME TO THE PLAN NH FALL CONFERENCE

Unlocking Possibilities: Community Change for the Better

Tuesday, September 26, 2023 | The Hotel Concord, Concord, NH

8:00-8:45 AM Registration/Hot Breakfast

8:50 AM Opening Remarks

Tiffany Tononi McNamara - Plan NH Executive Director

9:00 AM Keynote Presentation | *Empowering Communities to Build Vibrant Places*

Richard Amore, PLA/AICP - Vermont Department of Housing & Community Development
Introduced by Bob White - Landscape Architect, GPI, and Plan NH Board Member

9:40 AM *Listening to the Data*

Brian Gottlob - Director, NH Economic and Labor Market Information Bureau

What are the key factors influencing differences in community development and demographic trends among communities in New Hampshire? Data will highlight communities that have been successful in addressing fundamental economic and demographic concerns as well as factors that contribute to their success.

10:10 AM break

10:20 AM Mid-Morning Presentations Begin

Employer Owned Housing Meets A Critical Need

John Randolph - Owner, GSD Communities
Maggie Randolph, AIA - Owner, GSD Studios

First developed in response to a need of the staff at Harmony Homes Assisted Living, The Cottages at Back River Road are a workforce housing development located in Dover, NH. The Cottages incorporate tiny homes, missing middle typologies, and affordability to bring a unique community to the Granite State and to show how infill housing projects can fit into existing communities.

Monitor Way - A Mixed Use Solution to NH's Housing Crisis

Kevin Lacasse - CEO, New England Family Housing

One way to address New Hampshire's housing crisis is to build more housing of all types. The Monitor Way development will deliver 938 units of housing across the spectrum, including workforce rental units, market rate rental units, condos for sale and rent, and townhomes for sale. Once complete, Monitor Way, will deliver much-needed housing, retail, and recreation opportunities to Concord in a Live, Work, Play environment.

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Mid-Morning Presentations Continued

Childcare, A Crucial Community Need

Alyssa Murphy, AIA/LEED AP - Principal & Founder, Placework

Recognizing that adequate childcare is integral to attracting and maintaining a strong workforce, the City of Lebanon has taking a crucial step toward meeting the demand by developing The Early Learning Center of the Upper Valley - a center that will be operated by the Boys and Girls Club and eventually serve 200 children. The building, which is sited adjacent to existing conservation land, is being designed to the highest environmental standards and organized to support a nature-based approach to learning.

Community Connections for Equitable Places

Arnold Robinson, AICP - Regional Director of Planning, Fuss & O'Neill

In 2021 the City of Manchester was awarded a \$25 million dollar Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant through the U.S. Department of Transportation. The project components were catalyzed through community engagement and will help the City implement a series of mutually supporting intermodal transportation infrastructure projects to create more accessible, equitable, sustainable, and safer connections for the South Elm Street area.

11:20 AM break

11:30 AM **Panel Discussion | Connecting the Dots through the Built Environment**

Moderator: Jodie Nazaka, AICP - Director of Economic Development, City of Manchester

What do connectivity, childcare, housing, and workforce solutions have to do with vibrant places? What makes creative partnerships integral to implementing these solutions? Why is the role of the local municipality so vital and how can we get our communities to accept change for the better? This super panel will discuss these questions and more as we broaden our understanding of how the built environment can help meet critical community needs and contribute to vibrant places.

12:20 PM **Closing Remarks**

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