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**NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR**  
**2026 PLAN NH MERIT AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE**

**PORTSMOUTH, N.H.** – Plan NH is now accepting nominations for its 2026 [Merit Awards of Excellence](#), which recognize outstanding projects that enhance the built environment and reflect Plan NH’s mission and values. Submissions are evaluated for their connection to Smart Growth and Livability principles, creative collaboration, and positive community impact across social, economic, environmental, and inclusivity factors.

“Nominations for the Merit Awards celebrate the creativity, collaboration, and commitment that make New Hampshire communities stronger, more vibrant, and more sustainable,” said **Tiffany Tononi McNamara, Executive Director of Plan NH**. “We are excited to recognize projects that demonstrate how thoughtful planning and design can truly improve people’s everyday lives.”

Nominations are open through **April 17, 2026**, and will be reviewed by a jury of diverse professionals from across New Hampshire. Award recipients will be notified and honored at the **Plan NH Annual Merit & Scholarship Awards Event on June 18, 2026**, at **Hotel Concord**.

Previous Merit Award recipients include:

- **SAU 53, Allenstown School District** – Allenstown Community School, Allenstown, NH
- **Brixmor Property Group** – Capitol Shopping Center, Concord, NH
- **City of Manchester** – Mill Girl Stair Improvements Project, Manchester, NH
- **Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter** – Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter, Nashua, NH
- **Sunapee Heritage Alliance** – The Livery, Sunapee, NH

For nomination guidelines or more information, visit [PlanNH.org](http://PlanNH.org) or contact Executive Director **Tiffany Tononi McNamara** at **603-452-PLAN** or [tiffany@plannh.org](mailto:tiffany@plannh.org).

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**About Plan NH:**

Plan NH is a non-profit organization of planners, designers, builders, and community members dedicated to improving and preserving New Hampshire’s communities. Since 1989, Plan NH has worked to foster excellence in the planning, design, and development of the state’s built environment.