

SRPC Planning Board UPDATE

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1 The NH Municipal Association (NHMA) is set to host a series of webinars beneficial to municipal staff and volunteers alike. The first, “Running Effective Public Body Meetings”, will be held on August 16 from noon to 1 p.m. and will help municipal staff and volunteers with strategies to make the most of their meetings. In September, staffers from the Rockingham Planning Commission, NHDES, the UNH Stormwater Center, and the Nashua Regional Planning Commission will host a webinar titled “Desmystifying the MS4 Permit” geared toward cities, towns, and institutions that are subject to the new permitting requirements. This will take place on Wednesday, September 13, from noon to 1 p.m.

Other upcoming trainings through NHMA include the “2017 Right-to-Know Workshop” on September 14, 2017, and the 2017 Budget & Finance Workshops on September 12 and 26.

Learn more at <https://www.nhmunicipal.org/Resources/Calendar>

2 This fall SRPC will launch a regional web-GIS viewer called MapGeo. A web-GIS viewer is an online map that contains multiple data layers the user can turn on and off to view different combinations of information. Planned data layers will be related to transportation, natural resources, economic development, and land use/zoning. Municipal staff and the public alike will be able to quickly access and view information on the location and extent of wetlands, land use classifications, and transportation projects – just to name a few – in their area. In addition, a major feature of MapGeo is its ability to provide a customized view of parcel and assessing data. This allows town officials to maintain the privacy of sensitive information while simultaneously giving the public direct access to data for their property. Users can quickly determine how their property intersects with other data layers (e.g., FEMA floodplain) and share or print a customized map of their own! SRPC is very excited to be able to offer this innovative online tool to the region. If you'd like more information on how to include your community's parcel data in SRPC's MapGeo site, or for more general information, please contact Rachael Mack at rmack@strafford.org.

3 RESHARE from the SRPC Newsletter:

The draft 2017 Public Participation Plan was released for public comment on Tuesday, August 1. The plan details outreach techniques the Strafford MPO uses to provide information and opportunities for feedback from the public. This document includes ‘Strafford MPO In Action’ features which exemplify outreach, meetings, and involvement processes conducted by the MPO over the past four years (since the last version of the document). We hope you will take a chance to flip through the plan and share your feedback! The document and public notice are located at <http://strafford.org/noticesDetail.php?292>. The comment period runs until September 14.

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