

SRPC Planning Board UPDATE

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1 Save the date for the Northern New England American Planning Association (NNECAPA) Annual Conference on Oct. 24 —26. The location for this year’s conference, Northport, Maine, offers a great setting to learn about “Defining Resiliency For Northern New England.”

Maine Association of Planners (MAP) will host the meeting in celebration of its 50th anniversary. Dar Williams will deliver the keynote address, speaking about her book “What I Found in a Thousand Towns,” which considers why some towns flourish and others fail.

More information about sessions and registration will be available soon, so continue to check the conference website, <https://nneccapa.org/conference/>.

2 The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) recently announced the third round of funding available through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). The \$2.6 million in federal funds are available for pedestrian and bicycling infrastructure projects. TAP projects require a minimum 20 percent local match. The funding program was created to “foster non-motorized transportation infrastructure that is safe, in good physical condition, and accessible,” as explained on the NHDOT website.

Letters of interest are due to the NHDOT no later than Friday, July 13, at 4 p.m. Strafford MPO becomes involved in the process later on, rating regional projects on a pre-determined scale and sharing the results with NHDOT. The Strafford MPO Technical Advisory and Policy Committees are also involved in the process. Learn more at <https://www.nh.gov/dot/org/projectdevelopment/planning/tap/index.htm>.

3 In early June President Trump declared two major disasters due to severe storms and flooding on March 2-8 for Rockingham County, and a severe winter snowstorm on March 13, 2018 for Carroll, Strafford, and Rockingham.

As an result, funding is now available through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). The HMGP provides funding for the implementation of cost-effective measures that reduce or eliminate damage and risk from natural disasters.

According to the New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM), letters of intent (LOI) are requested to support projects including property acquisitions, property elevations, localized flood risk reduction, and soil stabilization.

Letters of intent must be received by Friday, Aug. 3. More information can be found at:

https://apps.nh.gov/blogs/hsem/?page_id=1199