

SRPC Planning Board UPDATE

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1 The Northern New England American Planning Association (NNECAPA) Annual Conference is only a little over two weeks away! Register now to secure your spot for the Oct. 24 — 26 event, which will be held at Point Lookout in Northport, Maine.

The Maine Association of Planners will host the meeting in celebration of its 50th anniversary. The theme for this year's conference is "Defining Resiliency for Northern New England."

Singer-songwriter Dar Williams will deliver the keynote address and speak about her book "What I Found in a Thousand Towns," which considers why some towns flourish and others fail. NNECAPA notes that "drawing on her own travels and the work of urban theorists, Williams offers real solutions to rebuild declining communities." Session lineups and descriptions are [posted online](#). Learn more on the [conference website](#).

2 New Hampshire Local Energy Solutions (LES), a diverse group of energy professionals representing the public, private, and non-profit sectors, maintains an interactive Energy Dashboard that can be found on [its website](#). This resource enables local leaders to learn about and connect with their neighbors' energy projects across the state. With this Esri-based application, groups such as municipalities, schools, and community organizations can map their local energy projects. The current map reflects local energy committees; municipal and school solar projects; state, county, municipal, and school biomass facilities; and municipalities and schools contracting for local small hydropower.

"As the Dashboard grows," says New Hampshire LES, "we will continue to add layers of other energy projects, covering energy efficiency, energy storage, municipal aggregation, and more!" The group encourages interested parties to contact info@nhenergy.org to list their energy projects.

3 The New Hampshire Municipal Association (NHMA) will hold its 2018 Right-to-Know Workshop, on "The Right to Know Law & Governmental Records," on Tuesday, Oct. 16. The workshop will take place at the NHMA Offices in Concord from 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and costs \$75. The fee includes continental breakfast and a copy of the publication "A Guide to Open Government: New Hampshire's Right-to-Know Law."

The session will be led by NHMA's legal services counsel Stephen Buckley and staff attorney Margaret Byrnes. They will share strategies that municipalities can use when handling governmental record matters arising under the Right-to-Know Law.

"Guidance will be provided on determining what is a governmental record, and when and how access and copies of public records must be provided," says the event listing. "This workshop will also address what records are exempt from disclosure, along with whether a record request that would require a search for multiple documents must be fulfilled or whether a request impermissibly seeks to create a record that does not exist. In addition, guidance will be provided on the retention of governmental records and how claims under the Right-to-Know Law are enforced."

View the workshop flyer [here](#). Register on the [NHMA website](#).