

SRPC Planning Board UPDATE

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1 Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) offers planning expertise in multiple areas. One such area, hazard mitigation planning, allows SRPC to work with communities to identify past natural and man-made hazard events, community assets and risks, potential damages, and strategies to mitigate losses from hazard events. These updates ensure that all communities participating in the process continue to be eligible for federal funding for disaster relief. Natural hazards in Strafford Regional Planning Commission area include floods, hurricanes, Nor'easters, ice storms, wildfires, droughts, and earthquakes.

Within the last five years SRPC has completed or updated plans for 16 of its 18 regional communities. After a recent update to the SRPC website, all 16 plans can now be found online at:

<http://strafford.org/services/hazard.php>.

2 According to its website, "PS21 (Portsmouth Smart Growth for the 21st Century) presents ideas and encourages discussion and policy development around planning issues in Portsmouth, N.H." One way in which they do this is through hosting outreach events, the most recent which was held on Monday, March 5. At this event PS21 hosted Brent Toderian, a practitioner and advocate for creative, vibrant city-building, who presented on "Density Done Well."

Following the meeting, PS21 will be uploading Toderian's presentation on their website (check back within the next couple of weeks). This video, along with many others from presentations on topics such as accessory dwelling units, tactical urbanism, and climate change can be found online at:

<http://ps21.info/>.

3 **RESHARE FROM NEWSLETTER:** The US Department of Interior's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) will be accepting public written comments on its Offshore Oil and Gas Drilling proposal for NH's coast/Gulf of Maine until Friday, Mar. 9. There is lots to consider regarding BOEM's proposal.

BOEM requests comments be submitted via the portal at:

<https://www.boem.gov/National-Program-Comment/>

Learn more at <https://www.boem.gov/National-Program-Participate/>.