

# SRPC Planning Board UPDATE

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**1** With the kick-off to the new year, 2020 is a great time to consider applying for Plan NH's Municipal Technical Assistance Grant (MTAG) program. Accepted on a rolling basis, the applications for this program can be found on the [PlanNH website](#).

Funding supports municipal expansion of options for places to live (e.g., by location, and/or design and/or price-point) through changes in zoning regulations. The money can be used to hire consultants to review current regulations and re-write zoning or to create new ordinances to address the wants and needs of the community's members regarding housing choices.

Plan NH is more than happy to meet with communities to provide more details about the program and the outcomes of others who have been awarded funds. In the SRPC region, Dover, Rochester, and Farmington have all been MTAG recipients.

Contact PlanNH via [email](#), or by calling 603-452-PLAN.

**2** The NH Office of Strategic Initiatives (OSI) recently released its [2019 Year End Summary](#) for its work programs in 2019. This one-page fact sheet includes information on population projections, building permit data, floodplain management, municipal and regional assistance programs, and the results of the 2018 municipal land use regulation survey.

Learn more about OSI on [its website](#).

**3** With the legislative session gearing back up, the New Hampshire Municipal Association (NHMA) has released its first three [legislative bulletins](#).

As explained on the NHMA website, the legislative bulletins highlight "...NHMA policy bills and other bills of municipal interest as they move through the legislative process. Each Legislative Bulletin contains a brief analysis of key legislative developments during the past week, a legislative calendar listing municipal bills to be heard in the next two weeks, a call to action on scheduled hearings, and updates on federal issues of interest to municipalities."

Items of particular interest to planning boards and mentioned in the [latest bulletin](#) include a committee hearing on [HB 1439](#) and an upcoming hearing (Jan. 21) on planning and zoning relative to mandatory training for land use board members.

Learn more [online](#).