

SRPC Planning Board UPDATE

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1 Registration is now open for Happy & Healthy Communities, the NH Planners Association (NHPA) 2019 Annual Conference taking place on Thursday and Friday, Jun. 6 & 7. This year's conference, set in the beautiful communities of Rye and Exeter, will include programs on recreation, mental health, ethics, urban parks, shorelines, homelessness, coastal zoning, drinking water standards and other subjects. Join NHPA for its annual networking reception on Thursday evening and our Awards Luncheon on Friday. Interested in staying over? Contact the Exeter Inn at (603) 772-5901 to lock in a special rate by May 15. Don't miss this year's Conference!

Register [online](#). View the [flyer](#) for more information.

2 On the heels of Bike and Walk to Work Month, CommuteSmart NH will be holding a statewide commuter challenge in June. This competition encourages businesses, organizations and municipalities to form teams and compete against each other to log to most sustainable trips to work, which are measured per capita. Each regional planning commission (RPC) is currently registering teams to compete in the challenge. Prizes will be awarded for most sustainable trips in different size categories, along with an award for most social media buzz. Incentives will also be awarded to participating entities.

There are many benefits of entering the competition including saving money and increasing vehicle life, strengthening employee moral, and making a statement about quality of life and environmental impact, without a cost!

Learn more about the challenge [online](#). Contact [Shayna Sylvia](#), Communications and Outreach Planner if you are interested in registering. We can't wait for the challenge to begin!

3 New Hampshire Housing's Multi-Family Housing Conference will take place on Thursday, June 6 from 8 a.m. – noon. The theme, sustainable construction and affordable housing policy and practice, will be presented by keynote speaker Walker Wells, AICP, LEED AP. Wells works with cities, neighborhoods, and community development organizations to further green building and sustainable development practices through technical guidance, stakeholder facilitation, and the development of innovative policies and programs.

Other speakers will present on case studies, and discuss additional sustainable development practices, innovative solutions to energy efficiency, and putting policy into practice.

The event will take place at the Portsmouth Harbor Events & Conference Center. Learn more, and register [online](#).