

SRPC Planning Board UPDATE

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The American Planning Association (APA) Region 1, which includes New Hampshire, is holding a chapter webcast series on Monday, Jul. 27, from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. This training, titled "Economic Resiliency through Economic Opportunity Responses Team (EORT)" is being hosted by the Eastern Maine Development Corporation (EMDC). It will highlight a new model of economic assistance blending traditional community and land use planning with new and unique economic development services and process, to provide for long-term integrated community-specific success using examples from four counties in rural Maine.

This webinar is being offered free of charge. Learn more and register [online](#).

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Reshare from NH Office of Strategic Initiatives Planning News:

"The shortened legislative session caused by the COVID-19 pandemic prevented many planning and [housing related bills](#) from reaching the finish line this year. Governor Sununu signed [HB 1129](#) into law on July 10, 2020, which takes effect in 60 days and allows public hearings for land use regulation amendments to be noticed on municipal websites instead of in a newspaper if the public hearing notice is posted in at least two other public places. Three other planning related bills were approved by both the House and Senate in late June and are awaiting the Governor's signature. These include [HB 1111](#), which would allow neighboring communities to form communication districts and issue bonds jointly for the development of broadband infrastructure; [HB 1234](#), which would create a Lakes Region Development Authority to implement the redevelopment master plan prepared by the Lakeshore Redevelopment Planning Commission for the Laconia State School; and [HB 1245](#), which would allow municipalities that have adopted a local building code enforcement mechanism under RSA 674:51 to request that the state fire marshal issue building permits and perform inspections for specialized projects."

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SRPC Executive Director Jen Czysz and senior economic development planner James Burdin recently contributed to an article with North Country Council Executive Director, Michelle Moren-Grey, which was published in the NH Municipal Association's Town and City Magazine. This article provides details on the roles of regional planning commissions in a time of crisis, highlighting some of the services RPCs can offer its municipalities.

The article can be viewed in full on the [NHMA website](#).