

APPENDIX C

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The eight State smart growth principles are¹:

1. Maintain traditional compact settlement patterns to efficiently use land, resources, and investments in infrastructure;
2. Foster the traditional character of New Hampshire downtowns, villages, and neighborhoods by encouraging a human scale of development that is comfortable for pedestrians and conducive to community life;
3. Incorporate a mix of uses to provide a variety of housing, employment, shopping, services, and social opportunities for all members of the community;
4. Provide choices and safety in transportation to create livable, walkable communities that increase accessibility for people of all ages, whether on foot, bicycle, or in motor vehicles;
5. Preserve New Hampshire's working landscape by sustaining farm and forest land and other rural resource lands to maintain contiguous tracts of open land and to minimize land use conflicts;
6. Protect environmental quality by minimizing impacts from human activities and planning for and maintaining natural areas that contribute to the health and quality of life of communities and people in New Hampshire;
7. Involve the community in planning and implementation to ensure that development retains and enhances the sense of place, traditions, goals, and values of the local community; and
8. Manage growth locally in the New Hampshire tradition, but work with neighboring towns to achieve common goals and address common problems more effectively.

State of New Hampshire Goals to Implement the State Vision:

1. Foster the traditional character of New Hampshire downtowns, villages, and neighborhoods by encouraging mixed use development that is walkable, sustainable and conducive to community life;
2. Protect and preserve New Hampshire's land and water resources including farms, forest lands, wildlife habitats and other critical environmental areas;
3. Seek innovative approaches in transportation to address; safety; diverse geographic needs; accessibility for people of all ages; preservation of environmental quality; and alternatives that reduce energy consumption;

¹ From "Achieving Smart Growth in New Hampshire", Office of Energy and Planning. Available at http://www.nh.gov/oep/programs/SmartGrowth/about/documents/full_report_ver5.pdf

4. Promote stewardship of New Hampshire's resources for recreation and other activities that contribute to the health and quality of life for citizens and visitors in New Hampshire;
5. Advance state, regional, and local partnerships that create economic opportunities in a manner consistent with the community's master plan;
6. Preserve New Hampshire's historic and cultural resources that are an integral part of the state's quality of life, economy, and visual character;
7. Create a range of quality housing opportunities and choices for people of all income levels to ensure that communities maintain a diverse population;
8. Develop polices and actions necessary to assure safe and reliable utility services to better account for New Hampshire's changing demographics, and promote energy efficiency;
9. Link state investments in public facilities in a manner that fosters community vitality and efficient use of resources and energy;
10. Reduce the potential impact of natural hazards, particularly flooding and winter storms, on the State's citizens, guests, and natural and built environments.

