



**NH OFFICE OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (OPD)
SPRING 2023 PLANNING & ZONING CONFERENCE
SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023**

ONLINE CONFERENCE DETAILED AGENDA

(ALL SESSIONS WILL BE RECORDED AND AVAILABLE ON [OPD'S YOUTUBE PAGE](#) FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE)

PLANNING PROCESSES AND DATA TRACK

8:45 – 9:00 AM

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Ken Gallager, Principal Planner, NH Office of Planning & Development

9:00 – 10:15 AM

CENSUS DATA FOR MUNICIPALITIES

Nicole McKenzie, Data Dissemination Specialist, U.S. Census Bureau

This session will provide information on Census Bureau surveys that collect pertinent data to help inform decisions when developing master plans and other municipal activities. A review of Census Bureau data tools will be provided to assist planners in accessing customized data relative to their community. Topics include the various geographical levels of how data can be accessed, where and how to find data regarding your community such as population, demographic makeup, economic, and housing, and the various data view/download options, to include data tables, Excel spreadsheets, and mapping features.

10:15 – 10:30 AM

BREAK

10:30 – 11:45 AM

GEODATA FOR MUNICIPALITIES

Rebecca Bannon, GIS Analyst with GRANIT, Earth Systems Research Center, University of New Hampshire (UNH)

Sara Siskavich, GIS Manager, Nashua Regional Planning Commission

Jackson Rand, GIS Planner, Strafford Regional Planning Commission

Geographic data is the bedrock upon which planning decisions are made. And using geodata is not just for the GIS professionals anymore! This session will feature three presenters who will focus on the current state of collecting and



using geodata for municipal planning. Rebecca Bannon of NH GRANIT will present an overview of the current New Hampshire Geodata Portal and its many new functionalities. Sara Siskavich will discuss municipal buildout analyses and how geodata is used to support them. And Jackson Rand will describe the creation of an interactive online dashboard to support data collection and presentation for a municipal urban street tree inventory.

11:45 AM – 12:45 PM LUNCH BREAK

12:45 – 2:00 PM THE NEW HAMPSHIRE ZONING ATLAS

*Jason Sorens, Senior Research Faculty, American Institute for Economic Research
Max Latona, Executive Director, Center for Ethics in Society, Saint Anselm College*

The New Hampshire Zoning Atlas maps every zoning district in the state for its regulatory features affecting housing development. On the interactive website, viewers will be able to map regulatory features such as by-right or public hearing provisions for one-, two-, three-, four-, and five-plus-family developments and accessory dwelling units, dimensional regulations for these types of housing, and minimum parking requirements. The underlying dataset is downloadable free of charge for the public. In this talk you will learn about what data the Zoning Atlas contains, how to access, map, and analyze that data, and what the data suggest about the regulation of housing around the state. Key statistics about the land available for different types of development and highlights of regulatory features in particular places will be useful for municipal and regional planning staff and officials, state administrators and legislators, and researchers.

2:00 – 2:15 PM BREAK

2:15 - 3:30 PM FINALLY A YES – THINKING DIFFERENTLY ABOUT HOW TO GET THAT ZONING AMENDMENT/NEW DEVELOPMENT/DOWNTOWN REDESIGN/OTHER CHANGE APPROVED

Robin H. LeBlanc, Facilitator and Consultant, RHL Strategies

How often has a zoning change been voted down? Or a new idea for a development or a road re-design, for example, been met with pushback (understatement)? In this session, attendees will learn about an actual change equation ($D \times V \times F > R$) and how its principles, when applied in the right spirit, can mean a greater chance of success for the change to happen. In addition, attendees



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will hear about how the concept of humble, or servant leadership plays a critical role, as well as asking the right questions. Attendees will take away foundations for a different approach to introducing a change (hint: don't start the conversation with solutions!) and an awareness of what they themselves could be doing to lead it. They will learn about the power of partnership, of multiple viewpoints, and how the right questions can be critical to powerful outcomes.

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