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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer is in full swing! Hopefully everyone will have a chance to get out and enjoy the beautiful weather, fresh fruits and veggies, and opportunities that summer in NH holds.

The Legislative session has wrapped up for the year and I would like to thank the Legislative Subcommittee for their diligence this session, tracking over fifty bills and providing testimony or letters on the seven bills designated with priority status. This committee has become an essential voice for planning at the State House due to the outstanding work of NHPA member volunteers. The Legislative Tracker spreadsheet with the final information from this session is on our website at <http://www.nhplanners.org/legislativetracker.htm>.

The Executive Committee and the COG (Conference Organizing Group) are hard at work pulling together what promises to be an exciting and productive 2013 Northern New England Planning Conference in Meredith, "Planning for Everyone" on September 19-20th. The

conference will provide a focus on the relationship between the work of planners and those who have often not had a voice in the processes we administer and the products we create. If you are interested in helping with the Conference or sponsoring please contact Ben Frost or any committee member for more information.

Check out the rest of the newsletter for more great news on planning around the State. Don't forget register for the NNECAPA Conference on September 19th and 20th at Mills Falls in Meredith, NH!

2013 NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND PLANNING CONFERENCE

Register now for the 2013 Northern New England Planning Conference, "Planning for Everyone." The conference will be in Meredith, NH at Church Landing on the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee on September 19 & 20. It will provide a focus on the relationship between the work of planners and those who have often not had a voice in the processes we administer and the products we create. People with disabilities, refugees and immigrants, youth and elderly – all should find opportunity and comfort in a well-planned world, but they frequently don't. How can we change this?

On Thursday, the conference Keynote Address will be made by Claudia Folska, Ph.D. (description below). Thursday will also feature a plenary ethics session that incorporates issues of social and demographic change. A reception will conclude the day. Both days will include concurrent sessions based on tracks of "Mobility for Everyone," "Healthy Environment for Everyone," and "Who is Everyone?" At lunch on Friday, we'll have a panel discussion of the state law implications of the recent US Supreme Court decision in *Koontz v. St. Johns River Water Management District*, and the conference will conclude with mobile tours, including a special outing on the M.V. Doris E.

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For conference information and to register, go to www.nnecapa.org – conference information is under the “Resources” tab.

CONFERENCE KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Claudia Folska, Ph.D.

“The New American Dream”

Planning for the 21st Century with multi-modal transportation infrastructure and new urbanism Claudia Folska began to go blind at the age of five but she refused to accept her visual impairment as an impasse. She graduated from the University of Southern California with a B.A. in Psychology and received her MBA at the University of Southern California Marshall School of Business. After beginning a dual doctorate in Architecture and Design at the University of Colorado, Denver in 2004 and cognitive science at University of Colorado, Boulder, she completed her dual Ph.D. in 2012.

She and her now teenaged daughter rely primarily on public transportation. Claudia is passionate about public transit and is committed to improving the transit system so that it is more accessible to everyone. She was recently elected to the Board of the Denver Regional Transportation District.

Claudia is the author of the forthcoming book *Making ¢ of Pedestrian Oriented Developments – Feet on the Street* – in which she examines and rethinks current auto-centered design paradigms for pedestrian-oriented developments. Claudia believes that if she can affect designs that are more accessible for the visually impaired, then she has indeed made it more accessible for all.

She is also the host of her own television program, “Cooking in the Dark,” where she emphasizes the importance of cooking with organic and locally-sourced foods. “All people,” she says, “are cooking in the dark when they don’t know where their meal is coming from.”

Claudia has been featured on National Public Radio’s Talk of the Nation and in Wired magazine. For conference information visit www.nnecapa.org or email Ben Frost at bfrost@nhhfa.org

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE NORTHEAST ECONOMIC DEVELOPER’S ASSOCIATION

The annual conference of the Northeast Economic Developer’s Association (NEDA), which will be held September 8th - 10th in Portland, Maine. This conference will have exciting programs covering latest topics in economic development as well as networking opportunities.

Conference highlights include:

- Cooperative Approach to Economic Development
- Building Systems for Economic Diversity
- The Fierce Urgency of Now – Israeli Culture for Creating Economic Growth
- New Methods of Raising Revenues
- Building a Resilient Workforce - Youth and Workforce Development
- The Creative Economy and People Attraction
- Innovations in Systems and Infrastructure – Building Access to Fiber
- The Future of Manufacturing
- One-on-One with Marketers

Register now, early bird registration ends August 9th. For more information visit: <http://nedaonline.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=357>

CHECK OUT NEW APA SMART GROWTH LINKS

Here are links to the APA’s synopsis of a Smart Growth America report concerning the fiscal benefits of smart growth and a link to the report itself:

<http://blogs.planning.org/policy/2013/05/21/report-smart-growth-development-a-boon-to-municipal-budgets-local-taxpayers/>

<http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/documents/building-better-budgets.pdf>

FIXING SEPTIC SYSTEMS NEAR LAKE WAUKEWAN

*by Patricia Tarpey, Executive Director,
Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed Association*

Improperly functioning septic systems can present a public health risk and degrade a lake's water quality, particularly when these systems are located near the shoreline. Poorly functioning septic systems can release excessive amounts of nutrients and pathogenic organisms into a water body. At the same time, it can be difficult to identify problem systems and enforce rules on the local level to repair, upgrade, or replace those systems, largely because of the cost to property owners.

Despite these challenges, the town of Meredith and the Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed Association (LWWA) are moving ahead with programs to identify and help homeowners fix failing septic systems near Lake Waukewan, which is Meredith's public water system source and a regional recreational resource.

Protecting the lake's water quality is a top priority. In 2005, the Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee's management plan identified septic systems as the highest priority objective to address pollution sources affecting the lake. Meredith conducted a detailed survey of septic systems near the lake in 2009, identifying 31 as very high risk and 17 as high risk.

In 2012, Meredith adopted a health regulation that requires evaluation of all septic systems within 250 feet of the lake. DES awarded LWWA two grants that will help protect the lake. A source water grant will reimburse property owners for one-half the cost of

professional evaluations of their septic systems, up to \$250. The cost-sharing program will be offered to the owners of property located within 250 feet of Lake Waukewan, including properties in New Hampton, Center Harbor, and Meredith.

A watershed assistance grant will pay one-third of the cost of repairing, upgrading, or replacing approximately ten septic systems, up to \$4,000. Although all properties located within the Lake Waukewan watershed will be eligible, priority will be given to septic systems identified as high risk located within 250 feet of Lake Waukewan and Lake Winona, which empties into Lake Waukewan. LWWA expects to be able to offer financial assistance from the two grants beginning this summer. For more information contact LWWA at (603) 581-663

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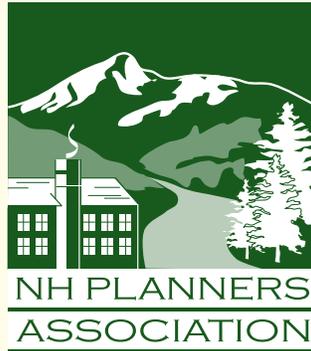
CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS!

NNECAPA is now accepting nominations for AWARDS for the following categories:

- Citizen Planner
- Professional Planner
- Project of the Year
- Plan of the Year

Visit the NNECAPA website for a link to the 2013 Award Submission Form: <http://nnecapa.org/>

Please submit one digital copy of the submission form and necessary attachments to your State Director by Friday, September 6, 2013, care of nnecapa.awards@gmail.com. Feel free to contact Elizabeth Wood, your State Director, with questions: elizabethjwood@hotmail.com



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