



## American Planning Association Northern New England Chapter

2017 NNECAPA Conference  
September 7-8 • Manchester, Vermont

# CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The 2017 NNECAPA Conference Committee invites you to share your expertise and creative endeavors with your colleagues at our annual conference.

The vision for the 2017 Conference is to engage with and be inspired by our host community – Manchester, Vermont – and the real-world planning challenges and opportunities it presents. We want to move beyond the four walls of the conference meeting room, turning Manchester in a classroom and laboratory for what is new and innovative in planning. Inspire your colleagues in the planning community with proposals that explore the most dynamic issues and ideas facing our profession today. We are looking for sessions that will provide a deep dive into a project, topic or experience that attendees will learn from and be able to use in their own work.

### Our themes

We are looking for sessions to fit into the following themes or tracks:

- **New Technology.** Crowd sourcing apps, electronic records, drones, green construction materials – new technology is changing how we do our work. How can planners use these new tools and materials most effectively?
- **Food Systems.** Local food is no longer a fad and it interfaces with many aspects of community planning. Local food is a growing economic sector in rural and small towns across the region, it is a cornerstone of efforts to improve community health, and it is helping to maintain the working landscapes that are one of the defining features of northern New England. What creative initiatives related to food system planning have you been involved with that we all could learn from?
- **Public Engagement.** We will be engaging with our host community by supporting and participating in a planning charrette and pop-up demonstration. Do you have a public engagement success story to share?
- **Ethics or Law.** We want to be able to offer attendees these important continuing education credits. Do you have an idea for an ethics or law session that would fit into one of our conference themes?

### Process and timeline

To submit a proposal, please complete the [online form](#) by **April 18**. The Conference Committee will make selections by May 5. Any questions may be sent to the Conference Committee via email at [necapa@vermontplanners.org](mailto:necapa@vermontplanners.org).