

NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs Office of Planning and Development Overview

Effective July 2021 – Planning Division of NH Office of Strategic Initiatives was transferred to the Department of Business and Economic Affairs

NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs	
• Division of Economic Development	Initiatives:
• Division of Travel and Tourism	• Office of Broadband Initiatives
• Bureau of Visitor Services	• InvestNH (Housing Initiative)
• Office of Workforce Opportunity	
• Office of Recreation Outdoor Industry Development	
• Office of Planning and Development	

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- **Floodplain Management Program (FEMA)**
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- **State Data Center (U.S. Census Bureau) and Geographic Information System (NH GRANIT)**
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Municipal and Regional Planning Program

- Provide technical assistance on planning and zoning regulations, processes, and topics.
- Provides training planning and zoning board members (**RSA 673:3-a**) through an annual Planning and Zoning conference for municipalities on planning, land use, and zoning topics.
 - **NEW** - Develop standard self-training materials and corresponding tests for zoning boards of adjustment and planning boards which shall be provided to members free of charge.
- Conducts annual updates to OPD's Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment handbooks.
- Conduct an annual survey to municipalities regarding their land use and maintenance of a central file of local land use regulations pursuant to **RSA 675:9**



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Floodplain Management Program



- State coordinating agency for FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) since 2004
- 219 communities participate in the NFIP
- Receive annual grant from FEMA to administer NFIP program in NH.
 - Provide technical assistance on floodplain regulations, floodplain mapping and flood insurance
 - Provide outreach and training on floodplain management
 - Assist and monitor communities that participate in the program.
 - Provide post-disaster assistance
- Flooding is #1 natural disaster in NH (flash flooding, coastal and inland flooding, ice jam flooding, hurricanes/tropical storm flooding)



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State Data Center

- NH's State Data Center agency since 1982; partner with U.S. Census Bureau
- Since 1968, **RSA 78-A:25** directs OPD to estimate annually the resident population for all cities and towns of the state as of July 1 of the preceding year and shall certify the same to the state treasurer on or before August 19 of each year.
- Since 1970s, NH State Data Center conducts an annual survey of municipalities on residential building permit data and each year publishes the *Current Estimates and Trends in NH's Housing Supply*.

New Releases:

- 2021 Population Estimates
- 2020-2050 – Population Projections

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What We Do

Technical Assistance

- Provide technical assistance to all stakeholders for OPD's programs

Resources/Services:

- OPD web site (still under OSI)
- Flood Lines quarterly newsletter (600+ subscribers)
- Plan-Link listserv (600+ subscribers)
- Planning News (every Friday)

Training
Data
Technical Assistance
Maps
Resources
Coordination

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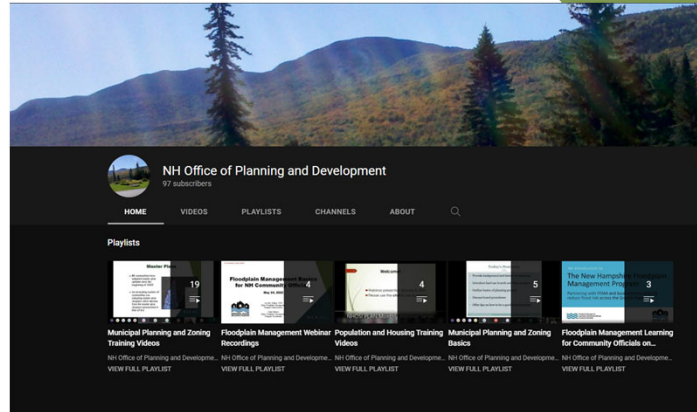
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What We Do

Training

- Conduct various training events for OPD's programs
 - Annual Planning and Zoning Conference
 - Planning Lunches at Noon (PLAN) monthly webinar series
 - Census data training
 - Floodplain management training
- Trainings recorded and available on OPD's YouTube site



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