

Established in 1959, the Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) is the oldest of New Hampshire's nine regional planning commissions. Formed by the City of Nashua and the Town of Hudson to address highway congestion and coordinate land use development, that same spirit of regional cooperation and problem-solving characterizes the commission's activities today.

Now serving 13 municipalities, including Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Litchfield, Lyndeborough, Mason, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, Pelham, and Wilton, the commission focuses on developing and implementing innovative planning strategies that preserve and improve the quality of life in Southern New Hampshire. NRPC provides its member communities with comprehensive planning services addressing environmental, land use, transportation, and regional planning issues as well as offering mapping and data services that utilize the latest technologies.

The commission's maxim: *"Value Yesterday. Enhance Tomorrow. Plan Today."* characterizes NRPC's integrated and results driven approach to planning. In a region with a long and storied history, the commission strives to honor the past and preserve its historic traditions while contributing to make the region the best possible place to live, work, and play both today and for the benefit of future generations.

NRPC's skilled staff and acumen at collaborating with multiple and diverse parties results in planning that is innovative, inclusive, technically sound, and driven by public involvement. The commission's commitment to meeting the highest professional standards has been formally recognized by the Northern New England Chapter of the American Planning Association.



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Landscape Architecture Services

Enhancing the vision of
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Landscape Architecture Services



Landscape Architecture, defined as “the profession which applies artistic and scientific principles to the research, planning, design and management of both natural and built environments” is a counterpart to regional planning. Landscape planning at the regional scale promotes and enhances human, social, cultural, and environmental needs, while integrating design, creativity, and aesthetics, creating vibrant places, gardens, neighborhoods, parks, and streetscapes.



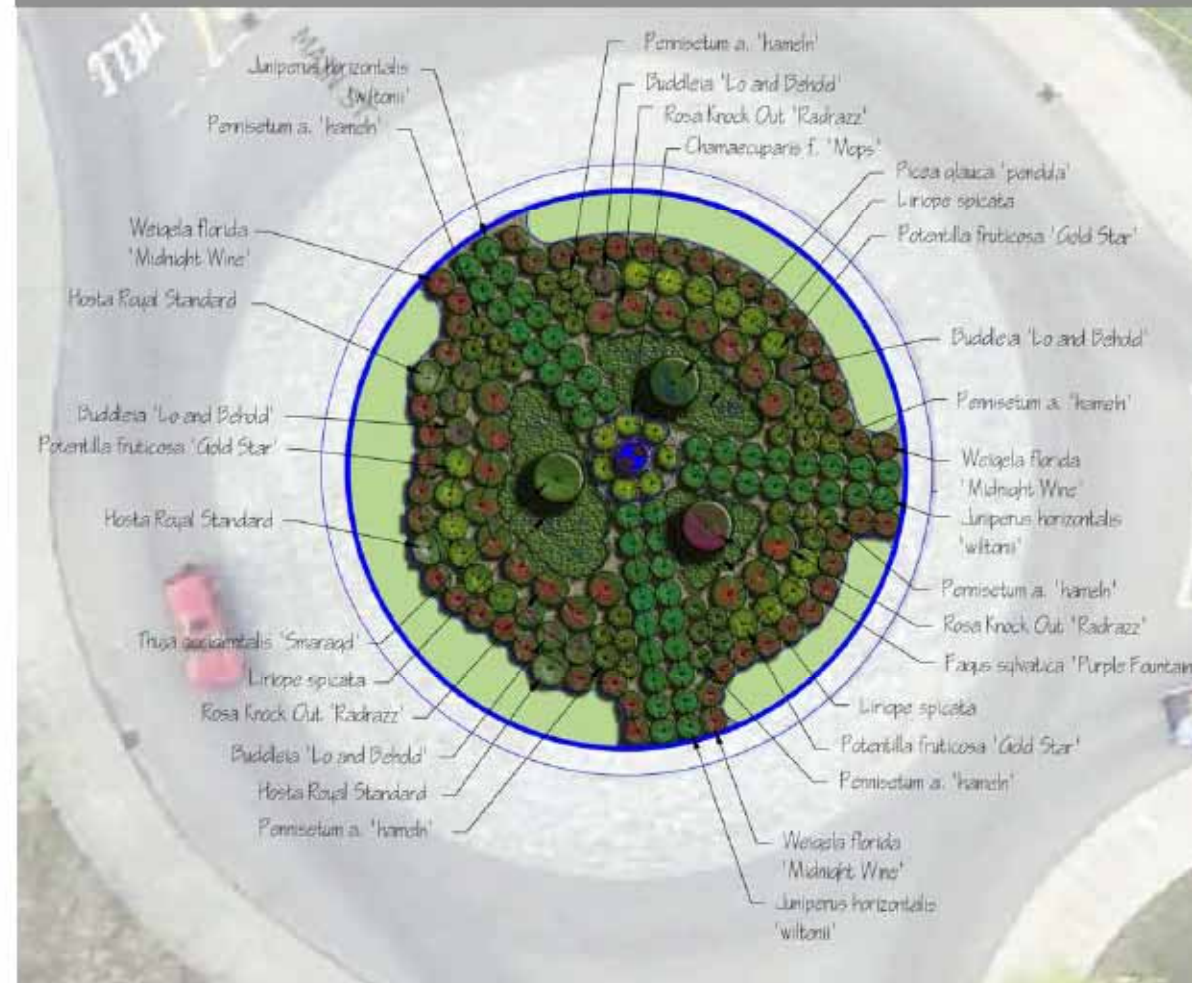
NRPC’s team includes a Professional Landscape Architect with registrations in NH and MA, and staff with a background in architecture, bringing a unique and skilled perspective to enhance the vision of community planning projects.

As part of a highway beautification effort, NRPC provided the City of Nashua with landscape architectural services for the design of the Main Street Roundabout located near Rivier University.

Commonly, the modern roundabout is expected to be safe, functional, and attractive. However, the combination of these factors can be tricky. To add visual interest, placing a tree here and shrub there may be considered, but it can’t be just any tree or shrub. Planting something too tall may compromise safety. The placement of a shrub that is commonly used in a back yard may not be appropriate as it gets sprayed with winter salt from plow trucks and vehicles.

With these points in mind, NRPC created a landscape design that aims to achieve year-round visual interest, is easily maintainable, and does not compromise safety.

Sample Work Conceptual Roundabout Enhancement



Plan Development and Illustrations for Town Boards and Recreation Departments and DPW's

Open Space and Recreation Plans: NRPC develops illustrative plans that visually identify, conceptually design, and prioritize a community's open space and recreation needs.

Transportation Enhancement Projects: NRPC provides conceptual ideas for streetscapes and roundabouts to help towns identify and visualize potential enhancement projects.

Low Impact Development (LID): We will work with you to identify strategies for LID techniques, such as rain gardens, permeable pavement, etc.



NRPC's Illustrations and Renderings

NRPC's master plan illustrations and renderings reinforce the vision of local planning strategies by providing a visual interpretation of specific goals, putting the plan into a perspective that people can understand. The illustrative plan also serves as a reference that is accessible outside of a written plan and is visually appealing.

Landscape Review Services

NRPC provides site plan and review services to Planning Boards and Conservation Commissions to ensure that the proper plantings are being selected according to the correct hardiness zone, sun and wind exposure, size and location, are appropriate for screening, shade, wetland enhancement, etc. NRPC can also offer viewpoints to help ensure that the aesthetic aspects of site design are being considered, that landscapes are sustainable, viewsheds are being preserved, etc.



Landscape Planting Plan Perspective, Downtown Nashua, NH

