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NASHUA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

# Program Highlights

## Household Hazardous Waste Season Starts April 21

During the 1st quarter of 2018, NRPC staff have been busy preparing for the 2018 Household Hazardous Waste Collection season. This year we will hold 6 events to allow residents to properly dispose of their household hazardous waste in a timely manner. The first event is Saturday April 21 from 8:00AM to 12:00PM at the Nashua Public Works Garage. The second event is two weeks later on Saturday May 5 from 8:00AM to 12:00PM at the Milford Public Works Garage. Residents from Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, Nashua, Pelham, and Windham can participate. Please note there is a \$10 user fee per vehicle that covers up to 10 gallons or 20 pounds of waste. Commonly accepted items include oil-based paint, solvents and thinners, fertilizers, pesticides, automotive products, and household cleaners. Latex paint is NOT accepted. For a complete list collection event dates and accepted materials, please visit [www.nashuarpc.org/hhw](http://www.nashuarpc.org/hhw).

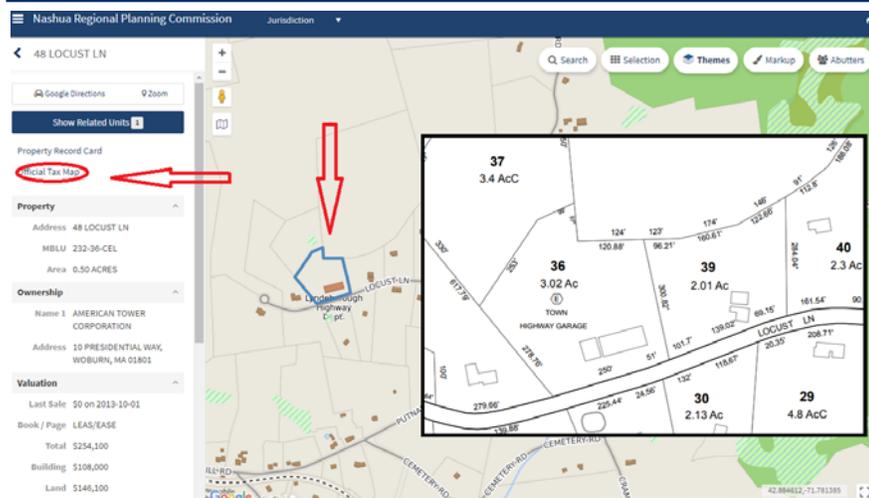


## Electricity Aggregation Preparing for Next Bid Process

What if you could save your municipality or school district thousands of dollars by simply signing a piece of paper? Sound too good to be true? It's not! Between 2012 and 2017 NRPC's electricity supply aggregation has saved its members \$1,608,931. The goal of the Nashua Region Electricity Supply Aggregation is to purchase electricity as a group from a competitive supplier at a lower rate than each member could receive on its own. By purchasing as an aggregation, municipalities and school districts can offer electricity suppliers a larger demand than if they each tried to purchase electricity individually. The larger demand, in turn, allows suppliers to offer a better rate to the aggregation than it could to individual members. MOUs will be issued in late March and must be returned to NRPC by May 1 in order to participate in the 2018-2019 bid round. The aggregation is open to any municipality or school district in the Nashua Region. For more information, please contact Jill Longval, [jillL@nashuarpc.org](mailto:jillL@nashuarpc.org).



# NRPC's Live Maps Now Supports Better Tax Map Integration

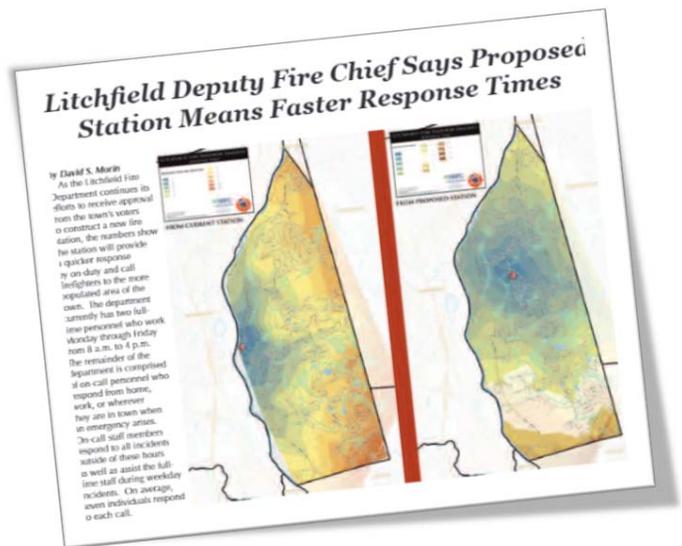


Sometimes there's no substitute for a good map. If you select a parcel in [MapGeo](#), you can use the Official Tax Map link to pull up the relevant tax map for that parcel. These links are available for all communities in our region who make available their tax maps, including the nine communities in the NRPC region who rely on NRPC for tax mapping services.

<https://nrpcnh.mapgeo.io>

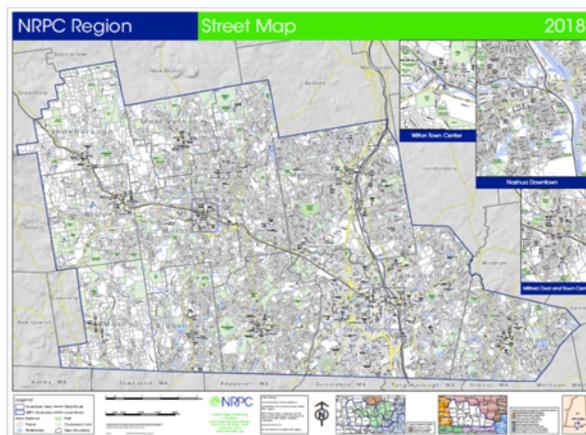
## NRPC's GIS Maps Featured in the News

In February NRPC's maps were featured in the Hudson-Litchfield news, in support of an article exploring the potential benefits of a new fire station location in town. Check it out (page 5) at <http://www.arennewsgroup.com/2-16-2018-hudsonlitchfield-news/>



## New Regional Maps

Need or want a map of the NRPC region? Look no further than our [Map Gallery](#) where you can now download two new transportation-related maps free-of-charge.



<http://www.nashuarpc.org/gis-mapping/map-gallery/>

## Economic Development

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NRPC will organize and host a regional roundtable conversation for its 13 member communities to discuss each municipality's economic development vision and to assess local needs on April 5, 2018 from 12—1pm at the NRPC Office, 9 Executive Park Dr., Suite 201, Merrimack. The input gathered will be used to identify existing regional assets, estimate costs and benefits of the tools we have at hand to meet local needs and identify research opportunities for collaboration with State and Federal economic development agencies to leverage existing programs to expand our collective reach and potential. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/economic-development-brownbag-tickets-43713851306>

## Planning Board Basics Workshop

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NRPC will organize and host an introductory workshop for those new to the realm of planning boards. The workshop is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 3 from 5:30-8:30pm at the NRPC Office, 9 Executive Park Drive, Suite 201, Merrimack, NH. The workshop will focus on a basic breakdown of what being a member of a planning board entails. Topics that will be discussed include: member responsibilities, duties of the planning board, basic planning board organization, meetings, public hearings, pertinent laws and RSAs, master plans, capital improvements programs, types of applications and timelines, procedures, etc.



## Nashua Transit System Expansion Feasibility Study

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The Nashua Transit System (NTS) Comprehensive Plan 2016-2025 identified expanded transit service as a primary goal. Approximately 58 percent of residents in the Nashua Region do not have access to fixed-route transit service because transit service does not extend beyond the Nashua City boundaries and our region is the only urbanized area in NH not served by a regional transit system. NRPC is kicking off a project this spring to examine transit service beyond the Nashua City limits and consider possible routes that would provide service along, NH101A between Nashua and Milford, Continental Boulevard between Nashua and Merrimack, Daniel Webster Highway (NH3) between Nashua and Merrimack; and NH 3A in Hudson.

We look forward to hearing more from our commissioners, community leaders, residents and businesses as we explore the feasibility of expanded service in the region.

## Data Support for Electrify America

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Electrify America (EA) is a subsidiary established by Volkswagen to make investments in zero emission vehicles totaling \$2 billion. NHDES is involved with the steering committee that is working with EA to guide investment in the Northeast. NRPC and other RPCs have provided data to NHDES in support of this effort. These include traffic model-generated trip patterns, existing and projected roadway travel mileage, off-street parking utilization rates and transit fleet information. EA will propose their Cycle 2 investment plan to the EPA in June.

## Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Webpage

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A transportation priority of the Nashua Regional Planning Commission is to encourage a shift from motorized to non-motorized travel, substituting bicycling and walking for driving an automobile for personal errands and commuting to work whenever possible. NRPC has created a new bicycle and pedestrian planning webpage to serve as a resource for municipalities. The website includes resource links, NRPC documents, noteworthy projects, areas in the region, and trails. <http://www.nashuarpc.org/mpo-transportation-planning/bikeped/>

# Metropolitan Transportation Plan

NRPC is now in the process of updating its Metropolitan Transportation Plan, which provides a blueprint for long-term transportation investment in the Nashua region to 2045. The initial phase entails soliciting new project applications from member communities. TTAC members have been requested to work with their communities to identify potential new projects and municipalities will soon be formally notified of the process. Also, a survey of the general public will be administered to identify how area residents and workers are using the transportation system and to obtain input into their preferences and priorities. Other outreach efforts to the public and municipal officials will be



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undertaken. The MTP update will take a close look at the financial feasibility of major projects which have been previously selected for inclusion. Fiscal constraint is a key component to developing the project list and if major capital projects are found to have low potential for funding, they should be moved to the “illustrative” category, which would identify the projects as future goals, but beyond the range of financial feasibility for the MTP time frame. This will have the benefit of freeing up financial resources for other projects. Since the Nashua MPO will be assuming programming authority for Surface Transportation Block Grant funds, we see an emerging opportunity for adding a host of new projects of moderate costs.

NRPC will also be applying performance measures in the updated plan. Safety measures have been adopted by the State and MPOs that identify desired limits for injury accidents. NRPC will utilize FHWA crash modification factors to evaluate the safety impacts of projects. Performance targets related to transit asset management will also be incorporated.

We anticipate the process of developing the recommended list of projects to be completed in August, 2018, with a final draft of the MTP soon following for review by the TTAC.

## ***Our Commissioners***

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## ***Our Mission***

NRPC's mission is to provide leadership, facilitation and coordination for member communities in implementing the regional vision.

NRPC serves as a resource to support and enhance local planning, provides a forum for communities to share information, and coordinate land use, environmental and transportation planning at the regional level, and provides a clear voice for the region at the State and Federal levels.

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.