

Plan of the Year

Moving Forward Together: Keene Community Vision 2008 City of Keene, NH



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OPEN HOUSE FOR A COMMUNITY-WIDE VISIONING PROCESS

where: city transportation center
(corner of gilbo ave and main street, next to ray's camera & photo)

when: wednesday, april 16th
from 11 am to 2 pm & 5 pm to 8:30 pm

saturday, april 19th
from 10 am to 2 pm

**WE MOVE FORWARD
FROM HERE.**

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come and learn about the process,
learn how you can get involved, create
your own personal vision statement,
and meet members of the
master plan steering committee
and planning department!

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• A Quality Built Environment

• A Unique Natural Environment

• A Vibrant Economy

• A Strong Citizenship and Proactive Leadership

• A Creative Learning Culture

• A Healthy Community



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KEENE COMMUNITY VISION

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ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 6, 2006

FOCUS AREA 2: A UNIQUE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

The natural environment addresses the natural assets (green spaces, parks and trails, lakes and waterways) within and around our city, as well as the man-made areas (green infrastructure, parks, agriculture, and gardens) for our future, achieving a unique natural environment metric:

Achieving Community Sustainability
We will be a leader in promoting and supporting initiatives that work toward community sustainability. Our community will:

- Have achieved success in reducing our community greenhouse gas emissions, thereby meeting our climate action plan target, and moving us toward a carbon neutral community.
- Be prepared and able to seize new opportunities that result from a changing climate. We will also be able to adapt to, prepare for, and reduce our vulnerabilities that result from a changing climate. This will make Keene resilient to climate change.
- Have air, water, and land free from pollution by fostering stewardship of our natural resources.
- Have integrated the principles of sustainability into the fabric of our community and civic decision-making processes, policies, and regulations so that our actions will conserve and promote our natural environment and the community's goal to achieve a sustainable Keene.

Creating Green Infrastructure
We will develop our City's green infrastructure and support efforts to preserve and connect these areas. Our community will:

- Have small and large parks throughout the city that are connected by a system of trails that create recreational opportunities and provide transportation options, connecting citizens to both the built and natural environment.
- Have turned the Ashuelot River into a community focal point, thereby providing recreational, cultural, and economic opportunities.
- Have tree-lined streets that reflect our historical legacy as an "Old City" and contribute to our goal of reducing community greenhouse gas emissions.
- Have connected green corridors that support active wildlife habitat, animal movement, and provide recreational

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- opportunities.
- Have a strong network of farms, gardens, greenhouses, nurseries, food co-ops, and public gardens that promote sustainable practices, provide value-added economic opportunities, and supply our community with high quality, healthy, and affordable food.
 - Have city stormwater standards applied to land development (or re-development) that work with nature to manage stormwater as close to its source as possible.

