

TOWN OF ALLENSTOWN CONNECTIVITY-PROJECT SCOPE

October 24, 2016

OVERVIEW

1. Project Background and Description

The Town of Allenstown requested assistance from Plan NH and the Central NH Regional Planning Commission to conduct a Charrette addressing the downtown area (Suncook Village portion of Allenstown). The Charrette occurred on September 30th and October 1st of 2016. The Charrette involved public input and recommendations of the Plan NH team. Those recommendations resulted in four focus areas; Economic Development, Housing, Connectivity and Recreational Amenities.

Project Scope

Connectivity refers to the ability of residents and visitors to access areas of the Town in an intermodal fashion. Pedestrian and bicycle access to key areas within the Town, Suncook Village area and beyond is a key means to connect the downtown residential area to our business districts. Connectivity with the schools, library, community center, town hall, fire & police stations and recreational facilities further enhances access to the residents of the Town.

2. High-Level Requirements

Connectivity initiatives will involve partnerships with other public, non-profit and private entities.

The project should include the following:

- Development of the railroad bed(s) as a pedestrian/bicycle path connecting the rail trail from Hooksett to Memorial Field in Pembroke.
- Development of new sidewalks for new housing areas in the downtown area.
- Enhancement of the existing sidewalk network to include reconstruction where needed.
- Implementation of an enhanced winter maintenance plan to keep the sidewalks open all year around.
- Development of streetscapes, pocket parks and traffic calming measures (Main St.).

3. Deliverables

A comprehensive plan should be developed as well as a capital and operational cost analysis for the various components.

4. Affected Parties

The entities that would need to be involved in the various aspects of this project include the following;

- Allenstown Highway Dept.
- Rail bed property owners
- Allenstown Sewer Dept.
- Allenstown Parks & Recreation Commission

- Allenstown School District
- Town of Pembroke
- Town of Hooksett
- NH Dept. of Transportation
- Various property owners depending upon the task item.
- Central NH Regional Planning Commission

5. Affected Operational Processes or Departments

Additional facilities and infrastructure will require maintenance costs and eventual capital replacement costs. Who or what department or entity will maintain the infrastructure. If it is the Town will it be the Highway Department. The Town does not have a Parks & Recreation Department. Will the assets be managed by a private or non-profit entity.

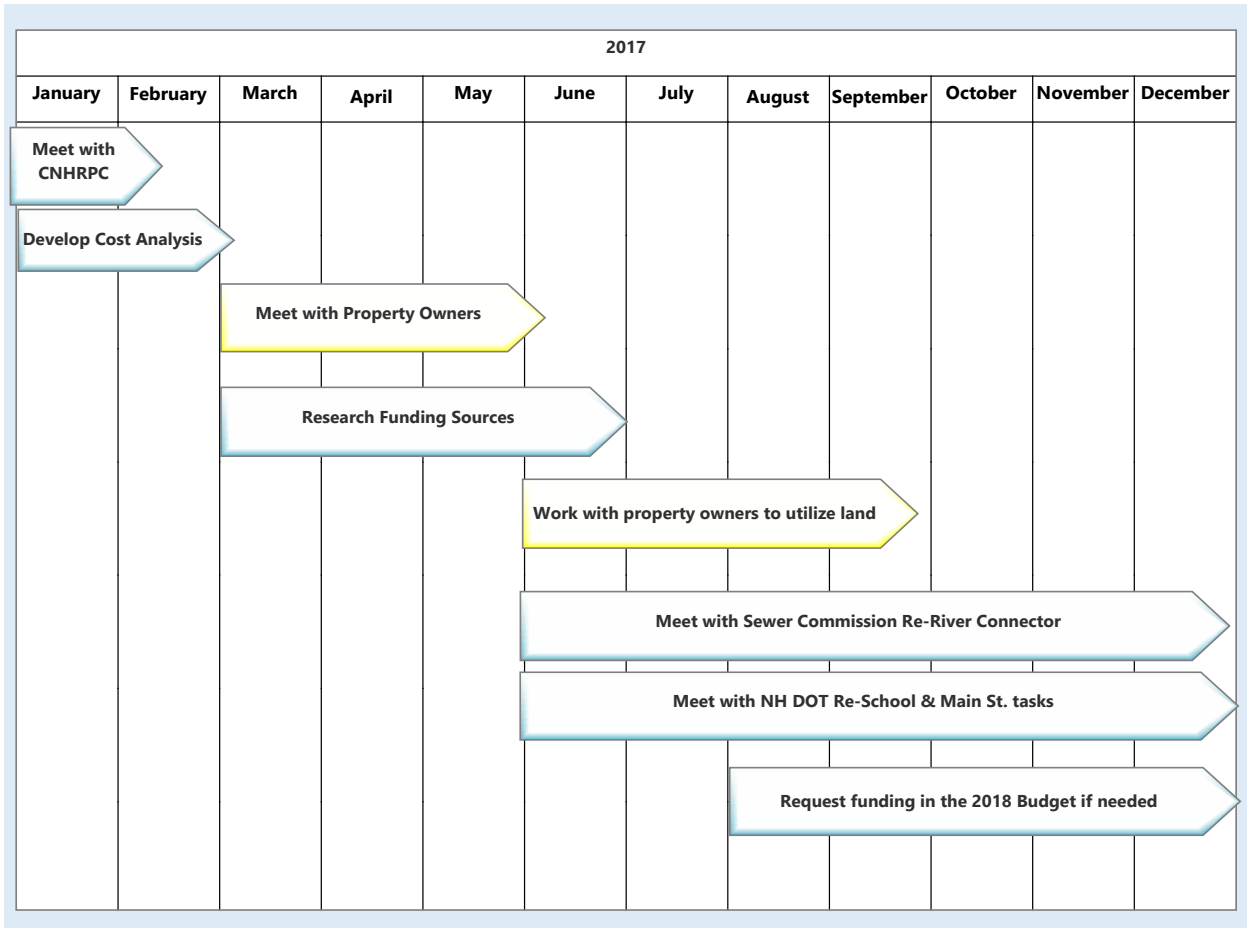
6. Specific Exclusions from Scope

This plan does not address connectivity via. watercraft along the Merrimack or Suncook Rivers. The Ferry St. Boat Landing is addressed in the Recreational Amenities Project Scope.

7. Implementation Plan

- Development of an intermodal transportation plan coordinated with the Towns of Pembroke and Hooksett. The best entity to coordinate this would be the Central NH Regional Planning Commission.
 - Partnering with the private property owners and the school district for development of the railroad bed as a pedestrian/bicycle path.
 - Coordinating with the Allenstown Sewer Commission to use the connector over the Suncook River for pedestrian/bicycle access.
 - Determine capital layout costs and operational maintenance costs.
- Inclusion of sidewalks which connect to the existing sidewalk network for any new housing development in or connected to the downtown area. This would involve the CNHRPC and the Planning Board.
- Enhancement of the existing sidewalk network and reconstruction of existing sidewalks would be managed by the Allenstown Highway Department with cooperation from NH DOT.
- Implementation of an enhanced winter maintenance plan to keep the sidewalks open all year around would be managed by the Allenstown Highway Dept.
- Development of streetscapes, pocket parks and traffic calming measures (Main St.). A plan would need to be developed to determine which measures, streetscapes and pocket parks could be developed. This may best be done as a group of people/entities involving applicable private property owners, CNHRPC, Allenstown Highway Dept., NH DOT, engineers/landscape designers. The Town's existing traffic management plan could provide additional guidance in this effort.

8. High-Level Timeline/Schedule



APPROVAL AND AUTHORITY TO PROCEED

We approve the project as described above, and authorize the team to proceed.

Name	Title	Date

Approved By _____ Date _____

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