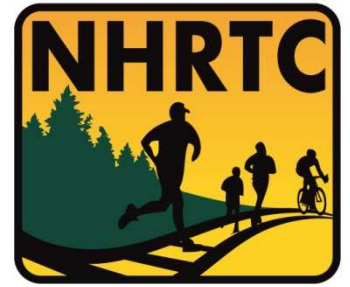


New Hampshire Rail Trails Coalition

5th Annual Meeting



# Building Trails with limited funding

Saturday, November 12, 2011

8:45 am to 4:00 pm

Concord, New Hampshire

At the Safety and Health Council of Northern New England, 57 Regional Drive



*North Bridge over Routes 9/10/12 for the Cheshire Rail Trail, Keene*

*Highly acclaimed information source  
and networking opportunity for  
people involved with rail trails*

Organized by Craig Tufts

Meeting directed by Diane Hanley

## ***Who should attend:***

- **Rail trail activists:** Board members and prime movers in citizens' trail groups
- **Conservation and trail groups:** working on rail trails with groups convened by cities and towns
- **Rail trail advisors:** Individuals working to aid trail groups, including state officials and regional planning commissions

## ***What you will learn:***

- **Federal and State funding:** What is the status of the Transportation bill? How do we get large projects done?
- **Private funding mechanisms:** What is working for our trail groups?
- **Lessons learned on rail trail issues:** such as applying and maintaining hardpack and avoiding water damage.
- **Who has expertise you can use:** find out who has succeeded in solving problems you face.
- **New Hampshire Rail Trail Coalition:** What it does to help you. We will share ideas to make it even more effective in 2012?

# Detailed Agenda

8:45 am Arrive, check in, and receive name badges

9:00-9:30 **Introductions** (self introductions of conference participants)

9:30-10:00 **Keynote Address: Supporting Trails in Keene**

Mayor Dale Pregent --*Keene has a unique opportunity to create a municipal trail system based on the rail trails built on the Cheshire and Ashuelot Railroad rights of way. This talk will discuss how the city and local groups worked together to generate trails, what has been accomplished, and remaining work to be accomplished.*

10:00-10:30 **Featured Address:** *Carl Knoch of Rails to Trails Conservancy will give the latest view from Washington on Transportation funding. Are the TE, CMAQ, and RTP projects endangered? Will state DOT budgets take a hit?*

10:30-11:00 **Working with the state:** *Charles Martin will report on important personnel changes at DOT and DRED and support from our Congressional delegation.*

11:00 - 11:15 **Brief Break**

11:15-12:00 noon **Raising public and private funding:** [panel] *A variety of techniques have enabled trail groups to raise money from municipalities, foundations, and individuals. This discussion will give you helpful fund raising ideas.*

Noon - 1:15 **Lunch** (provided) **and Networking**

1:15-2:15 **Recent Accomplishments:** *A lot has happened since our last meeting. This is an opportunity for trail groups to give very short summaries of their accomplishments with brief Q&A and help you figure out who you want to network with.*

2:15-2:45 **Preventing water damage** (Larry Keniston)

*When the railroads were operating, they spent a lot of effort to make sure water runoff did not disturb the tracks. Now that effort is gone, and we have multiple small, medium, and large water issues impacting our trails. What can volunteer groups do with little funding? When does the state help?*

## ***Detailed Agenda continued***

2:45-3:15 **Hardpack trail construction:** (Alex Bernhard and Bruce Bohannon)  
*The Friends of the Northern Rail Trail in Merrimack County have six years of experience building hardpack trails with grader or bulldozer and vibratory roller. Swanzey has been working a hardpack project with a paver. What has this experience taught us about hardpack trail quality and costs?*

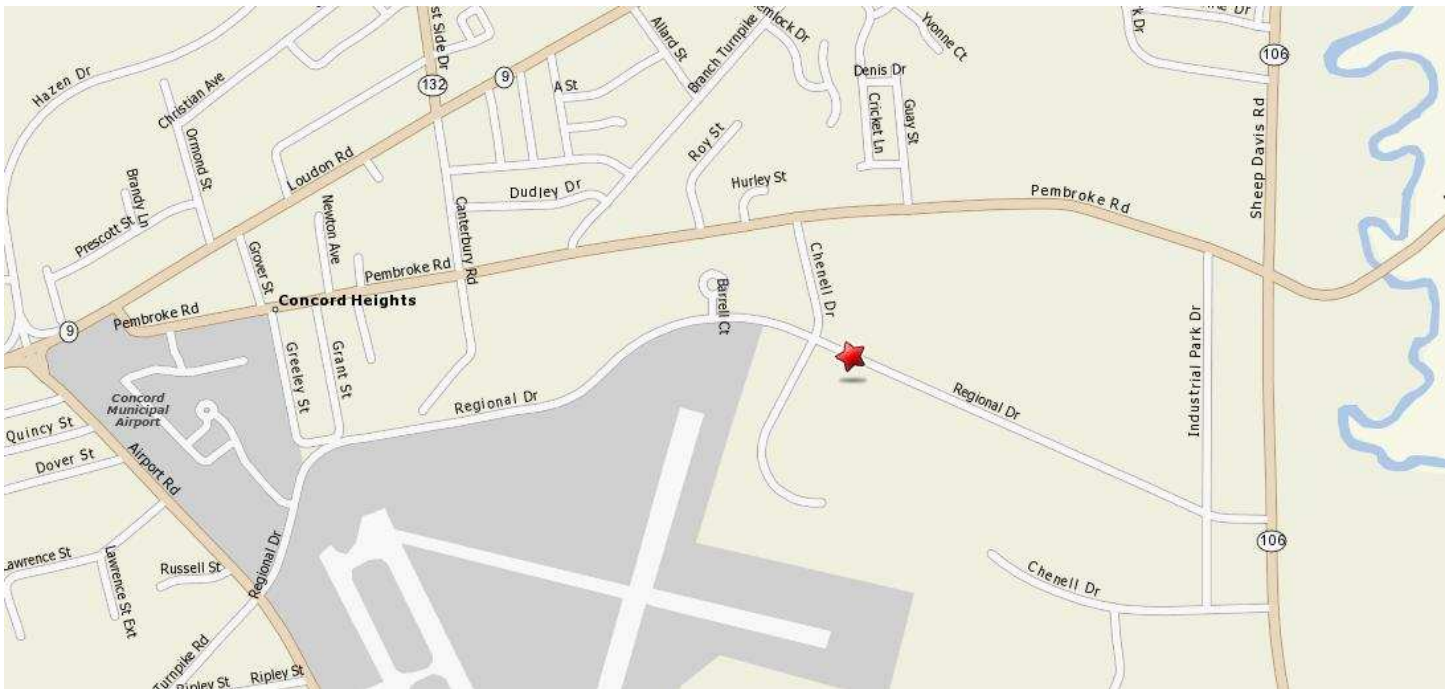
3:15-3:45 **New Hampshire Rail Trails Coalition** - *Mission, what it has accomplished and current plans for the future. Opportunities to work closely with the Coalition. What other issues do you have where you would like help?*

3:45-4:00 **Wrapup and Networking** – *You are welcome to stay and network till 5:00 pm.*

## Meeting Location

The meeting will be held at:  
Safety and Health Council of Northern New England  
57 Regional Drive, Suite 6  
Concord, NH 03301-8518

Thanks to the Bike/Walk Alliance of New Hampshire for hosting this event.



*The meeting is northeast of Concord Airport and slightly south of DRED headquarters on Pembroke Road.*

## Registration

Charge is \$30 per person advance reservation (postmarked by Saturday November 5) and \$40 after November 7. \$10 reduction for speakers.

Send your check made out to New Hampshire Rail Trails Coalition, P.O. Box 98, New London, NH 03257.