

CHICHESTER



A 20/20 VISION

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"Growth is inevitable and desirable, but destruction of community character is not.

The question is not whether your part of the world is going to change.

The question is how."

-Edward T. McMahon

Master Plan Steering Committee

A meeting will be held on **Monday, November 17th, at 6:30pm** for all those interested in being on the Master Plan Steering Committee. This committee will drive the planning of the future steps involved in developing Chichester's Vision. If you, or someone you know may be interested in being part of this committee, please come out and join us.

Do Our Regulations Move Us Toward Our Vision?

After establishing its vision for the future, a community can compare and evaluate its regulatory framework. Do the master plan, ordinances, and development regulations reflect the community's vision and goals? Do they reflect the Principles of Smart Growth? Citizens and planners together can explore alternatives to more effectively achieve their vision and values by evaluating their regulations on the basis of the Principles of Smart Growth for New Hampshire.

Sprawl cannot simply be blamed on developers, planners, residents, or anyone else. Sprawl occurs incrementally, due to the complexity of the links between the negative consequences any individual project. Taken together, the results have much larger cumulative impacts on both the environment and social fabric of our communities. Developers play by the rules established by state and municipal governments, but too often the rules are not coherent, consistent, or logically linked to the intended goals.

Developers give us what we ask for.

This event is facilitated by

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*"If you are planning for a year, sow rice;
If you are planning for a decade, plant trees;
If you are planning for a lifetime, educate people."
~Chinese proverb*

"The future is not completely beyond our control. It is the work of our own hands."

~Robert F Kennedy

"If you don't know where you're going, you might end up someplace else."

~Yogi Berra

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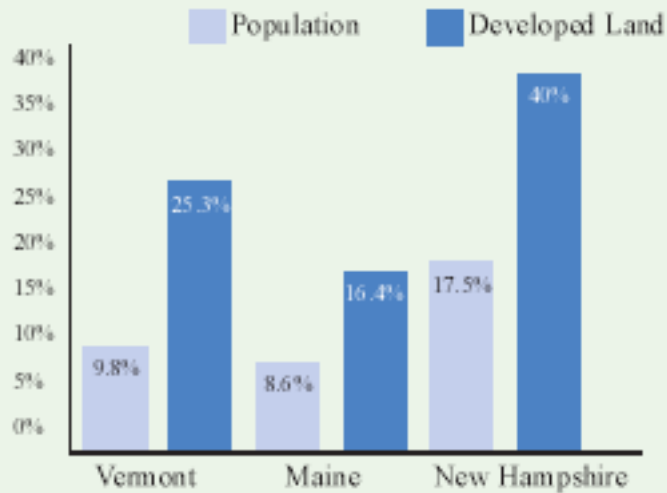
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Rates of Growth in Population Vs. Developed Land, 1982-1992



Source: Vermont Forum on Sprawl

New Hampshire is growing. It has been gaining population for over 40 years, doubling from 600,000 people in 1960, to 1.2 million in 2000. All expectations are for New Hampshire to continue to grow at the current rate of about 15,000 people a year, making it the fastest growing state in New England. This brings vitality to our state - new people, new ideas, new energy. But changes are also happening to our traditional landscape of fields, forests, and open spaces, while we see businesses and other activities leaving downtown areas. This pattern is visible even in areas of the state without population growth. Encouraging growth and development, while preserving the character and resources of our communities and state are key issues for our future. Our challenge is to educate ourselves on these complex issues and to work together so that our communities reap the benefits of growth and change, while minimizing the negative impacts.



**Bill Bartlett, Pease Development
Authority chairman and long-time
resident of Kingston:**

"Make an attractive community and people will come."