

UNH Cooperative Extension Economic Development Assistance Programs

Strategic Planning for Economic Vitality:

Extension works with community and regional-based organizations to help them to identify important issues facing the local economy, prioritize their economic needs, and develop an action plan to assess and address those needs. For more information, please e-mail Charlie.French@unh.edu

Business Planning for Agricultural and Natural Resource Firms:

UNH Cooperative Extension conducts 1-day workshops to audiences interested in learning the basics of business planning. Potential audiences include communities, organizations, or coalitions interested in business planning around agricultural and natural resources. For more information about this program, please e-mail Mike.Sciabarrasi@unh.edu

Economic Vitality and the Forest Industry:

Sarah Smith, Extension Forest Industries Specialist, educates local and state-level economic development practitioners about the forest industries and expansion opportunities. Sarah provides workshops to interested groups and provides technical assistance to individual businesses and forest-based industries. For more information, please e-mail Sarah.Smith@unh.edu

LEAP: A Job Readiness and Family Lifeskills Training Program:

LEAP is a three-week, 90-hour job-readiness program offering family lifeskills and personal development education to New Hampshire residents. During the course, participants learn to identify barriers that may prevent them from finding or hanging onto a job. They increase their self-motivation, their sense of self-worth, their courage and their capacity to take responsibility for their lives. For more information, please e-mail Suzann.Knight@unh.edu

Assistance to New Hampshire Marine-Fishery Businesses:

Aquaculture extension programs within New Hampshire are designed to assist both potential and existing aquaculture operations with all aspects of the business. These include species identification, broodstock care, nutrition, disease, systems design, marketing, permitting and business plans. For more information, please e-mail: Rollie.Barnaby@unh.edu or Ken.Lavalley@unh.edu