

## Community & Economic Development

*Bolstering communities and the economy in partnership with:*

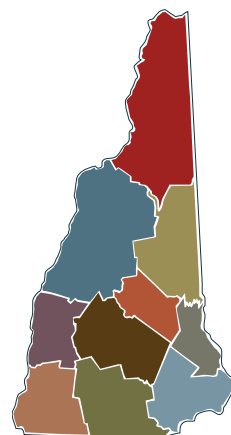
■ **Department of Resources and Economic Development** and **Small Business Development Center**, outfitting small businesses with knowledge and skills to better manage their enterprises and increase profits. Cooperative Extension's focus on farming, fishing and forestry businesses complements DRED's focus on large-business recruitment and SBDC's work with retail and commercial enterprises.

■ **Housing Finance Authority**, assisting communities with policy and decision-making around housing, transportation and land-use issues. Cooperative Extension supports the authority's work by helping communities engage residents in municipal planning.

■ **Office of Energy and Planning**, ensuring that members of municipal boards and committees have the skills to develop sound policy and find solutions to community problems. Cooperative Extension's role as convener of the NH Citizen Planner network ensures OEP's constituents 24/7 access to education and resources to help them do their jobs.

■ **Regional Planning Commissions**, identifying what residents want for the future of their communities and state. Extension draws on its deep community roots in all 10 counties and its ability to convene diverse stakeholders in each of the regional planning districts to inform local and state investments.

■ **Department of Agriculture**, providing agricultural businesses with the financial management and marketing skills they need to grow and sustain their operations. The Department of Agriculture supports Cooperative Extension's Natural Resources and Agricultural Business Institute and farm business management programs.



## COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

*UNH Cooperative Extension and state agencies work together to build a stronger future for New Hampshire*

For decades, the New Hampshire State House has relied on UNH Cooperative Extension to deliver information and services to citizens. It's a model that dates back to 1925, when the Division of Forests and Lands sought Extension to handle forest stewardship awareness efforts across the state. That was the start of a long and strong partnership that continues to this day. In 2013, no fewer than 20 state divisions will take advantage of Cooperative Extension's expertise and presence in the fields, forests, farms, classrooms and communities of every county. We're doing what we do best, so state agencies can do what they do best in the most efficient and cost-effective way.

### Food & Agriculture

*Providing education and outreach to grow and improve New Hampshire agriculture in partnership with several Department of Agriculture divisions, including:*

■ **Division of Agricultural Development** and **Department of Resources and Economic Development**, planning the annual NH Farm & Forest Exposition.

■ **Division of Pesticide Control**, providing pesticide applicator training and integrated pest management to private and commercial license holders.

■ **Division of Plant Industry** and **Department of Health and Human Services**, providing invasive insect training to Extension's 500 Master Gardener volunteers and educating the public about forest and crop health as well as insect threats to public health.

■ **Division of Regulatory Services**, co-developing educational programs that bring crop production assistance and compliance training on the USDA's National Organic Program.

■ **Division of Weights and Measures**, hosting scale calibration clinics for food producers.

### Youth & Families

*Strengthening the state's youth, families, and volunteers in partnership with:*

■ **Child Development Bureau**, training afterschool providers in partnership with the BOOST-NH program.

■ **Department of Corrections** and **Department of Health and Human Services Division of Child Support Services**, conducting life-skills training for incarcerated individuals and their families.

■ **Department of Education Bureau of Nutrition** and **Division of Family Assistance**, helping SNAP recipients become more self-sufficient through food and nutrition classes.

■ **Department of Education**, providing academic review, training and consulting services on bullying and peer victimization.

■ **Fish and Game**, bringing leadership and outdoor experiences to youth through the 4-H Barry Conservation Camp.

■ **Housing Finance Authority**, bringing financial management skills to low-income audiences.

## Natural Resources

*Preserving and protecting New Hampshire's landscapes, wildlife and waters in partnership with:*

■ **Department of Agriculture**, delivering educational programming as part of the Native Lumber Law—RSA 434:59-61.

■ **Department of Resources and Economic Development**, through an MOU with the Division of Forests and Lands (RSA 227-1:2(c)), supporting a network that provides outreach and education on the sustainable management and use of forest resources.

■ **DRED's Division of Economic Development** and **Fish and Game**, coordinating large volunteer networks—including the Lakes Lay Monitors, Natural Resource Stewards and Wildlife Coverts—that promote responsible stewardship of natural resources.

■ **Department of Environmental Services**, conducting community-based watershed protection and management programs; collaborating on climate change and stormwater programs, and managing the Lakes Lay Monitoring Program, a 500-person-strong volunteer body that monitors the water quality of New Hampshire lakes.

■ **Fish and Game**, promoting programs that enhance wildlife habitat and train teachers about water resources; promoting and enhancing land stewardship, aquaculture production, marine debris elimination, and creating and retaining marine-related employment opportunities.