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MEMORANDUM

TO: New Hampshire Municipalities

FROM: Michael Klass, Principal Planner
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DATE: September 14, 2020

SUBJECT: *Smart Growth Report*

New Hampshire's Smart Growth Policy ([RSA 9-B](#)) calls for a coordinated effort by state agencies for economic growth, resource protection, and planning policy to encourage smart growth. Specifically, RSA 9-B:6 requires the Council on Resources and Development (CORD) to prepare a report every four years on the following:

- I. Progress by state agencies in considering the state's policy on smart growth when providing advice or expending state or federal funds.
- II. Progress by the state agencies represented on CORD in coordinating their activities to encourage smart growth.
- III. Efforts to encourage development in accordance with the principles of smart growth by regular review of state operating procedures, granting policies, and regulatory framework.
- IV. Suggested policy changes or legislation that CORD believes would strengthen the state's ability to achieve smart growth.

CORD recognizes that State policies and agency actions can either assist or hinder the ability of municipalities to implement smart growth. We'd appreciate your assistance in responding to the questions on the attached survey to better understand state impacts on smart growth.

Replies are respectfully requested by Monday, October 12, 2020. Please email responses to Michael.Klass@osi.nh.gov

For your reference, a copy of the *2016 Smart Growth Report* can be found online at the CORD website: <http://www.nh.gov/oep/planning/programs/cord/documents/smart-growth.pdf>

Thank you for your assistance.