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MAPPING NEW HAMPSHIRE'S BROADBAND

The New Hampshire Broadband Mapping Program (NHBMP) is a multi-year, multi-agency effort to map areas in the state that are currently served by the state's 70+ broadband providers. The program, managed by the Complex Systems Research Center at UNH, is a collaboration between UNH, the nine regional planning agencies in the state, and the NH Department of Resources and Economic Development/Division of Economic Development. The effort will yield a mapped inventory of existing and planned broadband assets, as well as a view of locations in New Hampshire where there is either no coverage or inadequate coverage. Results from the NHBMP will be integrated into a national broadband availability map, and will provide a solid foundation for future broadband deployment efforts at the state and national level. Read more and test your computer's speed at <http://www.iwantbroadbandnh.org:80/>

BUSINESS NH MAGAZINE HONORS TWO BCEDC FRIENDS

Congratulations to Laconia Area Community Land Trust and The Common Man Family on their selection by *Business NH Magazine* as Businesses of the Decade in their respective categories. The two were among eight outstanding companies that were celebrated for "their considerable contributions to their industries, their communities, and the NH economy" during the May 12th Business of the Decade Awards Gala at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester. Read more at <http://www.businessNHmagazine.com/>

BELMONT SELECTED FOR PlanNH CHARETTE

The Town of Belmont has been selected for a second PlanNH charette, to be held Friday night, June 4, and Saturday, June 5. All stakeholders are strongly encouraged to participate. A charette is a planning process that brings a variety of architects, engineers, and city planners together to learn how a community sees itself and its future. A result of the 1996 charette was the adaptive reuse of the Belmont Mill. The 2010 charette will incorporate an appropriate design and zoning plan for the village and will make use of the 2001-2002 Master Plan. For more information, email PlanBelmontVillage@gmail.com or Town Administrator Jeanne Beaudin at jbeaudin@belmontnh.org or Heritage Commission Chair Linda Frawley at cottonhill@metrocast.net.

LASC'S FINANCIAL FITNESS CELEBRATED

As a result of several years of stable financial performance, Laconia Athletic and Swim Club recently obtained conventional financing and discharged private and gap financing previous in place. When other lenders were unable to help the club, a loan from BCEDC helped LASC to retain workforce and make some capital improvements. BCEDC manages a \$3 million countywide Revolving Loan Fund which provides gap financing to projects supporting economic development through the retention or creation of employment opportunities, growing or development a valued business, or redeveloping a site or facility for new use. Read more at http://www.bcedc.org/services_loans.asp

2010 COMMUTE GREEN NH

Bike-Walk Alliance of NH again has partnered with NH-DOT on a statewide promotion to encourage less use of single occupancy vehicles and more walking, bicycling, carpooling, and use of public transit to reduce pollution and develop a healthier lifestyle. This six-week promotion, which runs from May 15 to June 25, encourages active and intermodal transportation whenever possible, not just commuting to work. Read more at <http://www.bwanh.org>. For information on carpooling and New Hampshire's transit providers, see www.rideshare.nh.

NEW GUIDANCE ON SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH CARE TAX CREDIT

The Internal Revenue Service has issued new guidance to make it easier for small businesses to determine whether they are eligible for health care tax credit under the Affordable Care Act and how large a credit they will receive. The guidance makes clear that small businesses receiving state health care tax credits may still qualify for the full federal tax credit. Additionally, the guidance allows small businesses to receive the credit not only for regular health insurance but also for add-on dental and vision coverage. [Notice 2010-44](#) provides detailed guidelines, illustrated by more than a dozen examples, to help employers determine whether they qualify for the credit and estimate the amount of the credit. The notice also requests public comment on issues that should be addressed in future guidance. Read more at <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=223577,00.html>.