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NASHUA TAKES A BREATH OF FRESH AIR: NEW AIR MONITORING NETWORK LAUNCHED

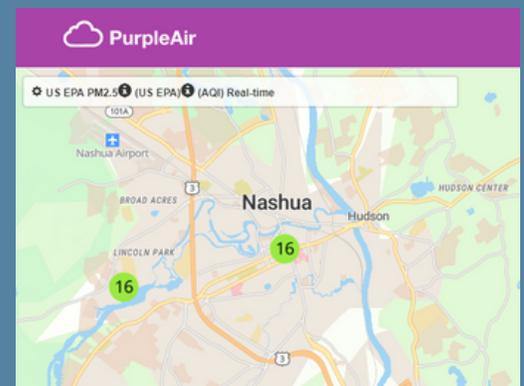


The City of Nashua has taken a significant step towards ensuring the health and well-being of its residents by launching a local air monitoring network. This initiative, the first action completed under the Livable Nashua plan, aims to provide real-time air quality data to residents and help mitigate the potential risks posed by climate change.

While Nashua currently enjoys generally good air quality, the increasing frequency and severity of extreme weather events, such as heatwaves and wildfires, have raised concerns about future air quality. To proactively address this issue, the city

partnered with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to establish a local network of air sensors.

These sensors will provide residents with localized air quality information, complementing the state's existing monitoring efforts. As the network expands in the coming years, it will offer more granular data on air quality variations across the city. This information will empower residents to make informed decisions about outdoor activities, protect their health, and contribute to a healthier environment for everyone.



[Check Nashua's Air Quality](#)

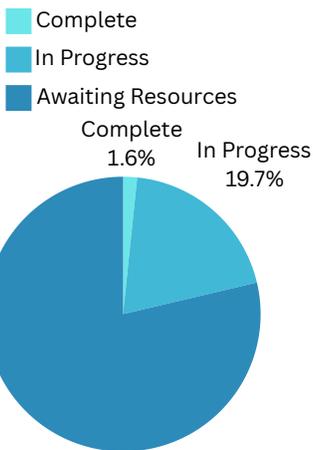
Livable Nashua Featured as Resilience Case Study



The Livable Nashua plan has been recognized for its innovative approach to sustainability and resilience planning. The Argonne National Laboratory, a leading science and engineering research center, has highlighted the plan as a case study on its Resilience Resource Gateway. This platform serves as a valuable resource for communities seeking to build resilience and better adapt to climate change. The Livable Nashua plan, which focuses on internal policies and procedures to create a more sustainable local government, while examining how these policies impact the community, has garnered national attention for its approach to addressing environmental and social challenges.

[Read the Case Study](#)

Livable Nashua: Progressing Forward



The Livable Nashua Plan is making significant strides towards creating a more sustainable and equitable city. Since the plan was officially adopted 6 months ago by the City's Board of Alderman, the City's sustainability department has been laying the ground work to accomplish the 61 actions laid out in the plan. So far, the City has begun making progress on 13 of these actions.

As of September, the city had officially completed the first of these actions too, by launching a local air monitoring network ([Action RH 1.1.E](#)). There has also been significant progress in increasing the Community Power Program's reserve funds ([Action EB 2.1.D](#)) through the development of a Community Benefit Fund, which will directly benefit Nashua residents through various rebate programs, and renewable energy projects, in turn helping to further other initiatives listed in the Livable Nashua plan in the future. While there is still work to be done, the progress made so far indicates a promising future for Nashua as a livable and thriving community.

[Stay Up to Date with the Plan's Progress](#)

Promoting Sustainability and Transit at Multicultural Festival

The City of Nashua Sustainability Department and Nashua Transit System teamed up to raise awareness about public transit and environmental initiatives at the city's Multicultural Festival on September 14th. Visitors had the opportunity to participate in sustainability and transit-related trivia for chances to win prizes. Additionally, a live air quality sensor provided real-time data on the city's environmental conditions. The festival, a community-wide event celebrating food, art, dance, and cultural diversity, also highlighted the city's commitment to building a welcoming environment for all.



Nashua Sustainability Champions Clean Energy at Radically Rural Summit

The Sustainability Department recently helped host the Energy Track at the Radically Rural Summit in Keene, NH. This track featured a session focused on clean energy innovations and explored how "extractive communities" are transitioning to renewable energy sources. Emphasizing respect for residents, workers, and local cultures, the session highlighted the importance of community engagement for successful energy transitions that ensure fair and effective investments. Topics covered included entrepreneurial opportunities in clean energy, strategies for balancing environmental protection with clean energy development, building a battery storage economy, and promoting the deployment of microgrids

[Radically Rural Summit](#)



Community Transportation Month



Buses, Bikes & Brooms Challenge

Join us in celebrating Community Transportation Month with our partner Nashua Transit System (NTS). NTS is a vital asset to our community, providing reliable and accessible transportation for residents of all ages. Throughout October we celebrate the invaluable service they provide, connecting people to jobs, healthcare, education, and social activities. Whether you're a student, a senior citizen, or a worker commuting through the city, NTS is there to help you get where you need to go. You can join in on the celebrations by participating in Commute Smart New Hampshire's Buses, Bikes and Brooms challenge, and riding the bus for a chance to win some prizes!

[Additional Details](#)

Did You Know?

Every year, it is estimated that over 1 billion pounds of pumpkin end up in US landfills after Halloween! This is a major contributor to food waste, and as these pumpkins breakdown they contribute to excess methane emissions from our landfills.

Instead of tossing pumpkins, consider incorporating them into your meals, composting them, or feeding them to animals for a more sustainable and eco-friendly holiday.

Tips For a Sustainable Holiday Season

As the holiday season approaches, many of us are eager to celebrate with loved ones. But how can we enjoy the festivities without sacrificing our commitment to sustainability? Here are some tips to help you have a greener holiday season:

Reduce Waste

- **Opt for reusable decorations:** Instead of disposable ornaments and decorations, choose reusable ones that can be enjoyed year after year.
- **Send e-cards:** Save paper and reduce your carbon footprint by sending electronic greeting cards.
- **Wrap gifts sustainably:** Use eco-friendly wrapping paper, fabric bags, or even newspaper to wrap your presents. Consider using recycled or upcycled materials for gift tags and bows.
- **Compost food scraps:** After the holiday feast, compost food scraps to reduce waste and create nutrient-rich soil for your garden.

Conserve Energy

- **Decorate with LED lights:** LED lights use significantly less energy than traditional incandescent bulbs, saving you money and the environment.
- **Unplug electronics:** When not in use, unplug holiday lights, chargers, and other electronics to prevent phantom energy consumption.
- **Set a timer for holiday lights:** To ensure lights are turned off when you're asleep or away, consider using a timer.

Support Sustainable Practices

- **Shop local and small businesses:** Supporting local businesses often means shorter transportation distances, reducing carbon emissions.
- **Choose sustainable products:** When shopping for gifts, look for products made from recycled or sustainable materials.
- **Donate gently used items:** Instead of buying new gifts, consider donating gently used items to local charities or thrift stores.

By incorporating these sustainable practices into your holiday celebrations, you can enjoy the festivities while minimizing your environmental impact. A sustainable holiday season is not only good for the planet but also for your peace of mind.

Connecting People With Places

A conversation about transportation in the Greater Nashua Region

Wednesday, October 23

10 A.M. - 12 P.M.

6 P.M. - 8 P.M.

Nashua City Hall

3rd Floor Auditorium
229 Main St, Nashua NH



This event is an opportunity to bring people together for a community conversation about transportation accessibility in the Greater Nashua Region. This is a time for people to share and discuss their thoughts and experiences on transportation through friendly conversation with a good meal!

Lunch/Dinner provided

Free bus ticket for attending until the end

People 60+ can sign up for a free annual bus pass at the event

EN: [Register Here](#)

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