



October is National Community Planning Month

Join us in October for activities that explore how planning benefits the community and helps make Gorham awesome!

October is National Community Planning Month. Planning is the process of envisioning, mapping or otherwise conceiving of how a community will look, grow, and define itself, and much of what makes Gorham Maine a special place has been the result of decades of careful planning. From where you live, to how you commute, to the type of home you live in, planning helps shape the community around us.

Did you know Gorham has many different plans? Thank you for your help in creating all of them! We couldn't do it without you.

Ask The Planners Day – Please join us for sweet treats on October 27th, 2022 between 8:30 and 4:30, to ask the planners about the plans Gorham has in place.

We have a long history of community planning. Check out our planning history, [here](#).

Ways to participate in Community Planning Month:

Ask the Planners Day!

[Scavenger Hunt](#)

[BINGO](#)

[Puzzle](#)

Stop by the Baxter Memorial Library for planning must reads and great suggestions for your book club!

The Death and Life of Great American Cities by Jane Jacobs

Local Planning: Contemporary Principles and Practice edited by Gary Hack, et al.

The Geography of Nowhere: The Rise and Decline of America's Man-Made Landscape
by James Howard Kunstler

Design with Nature by Ian L. McHarg

Silent Spring by Rachel Carson

A Better Way to Zone by Donald Elliott

People Habitat by F. Kaid Benfield

The Small Town Planning Handbook by Daniels, Keller and Lapping

Smarter Land Use by Karl Kehde

The Smarter Growth Manual by Duany, Speck Lydon

Want more? Take a look at the following links...

[American Planning Association](#) - The APA is the membership association for professional planners; the most authoritative source of planning information on the web.

[Congress for the New Urbanism](#) - The most prominent and respected advocate for The New Urbanism; the website is a comprehensive resource for all things related to New Urbanism.

[National Association of Home Builders](#) - The voice of America's housing industry, with a federation of more than 800 state and local builders associations.

[Metropolis Magazine](#) - The online version of *Metropolis Magazine*, which examines contemporary life through design, architecture, interior design, planning, and preservation.

[PlannersWeb](#) - Home to the *Planning Commissioner's Journal*, a respected newsletter for planning commissioners and citizen planners.