

Dear RPC Communities:

RPC invites communities in our region to participate in a new program providing energy planning and technical assistance.

Energy Technical Assistance and Planning for NH Communities (ETAP) is a two year program providing energy efficiency technical assistance free of charge to NH communities and counties. ETAP's goal is to advance energy efficiency in all NH municipalities and provide the tools communities need to monitor energy performance and plan for energy efficiency and conservation for the future. ETAP offers services for every community, regardless of where you are in the energy planning process.

For communities that are just beginning, ETAP can provide assistance with training on how to conduct municipal energy inventories and develop preliminary "roadmaps" for municipal energy planning. Over the next two years, ETAP will:

- Assist participating communities to track and understand energy consumption in municipal buildings and other facilities
- Provide a web-based tool to collect and analyze energy performance
- Work with communities to identify and prioritize energy cost reduction opportunities
- Help develop strategies for energy cost reduction and secure technical and financial resources needed to implement energy savings

For communities that have already completed inventories and are looking to implement projects, ETAP can provide a number of services, including:

- Grant writing assistance
- Energy audits of municipal facilities
- Energy audits of zoning and regulations
- Energy master plan chapters
- Capital improvement plans for energy efficiency
- Development of procurement documents and service procurement support

To begin the first step in ETAP enrollment, RPC staff will meet with the town administrator/manager or Board of Selectmen to review the program goals and framework, data collection requirements and technical assistance opportunities. If your community is interested in participating, please contact Julie LaBranche at jlabranche@rpc-nh.org or 603-778-0885. For additional information, see the attached flier or visit <http://www.etapnhc.org>.

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