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Making NH More Bike-able

Have you been biking recently? Since 2015, Amy Villamagna, Plymouth State University professor of environmental science and policy, has been actively engaged in “bikeability” projects in [partnership](#) with regional planning commissions, NH DOT, and nonprofit groups. The effort currently has funding through the Federal Highway Administration. The team has adapted a “bicycling stress” model and developed a series of [spatial models](#) to assess how connected communities are to, and across, a low-stress bicycling network. Additionally, the project will identify specific locations for improvements and adopt a suite of performance metrics to track progress toward enhanced bikeability and equitable access to a low-stress bicycling network.



Hunger and Learning

Food insecurity and hunger among college students is a [nationwide](#) problem. It is impossible to study and learn well if a student is wondering where his or her next meal is coming from. PSU already has several programs on campus that address food insecurity: dining hall meal donations, a food recovery network, main and satellite food pantries where students can take what they need and others may leave what they can, and a variety of [research projects](#) that look at rural regions that are generally overlooked in the literature. A meal plan scholarship is under consideration. We continue work to meet students’ basic needs to ensure that they are able to concentrate on learning.

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