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 “bikability” 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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