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### Hello PATH Members! If you are a new member - Welcome!

If you have carpoled, bicycled, walked, or taken transit to work at least 10 times during the month of December, you are eligible for the PATH monthly drawing for prizes. **Simply reply to this email or email [path@cnhrpc.org](mailto:path@cnhrpc.org) to report your commutes and be entered into the drawing.**

As a PATH member, you will receive this email once per month with news, stories, and event listings. If you prefer to not get the monthly email, you may unsubscribe at the bottom of the email.

PATH members who carpool or bike to work are also eligible for the Emergency Ride Home benefit. If you or your fellow carpooler gets caught without transportation in the event of an emergency, PATH will reimburse your cost of transportation home according to the rules of the program. Complete rules and instructions can be found at our website [www.path-nh.org](http://www.path-nh.org).

## Concord Bicycle Master Plan and Greenway Trail Presentation

### Join us for food and drink after the presentation

The Draft Bicycle Master Plan for the City of Concord has been completed, and the final draft has been presented to the Concord Planning Board, and will be presented to the Mayor and City Council on Monday, March 14th. The presentation will begin shortly after the meeting begins at 7:00 at Council Chambers, 43 Green St. All are welcome to join us for food and drink at a downtown location immediately after the presentation. We will be announcing the location shortly.

This is a great chance to see what the plan has to offer, to show the council bicycling is important to the community, and to meet and greet with Concord's bicycling committee and other bicyclists.

You can view the draft Bicycle Master Plan and Greenway Trail shared-use path feasibility study, along with the presentation at the Bicycle Master Plan webpage.

To send any comments on the bicycle master plan, email Craig Tufts at [ctufts@cnhrpc.org](mailto:ctufts@cnhrpc.org) or call 226-6020.

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## **Planning for Commute Green 2011 Underway**

### **FFFs Will Return in the Spring**

PATH and the Central NH Regional Planning Commission have begun work preparing for this year's Commute Green events to be held the week of May 16-20. This is a state-wide event intended to encourage commuters to carpool, bike, walk, or take transit to work. There will be competitions between regions, towns, and workplaces to see who can most reduce the number of miles commuted to work. There will be several events in Concord with music and the ever so popular free snacks and coffee for green commuters. The project website is now under construction, and will be found at <http://www.commutegreennh.org>. If you, your community, or your workplace would like to participate, please contact Nik Coates at [ncoates@cnhrpc.org](mailto:ncoates@cnhrpc.org) for more information.

This year's events will be the week of May 16-20. Fossil Free Fridays will also continue this year following Commute Green week.

And don't forget to follow the developments on [Facebook](#). 



## **Spurring Economic Development Through Rail Trails**

### **Presentation on April 4**

The Central NH Regional Planning Commission is partnering with the Southern NH Planning Commission in Manchester in a Regional Trails Coordinating Council. This group has organized this talk on April 4 at PSNH energy park in Manchester from 6:30-8:30.

The presentation is by Craig Della Penna, an experienced realtor and broker who has worked in the real estate industry in the Pioneer Valley of Massachusetts for several years. Recognized nationally as a leader in the

promotion and development of rail trails and greenways, Craig Della Penna's name is synonymous with the concept of green transportation and sustainable communities.

We will explore the recreational and environmental aspects of trails and greenways as well as the public health, economic and transportation benefits associated. This exciting presentation will make a correlation between the Regional Trail system and economic development: how to get customers biking to your business!

We encourage you to contact local economic development officials and real estate groups to come to the presentation.

View and circulate the [Event Flier](#).

## [NEW! 1000 Friends of the Greenway Trail](#)

Be among the first to become a friend!

Advocates in the Concord Area have a newly created group for those who wish to become friends of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail. The Greenway Trail is an envisioned 10 foot wide paved shared-use path along the Merrimack River in Concord connecting the Northern Rail Trail from Lebanon to Boscawen, to the Salem Concord Bikeway from Concord down to Salem. It would be an approximately 15 mile piece of a 114 mile state-wide path, free of cars for bicyclists, walkers, and others to enjoy. It would be and an amenity in Concord for people to bike to work and enjoy the natural beauty the Merrimack River has to offer.

[See what the group is all about.](#)

A Facebook group is in the works and will be up soon.

The project will be presented to City Council along with the Bicycle Master Plan on March 14th (see above).

A Feasibility Study and presentation on the Greenway can be found as part of the Bicycle Master Plan project, found [here](#).



## Upcoming Events

- **March 14: Bicycle Master Plan and Greenway Trail** presentation

- and meet and greet, Council Chambers 43 Green St Concord, 7pm.
- **April 2 & 9 (2011)** - [Traffic Skills 101](#) at Safety & Health Council of Northern New England
  - **April 4: Spurring Economic Development Through Rail Trails** presentation. [View flier.](#)
  - **May 14-15 Second Annual Bike Swap** at S&W Sports. Details to come. Contact PATH to donate bicycles, contact S&W sports to sell a bicycle in the swap.
  - **May 16-20 Commute Green NH!**

PATH's mission is to reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality and increase societal emphasis on personal fitness through the creation of services and materials which promote transportation options to the single occupancy vehicle.

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