

# Transportation Advisory Committee

May 7 2020 | 1:00PM-3:00PM



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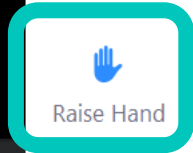
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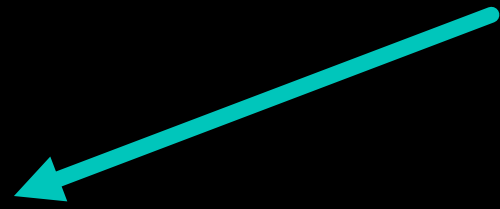
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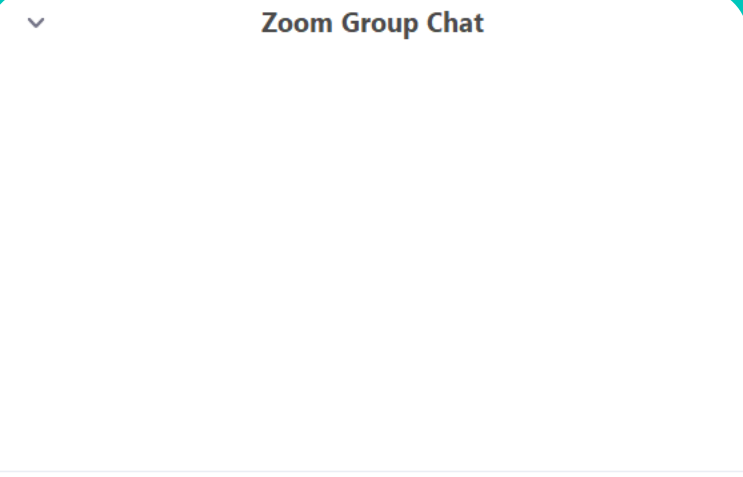
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Call to Meeting

# Agenda



1. Introductions & Roll Call



2. Review & Approval of Minutes (03-05-2020)\*\*

3. Regular Updates:

[3a] Ten-Year Plan

[3c] NCC Projects



[3e] Updates from Communities

[3b] NH Ped-Bike Plan

[3d] Scenic Byways

4. Coordinated Public Transit and Human Services Transportation Plan

5. Regional Transportation Plan



6. Final Thoughts/Comments

7. Adjourn

\*\*requires a vote

# Ten-Year Plan Process

TYP  
Ten-Year Plan

NCC  
North Country Council

TAC  
Transportation  
Advisory Committee

NHDOT  
New Hampshire  
Department of  
Transportation

GACIT  
Governor's Advisory  
Commission on  
Intermodal  
Transportation

Year 1



April - June

## PRE-PROPOSAL

Communities can work with NCC to form and organize their preliminary proposal ideas.

Deadline to submit pre-proposal ideas is:  
**JUNE 26<sup>th</sup> 2020**

1



July - Aug

## FINAL PROPOSAL

Communities use this time to finalize their proposals and gather documents needed for submittal.

Submission Deadline is:  
**AUG 28<sup>th</sup> 2020**

2



Sept - Nov

## INITIAL RANKINGS

NCC reviews project proposals, develops/refines cost estimates, and works with TAC to develop initial ranked list of projects.

3



Dec - Feb

## NHDOT REVIEW

NCC submits the highest ranked projects to NHDOT for their review and cost estimation on:

**DEC 4<sup>th</sup> 2020**

4



March - May

## FINAL RANKINGS

NCC works with communities to make revisions based on NHDOT feedback. The TAC and Commissioners approve these changes and then are submitted to NHDOT to be included in the draft TYP.

5



June - Dec

## PLAN APPROVAL

NHDOT drafts the TYP and submits it to GACIT for review and public consultation. The final plan is then sent to NH Governor and Legislature for approval.

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*North Country Scenic Byways*

*About*

TRIP BUILDER TOOL & INFORMATION

# *New Hampshire's* **NORTH COUNTRY** **SCENIC & CULTURAL** **BYWAYS**

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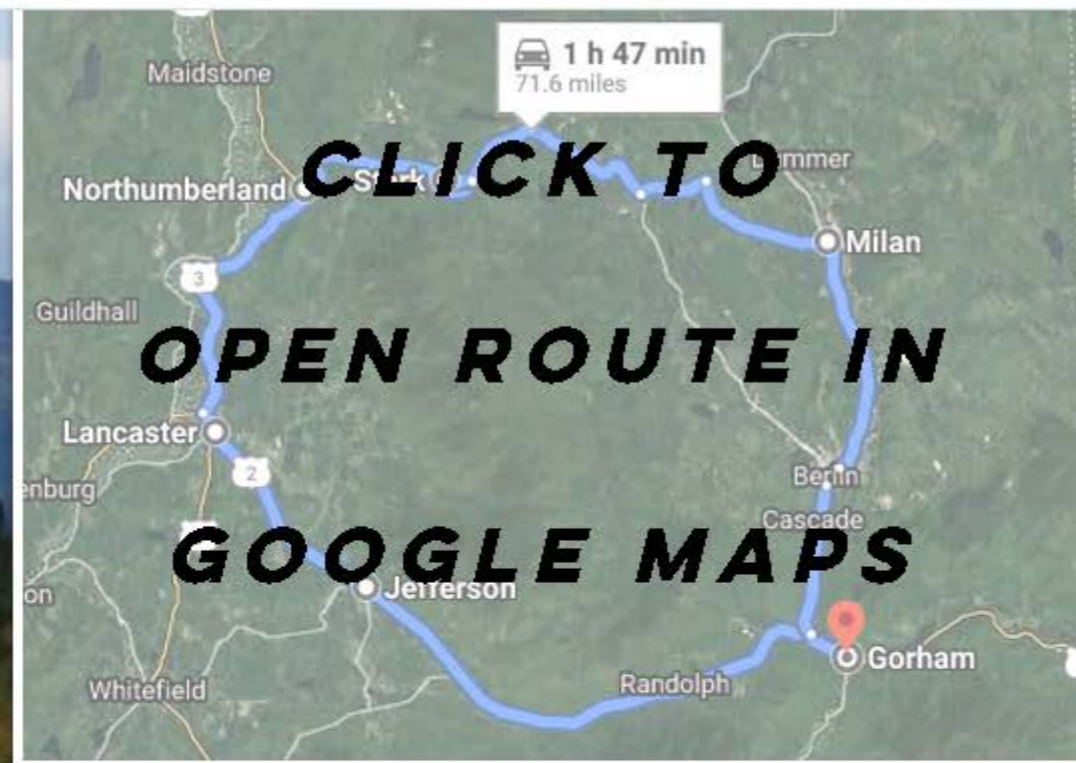
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## KEY FEATURES

OPPORTUNITIES TO SEE MUSEUMS AND LANDMARKS; BOOM PIERS; VIBRANT COMMUNITIES BUILT ON THE WOODLAND ECONOMY; WOOD-PRODUCT INDUSTRIES

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# WALKING & HIKING



## CARTER-MORIAH TRAIL

Climb atop one of the regions popular mountains for spectacular views. (This trail is rated as difficult.)

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## STARR KING TRAIL

Stunning views and pristine forests give this moderately-difficult hike high marks.

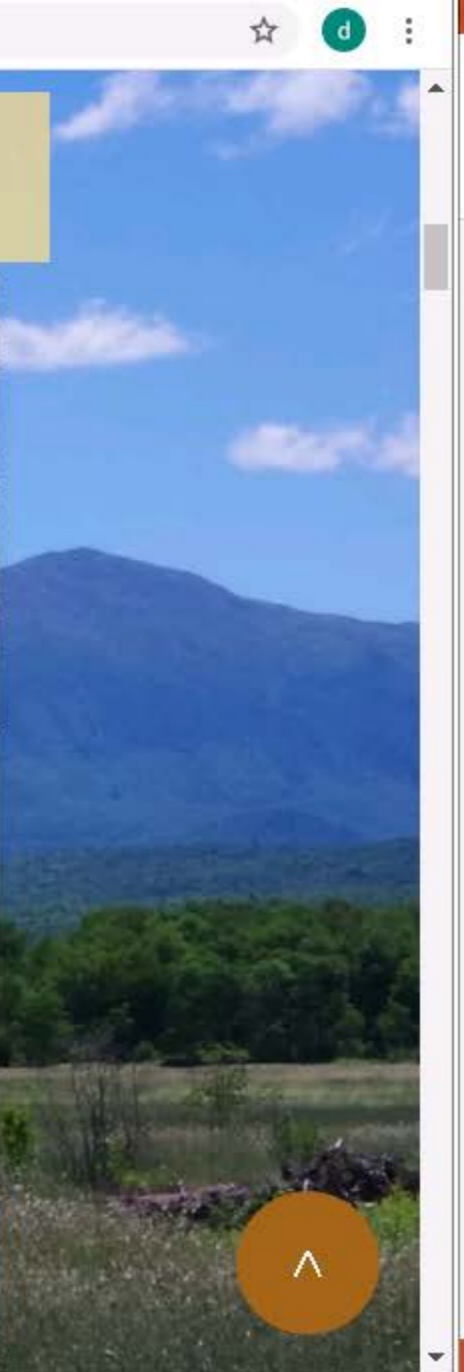
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## COLD BROOK FALLS

A short, easy hiking trail offering a beautiful waterfall with unique walking bridges and local history.

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# North Country Scenic Byways Council: Update for NCC Transportation Advisory Council

## Recent Reports

- NC SBC Annual Report for 2019 (PPT)
- NC SBC Comprehensive Report for 2014-2019 (PPT, 74 slides)
- NC SBC Comprehensive Report for 2014-2019 (Document, 50 pages)

Prepared by Carl D. Martland  
Chair, North Country Scenic Byways Committee  
May 72020



# Highlights 2019

## North Country Scenic Byway Council Accomplishments

- Assessment of land use changes along North Country byways
- Documentation of need for better access to historical markers
- Development of digital maps of North Country Scenic Byway system



# Example of Land Use Changes along the Byways: Intensive Development on NH 16 Between Gorham and Berlin

- Development: *The portion of NH 16 between its junction with Route 2 in Gorham and its junction with NH 110 in Berlin is the most developed portion of the North Country Scenic & Cultural Byway system. There are more than 40 commercial or industrial establishments along this five-mile stretch of NH 16, most of which is fully developed on one or both sides.*
- Scenic & Cultural Resources:
  - Multiple views of the Androscoggin River.
  - Views of mills relate to theme of Woodland Heritage Trail.
  - B&M Railroad bridge.
  - Short sections through forests.

Typical development along  
NH 16 north of US 2



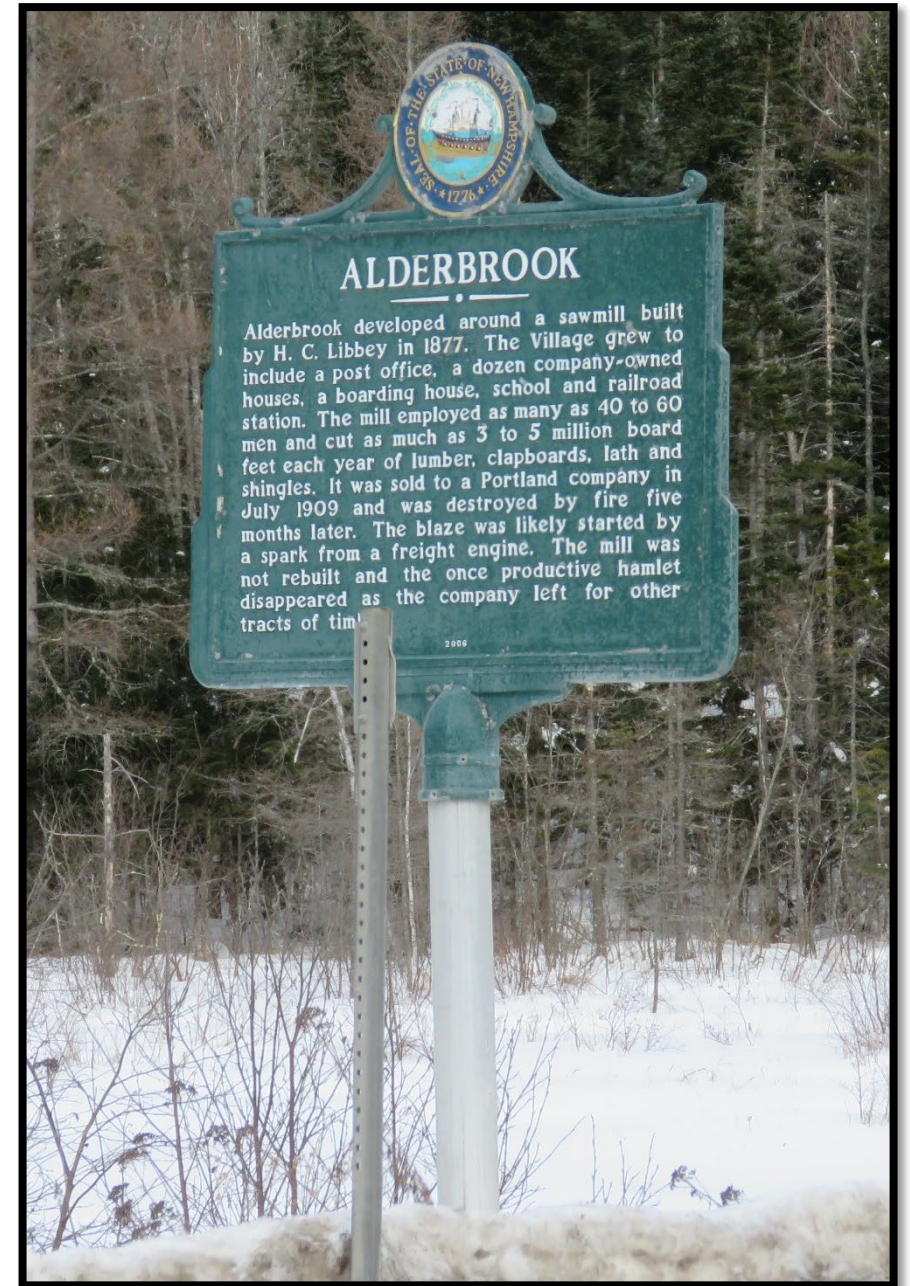


# Access to Historical Markers in the North Country

- NCC used Google Maps to obtain photos of roadside conditions by 52 historical markers in the North Country
- Access varied greatly:
  - Formal paved parking was available for 10 markers
  - Formal unpaved parking was available for 14 markers
  - Informal unpaved parking was available for 12 markers
  - No parking was available for 16 markers
- The lack of parking not only hinders access to the markers, it creates a safety hazard.

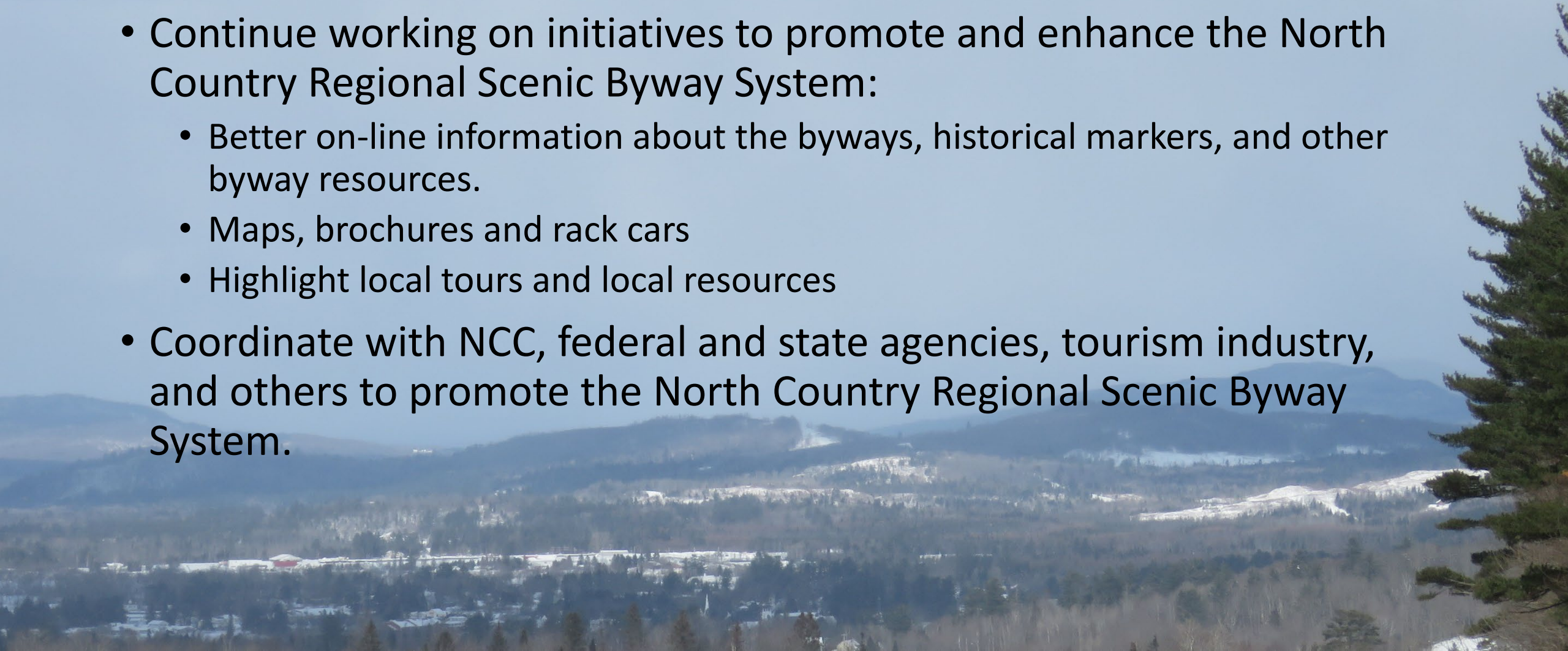
# A marker that creates a safety hazard: Alderbrook

(Located on US 3 where there is a 50 mph speed limit)



# Plans for 2020: Information and Marketing

- Continue working on initiatives to promote and enhance the North Country Regional Scenic Byway System:
  - Better on-line information about the byways, historical markers, and other byway resources.
  - Maps, brochures and rack cars
  - Highlight local tours and local resources
- Coordinate with NCC, federal and state agencies, tourism industry, and others to promote the North Country Regional Scenic Byway System.



# Marketing Initiatives: Local Tours and Local Resources



## Picnics & Walks

1. The Rocks Estate
2. Coffin Pond
3. Franconia River Walk; Sculpture Walk; Fox Hill Park
4. Whipple Pasture (ACT; next to Polly's)
5. Sugar Hill Town Forest
6. Foss Woods (ACT)
7. Ammonoosuc Rail Trail (Bath to Littleton)
8. The Dells; Littleton Cemetery
9. Scotland Brook Audubon Sanctuary
10. Littleton River Walk & Covered Bridge
11. Cooley/Jericho community Forest
12. Kilburn Crag

## Museums

- A. The Rocks Estate
- B. Franconia Historical Museum
- C. The Frost Place
- D. Sugar Hill Historical Museum
- E. Lisbon Historical Museum (in old train station)
- F. Pollyanna Statue in front of library; Littleton Historical Museum (in historic Opera House)

# Plans for 2020: Byway Infrastructure

- Continue working on initiatives to enhance the North Country Regional Scenic Byway System:
  - Identify locations where infrastructure investments would be most beneficial.
  - Seek long-term funding for assisting municipalities willing to invest in pull-offs and other byway improvements.
  - Seek funding to provide safe access to all historical markers located on North Country Byways.
- Coordinate with NCC, federal and state agencies, tourism industry, and others to promote investment in the byways.

# “Scenic” Overlook on US 3 near Weeks State Park: One location where investment would be beneficial



Huge parking area is always empty, because:

- Views are blocked by trees
- There are no signs, benches or picnic tables
- There is no walk through nearby fields or hillsides



**View from side of US 3 opposite the  
“Non-Scenic, Non-Overlook”**



# Plans for 2020: Route Structure & Stewardship

- Recommendations to NH SBC:
  - Obtain approval of route change applications submitted to NH SBC.
- Stewardship:
  - Identify specific locations that should be considered for potential investments in pull-offs, rest areas, trail heads, and other byway amenities.
  - Seek ways to enhance access to and to improve the conditions for visitors stopping to read historical markers.

