

Public Visioning Forum

Robert Frost / Old Stage Coach Scenic Byway

Saturday, April 6, 2013

- *National/State Scenic Byways Program Overview*
- *Frost/Stagecoach Byway route*
- *Progress on Byway Corridor Management Plan*



National & New Hampshire Scenic Byways Program Overview



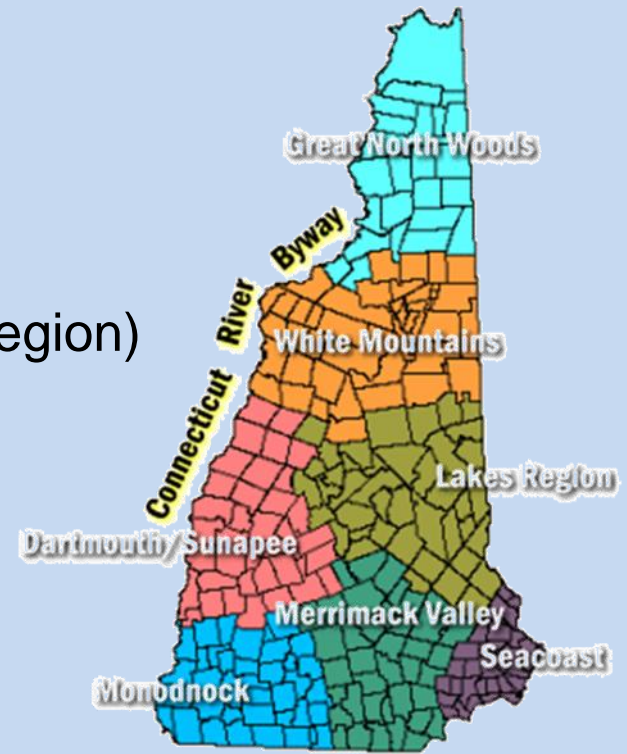
- ***Federal initiative established 1991***
- ***Voluntary designation, grassroots efforts***
- ***Designed to recognize exemplary roadways, encourage local management to protect intrinsic qualities and promote them as tourism resources.***
- ***Managed in New Hampshire by NHDOT with input from NH Scenic & Cultural Byways Council***



National Scenic Byway Program

Three levels of designation

1. All-American Roads (27 nationally)
2. National Scenic Byways (98 nationally/3 in NH)
 - White Mountains Scenic Trail
 - Kancamagus Highway
 - Connecticut River Byway
3. State Scenic Byways (14 & 3 in RPC region)
 - NH Coastal Byway
 - American Independence Byway
 - Atkinson/Stagecoach Byway



National & New Hampshire Scenic Byway Program - Nomination Process

Nominations for Byway designation must demonstrate:

1. State and/or regional significance of the intrinsic qualities of the byway

- Scenic Resources
- Natural Resources
- Historic Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Archaeological Resources
- Recreational Resources

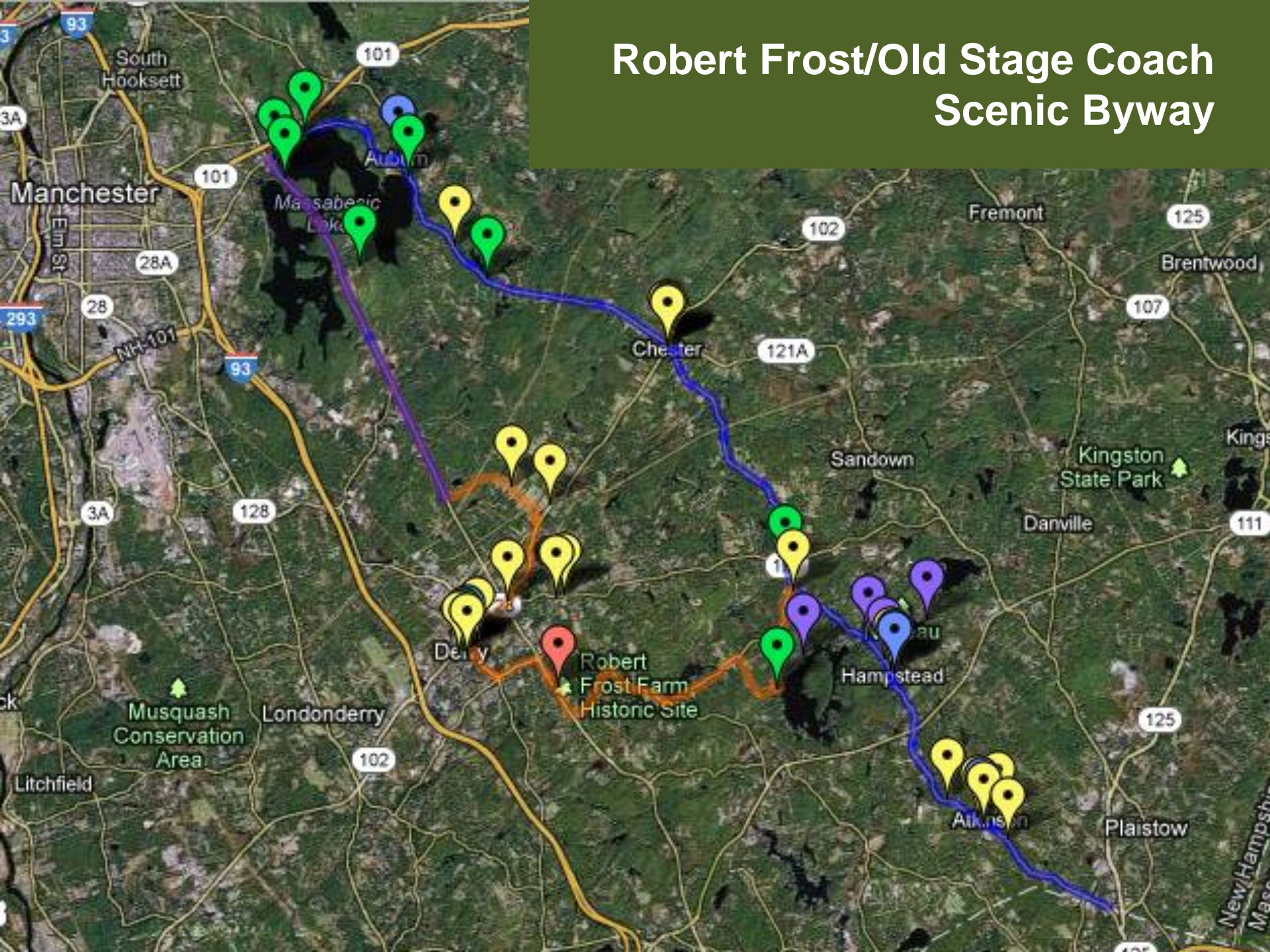


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2. Planning to support preservation, enhancement and promotion of those intrinsic qualities
3. Planning for a quality visitor experience
4. Sustainability of community and organizational support for byway

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Initial listing of Byway Resources

-  Derry Rail Trail Connection
Historic Train Station now Restaurant
-  Rockingham Recreation Trail Connection - Fremont Branch
-  Rockingham Recreation Trail Connection - Rockingham Branch
-  Massabesic Lake - Canoe/Kayak Launch Deer Neck Bridge
-  Massabesic Lake - Boat Ramp
-  Massabesic Lake - Waterfront Park
-  Massabesic Yacht Club
-  Island Pond
-  Campground - Calef Lake
-  Stevens Memorial Hall
-  Chester Civil War Memorial
-  Eliot Tavern
-  Chester Village Cemetery
-  Longmeadow Congregational Church
-  Historic Stage Coach Stop
- Hampstead Village Cemetery

-  Stagecoach Byway
22.0 mi - about 39 mins
-  Robert Frost Byway Option A
22.3 mi - about 48 mins
-  Robert Frost Homestead
-  Derry Town Center
-  Auburn Town Center
-  Chester Town Center
-  Hampstead Town Center
-  Atkinson Town Center
-  Atkinson Historic Sites - 41 Buildings - Add from Inventory
-  Derry Historic & Cultural Sites
-  Adams Memorial Building/Opera House - Derry Museum
-  Original Derry Village Center
First Parish Church Taylor Library Upper Village Hall
-  Alan Shepard Homestead Marker
-  Matthew Thornton House
-  Cornelissen Orchards - Conservation Land
English Range Road designated Scenic Road
-  J & F Farms & Farmstand - Conservation Land
-  Historic Fire Station - Now Restaurant
-  Derry Farmers Market (Seasonal)
- MacGregor Park
Derry Fest - Town Fall Festival Veterans Memorials Summer Concerts at Bandstand

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Progress to Date

- Convened informal planning committee in late 2011
- Presented concept to corridor communities
- Completed Nomination for State Byway designation
- Formalized Byway Council with local appointments
- Began work on Corridor Management Plan

National & State Scenic Byway Program Requirements for Corridor Management Plans (CMPs)

The CMP inventories, and sets strategies to manage, the archaeological, cultural, historic, natural, recreational, and scenic qualities that support the byway's designation.

General Requirements – The CMP should:

- Be developed with community involvement,
- Provide for conservation and enhancement of the byway's intrinsic qualities
- Address promotion of tourism and other economic development
- Identify management strategies to balance these concerns while providing for the users' enjoyment of the byway.

National & State Scenic Byway Program Elements of Corridor Management Plan

- Assessment of intrinsic qualities, including inventories of historic, natural, recreational, cultural and scenic resources
- Assessment of roadway conditions
- Assessment of land use and zoning along corridor
- Assessment of tourism needs and opportunities
- Development of Implementation Plan identifying strategies to manage and protect intrinsic qualities

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Historic Resources

- 12 properties on National Register of Historic Places
- 40+ additional historic homes, civic buildings and sites



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Recreational Resources

- Massabesic Lake and other water bodies for boating, swimming and fishing
- Southern NH Rail Trail
- NH Audubon Center
- Campgrounds



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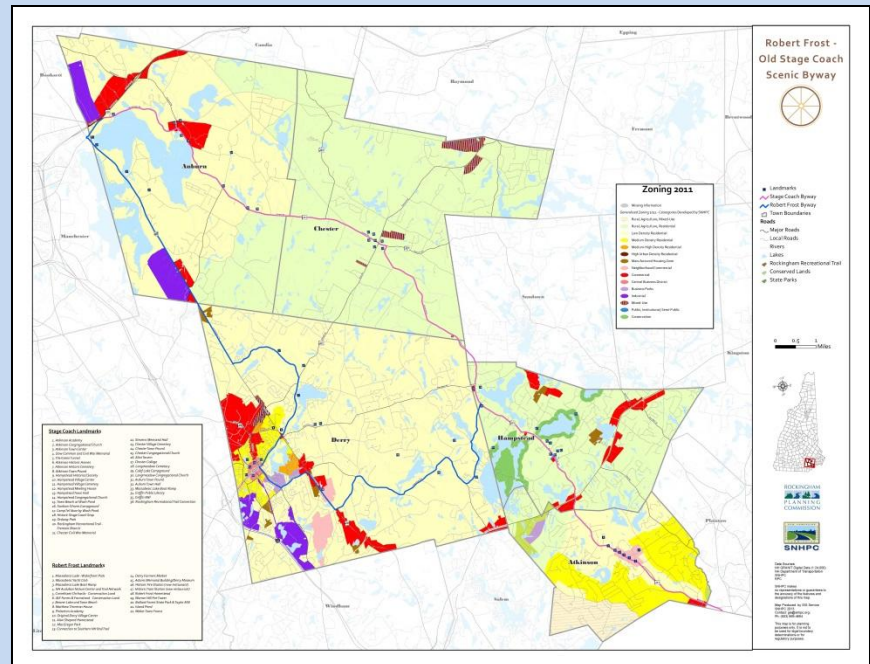
Cultural Resources

- Robert Frost Farm State Park
- DerryFest, Old Home Days and other local festivals
- Farmers Markets



Robert Frost/Stage Coach Scenic Byway Mapping

- Roadway Characteristics and Traffic Volume
- Accident Data
- Adjacent Land Use
- Generalized Zoning



Robert Frost/Stage Coach Scenic Byway Community Input

Question #1

What opportunities do you see related to the Byway in your community?



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Question #2

What concerns or questions do you have about the Byway initiative?



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Question #3

If the Robert Frost/Old Stagecoach Byway is successfully developed, in 10 years how will we know it? What would be different? What would be the same?



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Question #4

What strategies, local policies or projects can help achieve the outcomes just described?



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Next Steps

- Send meeting results to all participants
- Complete inventory of intrinsic resources, including photography in spring/summer.
- Complete corridor safety assessment
- Use community input and other data to develop Goals and Recommendations for Corridor Management Plan
- Develop marketing plan and promotional materials – website, brochure, signs