



## MEDIA ADVISORY: UNH And Cooperative Extension Highlight Work In Hillsborough County

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**WHAT:** The University of New Hampshire and UNH Cooperative Extension host Hillsborough County Conversation II – Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow: Growth of New Hampshire Communities to illustrate how they are working together to address one of the most pressing topics of concern in the region, the growth and rapidly changing landscape New Hampshire communities face today. In addition, there will be a ceremony to renew the partnership between New Hampshire's 10 county governments and the University System of New Hampshire and UNH Cooperative Extension.

**WHERE:** The Radisson Hotel, Manchester

**WHEN:** Monday, Sept. 25, 2006, 3-5:30 p.m.

**BACKGROUND:** UNH Interim President J. Bonnie Newman hosts this event with Nelson Allan, Hillsborough County Delegation chair; Rhona Charbonneau, Hillsborough County Board of Commissioners chair; and Debra Spratt and Ian Gove, co-chairs of UNH Cooperative Extension's Hillsborough County Advisory Council.

The County Conversation will begin with a history of the Manchester mills, the transition from rural to urban setting, and its impact on the community. It segues into a segment that reviews the transition from resources-based industry to service/technology industry, the impact on the urban landscape and the regional community, followed by a final segment on the future of Hillsborough County. Participants include UNH faculty, Cooperative Extension specialists and educators and other partnering organizations.

Guest speakers include:

- Robert Macieski, associate professor of history at UNH Manchester, Yesterday: The History of the Manchester Mills
- Amy Seif, communications director of UNH's Carsey Institute, and Fay Rubin, NH GRANIT, UNH, Today: The Changing Face of New Hampshire Communities
- Michele Gagne, UNH Cooperative Extension coordinator of Community Profiles, Tomorrow: How UNH Cooperative Extension Helps Communities Prepare for the Future and Increase Community Participation

Following the County Conversation, USNH Chancellor Stephen Reno and USNH Trustee Merle Schotanus join UNH Interim President J. Bonnie Newman and UNH Cooperative Extension

Dean and Director John Pike in the ceremony to renew the partnership among New Hampshire's 10 county governments, USNH and UNH Cooperative Extension. This celebration focuses on the Memorandum of Understanding each county signs recognizing local County Extension Advisory Councils as the sponsor of Extension work.

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