

ACTION ASSIGNMENT

The Changing Landscape of the North Country

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NH Community Technical College, Berlin, NH and the Town & Country Inn, Shelburne, NH and The Northern Forest Heritage Park, Berlin, NH

ACTION

Interview a Town Manager or Planning Board member. Ask them questions from your perspective as a member of the community. Here are some other questions that might prompt a good discussion:

- a. Is stimulating your local economy a high priority right now?
- b. If so, what are you doing to stimulate your local economy? If not, what has taken precedence?
- c. Do you see the efforts to boost the state economy and the efforts to boost your town's economy as mutually exclusive or interdependent?
- d. What economic opportunities do you see in the future of your town?
- e. Does your town's local economy rely on tourism or does tourism rely on your local economy?
- f. What can local businesses and business leaders do to help boost the local economy?

AND/OR

Go to <http://www.nh.gov/oep/resource/library/regions/RegionalPlanningCommissions.htm#LRPC>
Find the Planning Commission for your area and conduct an interview about development for your area of the state. Some of the above questions might be useful.

READING

Go to <http://www.nheconomy.com>

Read about the resources for businesses that the state has

Go to <http://www.forestsofnewhampshire.org/research/research-projects.asp>

Read New Hampshire's Changing Landscape, 2005