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*The NEK Collaborative's mission is to improve the quality of life for all residents of the NEK through coordinated economic and community development.*



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# A Call To Action- NEK Together

- Generated by attendees at NEK Together in November 2023
- Good cross section of the Kingdom represented
- Action items reflect the priorities of NEK residents and the NEK Collaborative
- Most important priorities and opportunities after a full day of sessions

# A Call to Action- Housing

- Create state-wide residential codes that address the barriers to creating a wide variety of affordable and sustainable housing
- Allow and incentivize the building of smaller housing units
- Update Act 250 to support the creation of affordable and sustainable housing
- Make sure NEK (rural Vermont) has input to address their needs in any legislation
- Ensure that distribution of state and other resources is equitable for the NEK compared to other regions of the state
- Incentivise revitalizing older property in addition to new development

# A Call to Action- Workforce Development

- Prioritize the creation or renovation of housing suitable for a diverse workforce
- Support programs that teach skills for today's jobs, especially the trades

# A Call to Action- Infrastructure

- Provide resources and support for postflood recovery and future planning
- Increase transportation funding for rural Vermont such as micro transportation
- Support and fund the creative economy and downtown revitalization
- Build roads that make East-West travel in NEK (and Vermont) easier
- Develop more bike lanes and paths
- Continue to support the expansion of quality broadband access for the entire NEK