

FLOOD READY NEIGHBORHOODS

**A Framework: How We Are Unlearning Everything We Thought
We Knew About Providing Technical Assistance**

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**How do our
identities
shape our
experiences
and our
engagement
with our work?**

class

gender

colonial/settler
background

dis/ability

education

geography

race

age

Flood Ready Neighborhoods takes a neighborhood-scale, principled approach to prioritize and implement resilience actions in coastal New Hampshire.



FRN Programmatic Principles

We respect local knowledge and humanity.

People have a right to their own story.

An equitable FRN is an ongoing process.

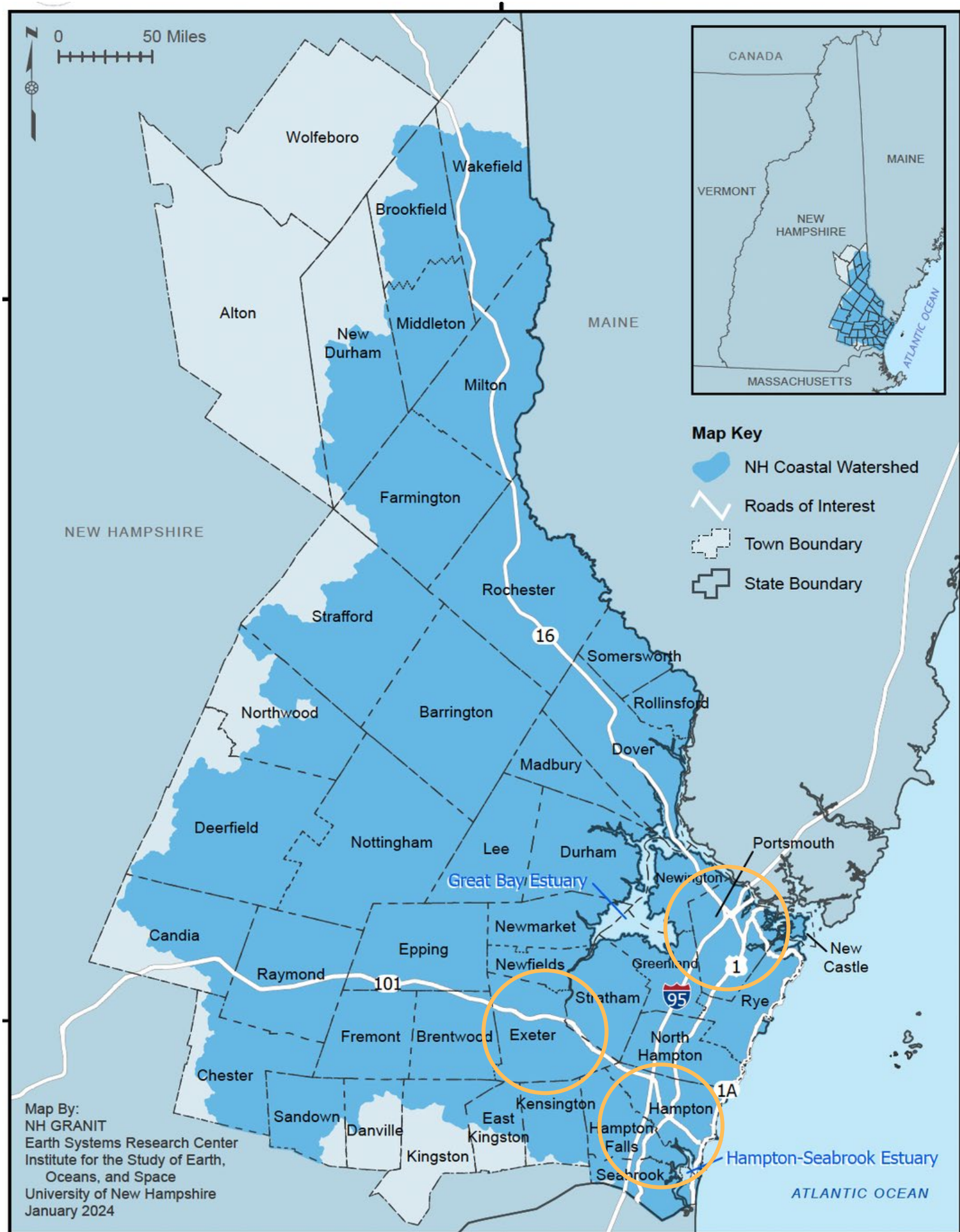
We will provide honest, committed support.

We strive to work together, in partnership, with neighborhoods.

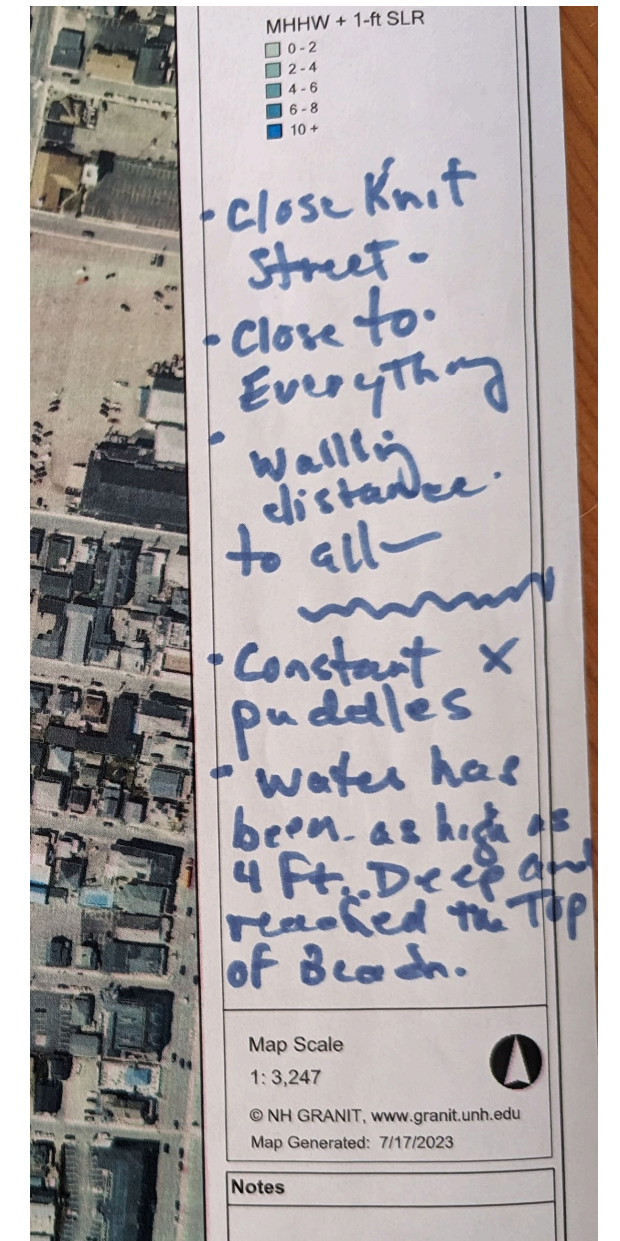
We will make scientific and technical information accessible.

We acknowledge that environmental resources are a common good.

This work takes time.



FRN works with six neighborhoods that experience varied flood risks across Portsmouth, Hampton, Exeter, and Seabrook.



Across all neighborhoods, building relationships has been at the core of the work.

Flood Ready Neighborhoods Framework

How we formed our team and supported each other

How we identified places to be invited to

How we were invited in, and what we did when we weren't invited in

How we built and nurtured relationships

How we didn't "exit" and what's next? (We don't know exactly... and that's ok.)

How we navigated project management and administrative requirements

Making three new connections is enough, for now.



If we are not exiting, what are we doing?

