

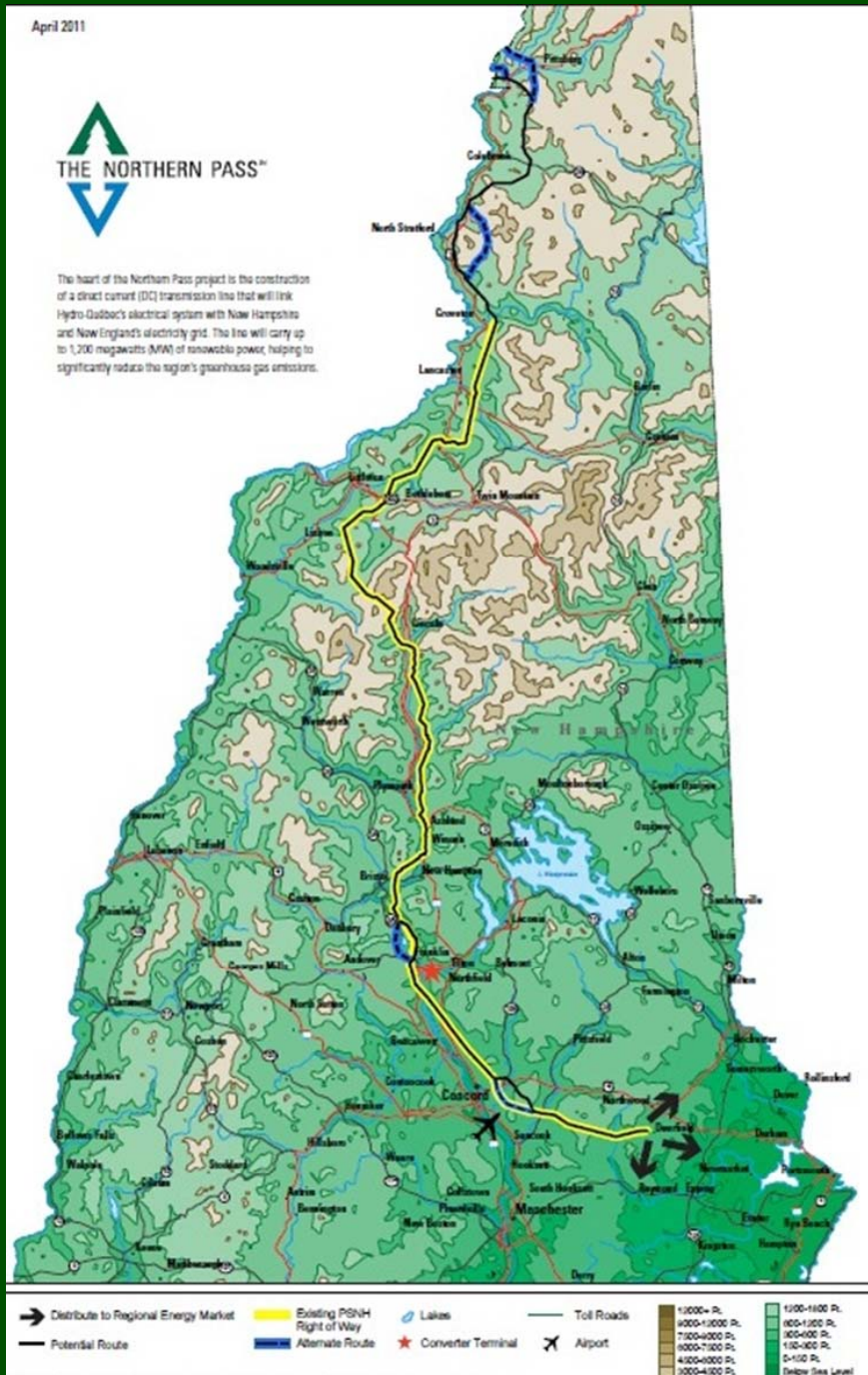
Implications of Recent Research:
Incorporating the
Public's Procedural
Concerns into
Participation Efforts

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Northern Pass Transmission Line

Credit: Northern Pass Transmission LLC



Visual Simulation from Forest Lake Road, Whitefield

Northern Pass Transmission Project

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PRELIMINARY



Today's View



Simulation: New structure option -- Lattice





A \$1 BILLION INVESTMENT IN NEW HAMPSHIRE'S FUTURE

The Northern Pass is a proposed transmission project that would bring reliable, competitively priced, clean energy (predominantly hydropower) from Québec into New Hampshire for use by residents and businesses in New Hampshire and New England.

Proposed by Public Service of New Hampshire's parent company, Northeast Utilities, along with NSTAR and Hydro-Québec, the project is currently in the planning and permitting stages.

Learn about the project benefits, explore job opportunities associated with the project, and find out how you can get involved in the federal and State review processes.

Key Benefits

The Northern Pass project will benefit New Hampshire's economy and its residents by providing reliable, renewable, low-carbon power at a competitive price. Additional economic benefits include job creation, purchases from local businesses, and major investments in local tax bases.

▶ A Foundation for Economic Growth

From Coös County to Rockingham County, competitively priced energy is critical to the growth of the state's economy. The Northern Pass project will provide competitively priced power for New Hampshire.

▶ Hundreds of Local Jobs for New Hampshire

Hundreds of good-paying jobs will be created in New Hampshire over the three-year construction phase of the project. Preference will be given to local labor and during construction The Northern Pass project will provide a boost to local businesses, including restaurants, hotels/motels, local suppliers and countless others.

▶ A Major Investment in Our Future

The Northern Pass project will provide millions of dollars in new tax revenue to NH cities and towns. This increased revenue will enable local governments to invest in infrastructure improvements and reduce the tax burden on NH citizens.

▶ Power that is Economic *and* Clean

The Northern Pass project is unique because the power it provides is both economic *and* renewable. When compared against the cost of other new renewable resources in New England, the region-wide savings could be hundreds of millions of dollars a year.

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Decide-Announce-Defend



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Public Meetings



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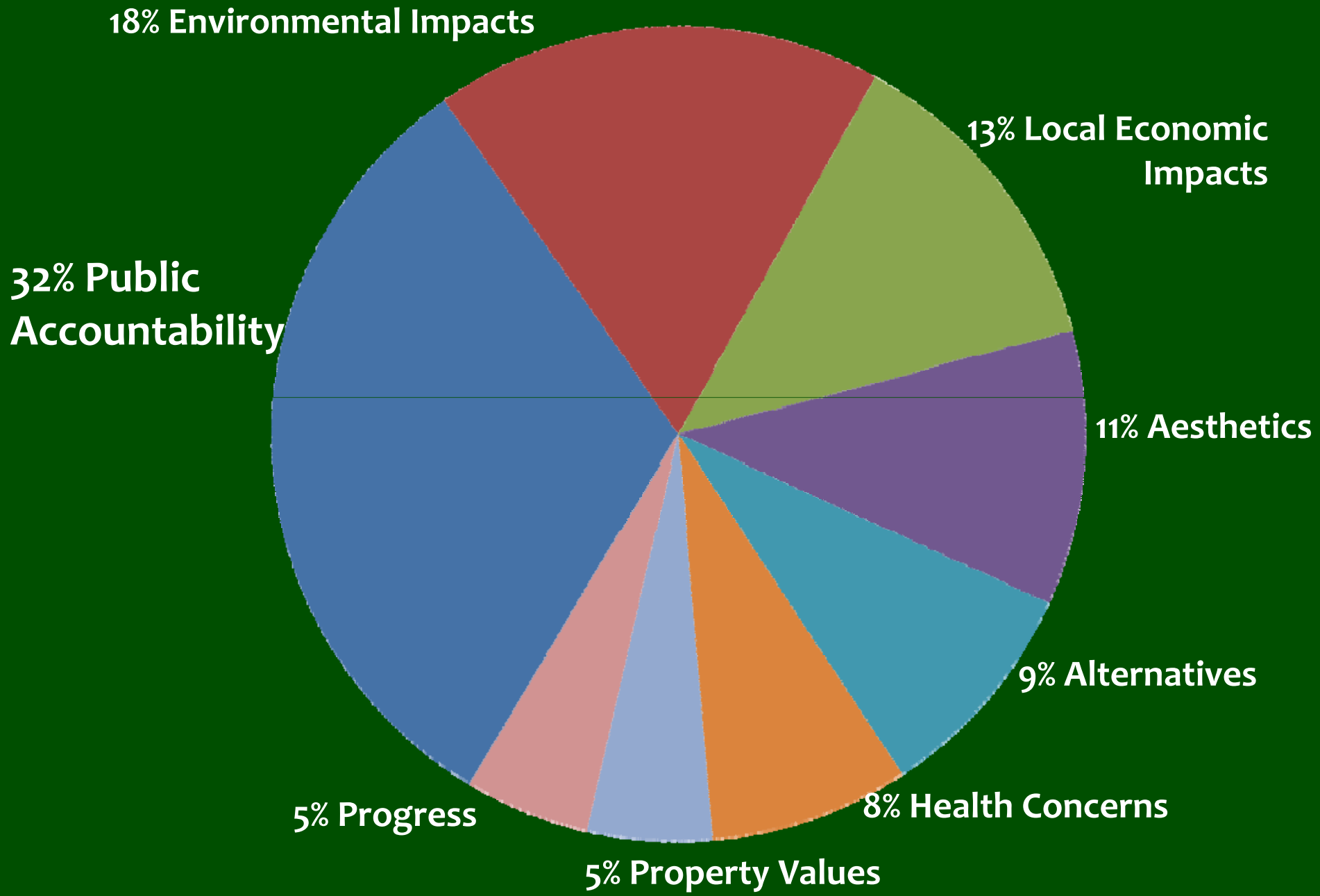


Citizen Comments

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Poor/Unfair Process



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“We're afraid to trust that our government will hear our concerns and that it will do everything that it can to ensure that the research and the fact-finding that needs to be done with regard to this project is done honestly and with due diligence.”

No Public Benefit



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“This is only going to serve southern New England and perhaps anybody else down in the New York area who is going to live off the grid. It does nothing, absolutely nothing, to benefit the residents of central and northern New Hampshire.”

Threat of Eminent Domain



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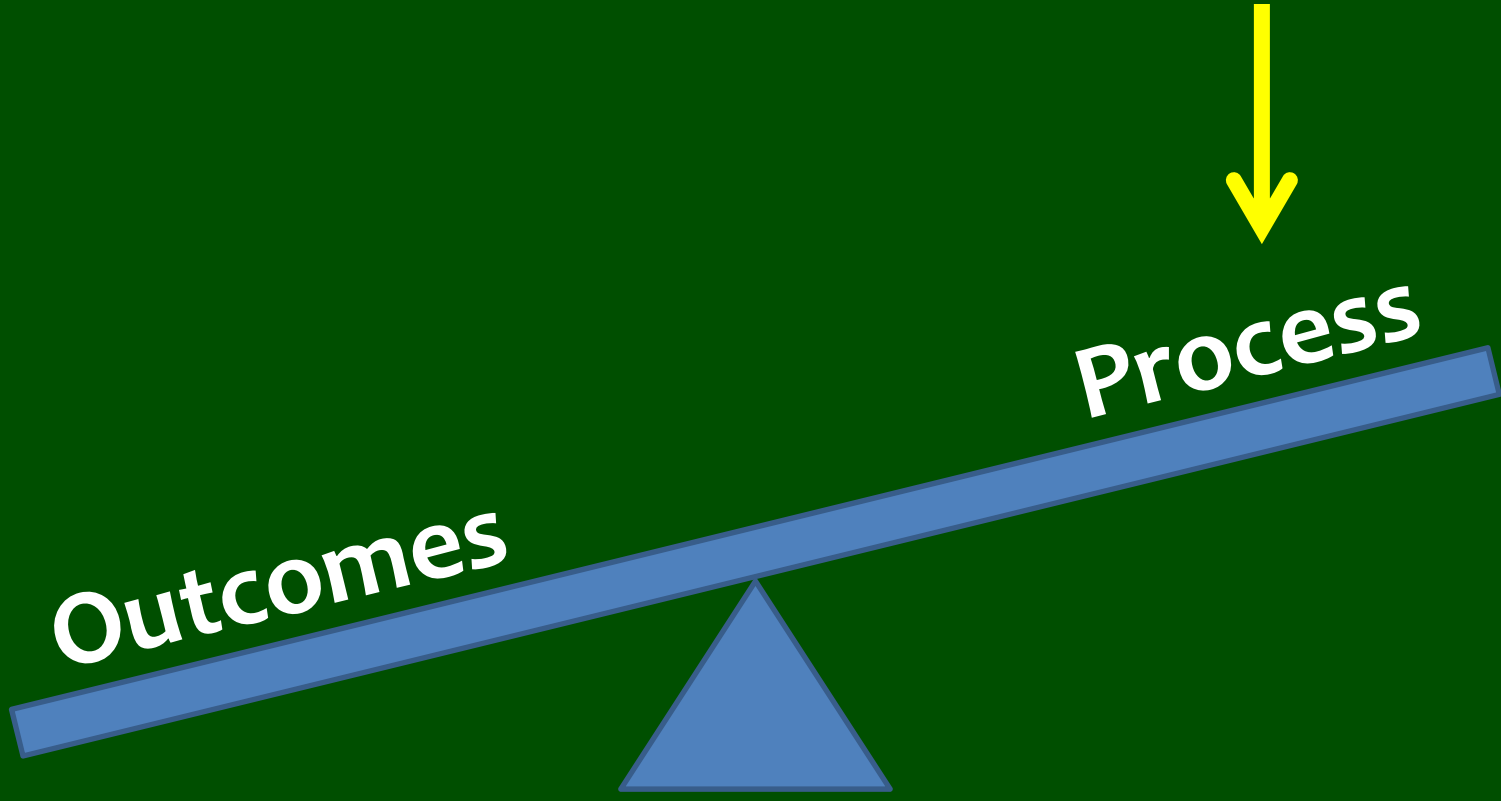
“I am alarmed by the loophole in our state law that might allow a corporate entity to lay claim to private property. Sadly, we are here to fight a powerful private enterprise who are attempting to perform a home invasion.”

Influence of Local Concerns



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“You will hear many views about this project and multiple reasons against and some in favor of Northern Pass. While all points have a place, the most important is the wishes of the public that will be affected by this project.”

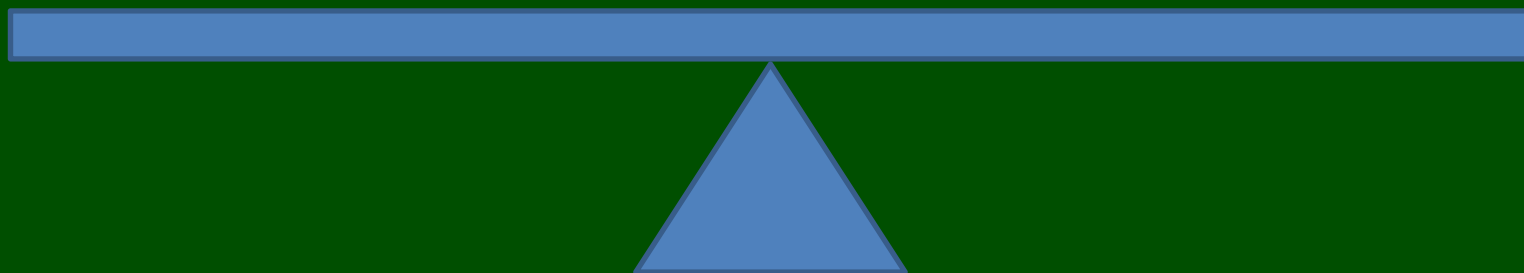


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“... a good process is adaptive and responsive to the will of its participants. Planners should take the time to inquire about what participants want the process to achieve or manifest. They should not rely on assumptions about what participants want.”
-Webler & Tuler, 2001, p. 37



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Thank You!

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