



City of Concord, New Hampshire Awards/Recognition

April 2017

Wastewater Treatment Division Receives 2017 Outstanding Public Outreach Award

The Concord General Services Wastewater Treatment Division received the 2017 Outstanding Public Outreach Award from the NH Department of Environmental Services. The award recognizes efforts to educate the public about wastewater.

March 2017

Main Street Complete Streets Project Receives "Gold Level" Award

The Main Street Complete Streets Project was awarded a "Gold Level" Award by the American Council of Engineering Companies of NH (ACEC-NH). The project is also in the running for the 2017 Overall Winner of the ACEC-NH Engineering Excellence Awards Program.

February 2017

Concord Ranked Seventh Best U.S. Capital City in Which to Live

In a study conducted by WalletHub.com, the City of Concord was ranked 2017's seventh best U.S. Capital City in Which to Live. To identify the most livable seats of state government, WalletHub's data team compared all 50 states across 42 key metrics, ranging from "cost of living" to "school system quality" to "number of attractions." Livability of Concord was ranked as follows, with 1=Best and 25=Average:

- 5th in Median Household Income (adjusted for cost of living);
- 1st in Unemployment Rate;
- 5th in Percent of Population Below Poverty Level; and
- 6th in Health Conditions

View the full study at <https://wallethub.com/edu/best-state-capitals/19030/>.

August 2016

Concord Ranked Fourth Best U.S. Capital City

In its third annual study, SmartAsset determined the best U.S. capital cities to live in for 2016, and Concord took the #4 spot. To find the best state capitals to live in, SmartAsset ranked all 50 state capitals focusing on factors like unemployment rate, violent crime rate, and property crime rate. They also compared the cost of living in each city and residents' access to fun and entertainment. View the study at <https://smartasset.com/mortgage/the-best-state-capitals-to-live-in-2016>.



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Concord Main Street – NH Magazine’s “Best of NH 2016”

Concord’s Main Street was selected as an editor’s pick for *New Hampshire Magazine’s* “Best of New Hampshire 2016.” It was featured in the magazine’s July 2016 print and online editions.

December 2015

FY 2015 Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

The City of Concord received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)’s Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its Fiscal Year 2015 Budget. The GFOA established this awards program to encourage and assist state and local governments to prepare budget documents of the very highest quality.

September 2015

2015 Outstanding Utility Service Award

The City of Concord was awarded the 2015 Outstanding Utility Service Award by the New England Water Works Association (NEWWA). The Utility Service Award recognizes utilities that have significantly contributed to supporting the NEWWA by participating in committee activities, developing member programs, providing volunteer services, and offering material and financial resources. The award was presented at the NEWWA’s 2015 Annual Conference on September 22, 2015.

July 2015

City of Concord Awarded for Excellence in Financial Reporting

For the 19th consecutive year, the City of Concord was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada for its [comprehensive annual financial report \(CAFR\)](#) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.

June 2015

2015 Outstanding Recycling Facility Website Award

The City of Concord was awarded the 2015 Outstanding Recycling Facility Website Award by the Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRRA). The award was presented at the NRRRA’s 2015 Annual Conference on June 8, 2015.



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January 2015

Penacook Wastewater Treatment Plant receives EPA Award

The Penacook Wastewater Treatment Plant was awarded the 2015 Regional EPA Wastewater Treatment Operation and Maintenance Award for outstanding operations and maintenance at the facility. The award was presented at the 2015 New England Water Environment Association Conference, held in Boston on January 25-28, 2015.

July 2014

City of Concord Awarded for Excellence in Financial Reporting

For the 18th consecutive year, the City of Concord was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada for its [comprehensive annual financial report \(CAFR\)](#) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

June 2014

City of Concord Recognized as a “Development Magnet”

Concord was featured in the June 2014 issue of *BusinessNH Magazine* as one of a handful of New Hampshire communities that are “development magnets.” The article touted Concord’s revitalized South Main Street and attributed much of that renaissance to the City’s initiative to build the Capital Commons Parking Garage.

General Services Department Receives Award for Trash & Recycling Brochure

The City’s [General Services Department](#) received an award from the Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRRA) for its newly created “Trash and Recycling” brochure. The brochure was mailed to all City residents and provides information about the City’s Single Stream Recycling Program, a calendar for the collection of leaf and yard waste, and information about the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. The NRRRA is recognized nationally for its efforts to promote municipal recycling.

June 2014

City of Concord Ranked #1 Micropolitan Economy

For the third year in a row, the City of Concord was ranked the #1 “micropolitan economy” in the United States by the [Policom Corporation](#), a Florida-based economic research firm, which specializes in studying the dynamics of local economies. The highest ranked areas have had rapid, consistent growth in both size and quality for an extended period of time.



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May 2014

Beaver Meadow Golf Course – Area’s Best Golf Course

For the 8th straight year, readers of the *Concord Insider* voted Beaver Meadow Golf Course as the area’s Best Golf Course.

February 2014

City of Concord Awarded for Water Quality

The City of Concord was awarded a Water Fluoridation Quality Award from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The award recognized those communities that achieved excellence in community water fluoridation by maintaining a consistent level of fluoridated water throughout 2012. A total of 1,791 public water systems in 34 states received this award, including three in New Hampshire. Community water fluoridation has been recognized by the CDC as one of the ten great public health achievements of the 20th century.

July 2013

City of Concord Awarded for Excellence in Financial Reporting

For the 17th consecutive year, the City of Concord was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada for its [comprehensive annual financial report \(CAFR\)](#) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012.

June 2013

City of Concord Ranked #1 Micropolitan Economy

For the second year in a row, the City of Concord was ranked the #1 “micropolitan economy” in the US by the [Policom Corporation](#), a Florida-based economic research firm, which specializes in studying the dynamics of local economies. The highest ranked areas have had rapid, consistent growth in both size and quality for an extended period of time.

May 2013

Beaver Meadow Golf Course – Area’s Best Golf Course

For the 7th straight year, readers of the *Concord Insider* voted [Beaver Meadow Golf Course](#) as the area’s Best Golf Course.



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February 2013

Concord Receives Elite Fire Protection Rating

The Insurance Services Office upgraded the City of Concord's Public Protection Classification to a Class 2/8B, placing it in the top 1.2% nationally of jurisdictions that were surveyed. The rating is based on the water supply system, public fire protection, and emergency communications.

January 2013

Concord Fire Department honored by CATCH

The Concord Area Trust for Community Housing (CATCH) honored the Concord Fire Department as its "Housing Hero of the Year." The award was presented for saving the Endicott Hotel from a major fire in freezing temperatures in February 2012, and for the Department's ongoing efforts to protect the community's housing stock.

November 2012

Concord Named Best Winter Vacation Destination

The City of Concord was named a Top 10 Best Winter Vacation Destination by Livability.com, a national website that highlights more than 500 of America's best places to live and visit. The list highlights those communities that embrace their cool climates and offer residents and visitors a wealth of outdoor recreation, arts and culture, dining and entertainment options.

August 2012

City of Concord Awarded for Excellence in Financial Reporting

For the 16th consecutive year, the City of Concord was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada for its [comprehensive annual financial report \(CAFR\)](#) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011.

June 2012

City of Concord Ranked #1 Micropolitan Economy

The City of Concord was ranked the #1 "micropolitan economy" by the [Policom Corporation](#), a Florida-based economic research firm. The study measured 23 different economic factors over a 20-year period to create the rankings.



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April 2012

Concord Parks & Recreation Receive “Best of Concord” Awards

The City of Concord was voted “Best Of” in the following categories, as a result of the Hippo Press 2012 Reader’s Poll:

- White Park: Best City Park; best Concord sledding hill; best place to go for a walk
- Beaver Meadow Golf Course: Best Concord golf course

February 2012

Concord Designated a Heart Safe Community

The American Heart Association, the NH Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, and the NH Department of Health and Human Services designated the City of Concord as a “Heart Safe Community.” The award was based on the response capabilities of the [Concord Fire Department](#), as well as CPR training and the number and distribution of automatic external defibrillators in the community.

December 2011

City of Concord Receives LGC Award

The City of Concord received a third place award from the NH Local Government Center (LGC) for Cities for Excellence in Annual Reports. This award is given in recognition of outstanding efforts in producing an impressive public document that informs citizens of important financial information, while conveying a sense of community spirit.

August 2011

City of Concord Awarded for Excellence in Financial Reporting

For the 15th consecutive year, the City of Concord was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada for its [comprehensive annual financial report \(CAFR\)](#) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.

May 2011

City of Concord a Walk Friendly Community

The City of Concord received Honorable Mention as a Walk Friendly Community by the University of North Carolina Highway Safety Research Center’s Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center. Eleven communities throughout the country were selected as Walk Friendly communities, and eight (including Concord) received Honorable Mention. The City of Concord is the only community in New England that was acknowledged.



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March 2011

White Park – Best of Concord

Concord's White Park came in tops in the Hippo Press 2011 Reader's Poll. White Park was voted best Concord place to take your kids, best Concord city park, and best Concord sledding hill.

February 2011

Concord's Water Utility Division Named Utility of the Year

The City's Water Utility Division within the [General Services Department](#) was named the 2010 Utility of the Year in the medium-size systems' category by the New England Water Works Association (NEWWA). The award recognizes a utility for making significant improvements to its water system and for providing outstanding customer service, staff training and/or operations to further protect the public health of the consumers it serves.

January 2011

Concord Cemeteries in National Register of Historic Places

Concord's Blossom Hill Cemetery and Concord Calvary Cemetery have been entered in the National Register of Historic Places. The National Register is the official federal listing of significant heritage resources worthy of preservation, rehabilitation or re-use.

September 2010

Concord Becomes First Bicycle Friendly Community in New Hampshire

The City of Concord was recognized by the League of American Bicyclists as the first community in New Hampshire, and the fourth in New England, to be designated as a Bicycle Friendly Community, earning the prize at the Bronze level.

August 2010

City of Concord Awarded for Excellence in Financial Reporting

For the 14th consecutive year, the City of Concord was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada for its [comprehensive annual financial report \(CAFR\)](#) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.



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June 2010

City Receives Health Innovator Award

The City of Concord was recognized by *New Hampshire Business Review* magazine and Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare for its innovative work in controlling employee and retiree health costs. The City's Health Benefits Review Team was cited for its work educating and involving employees in important issues affecting health costs, wellness and cooperative efforts that can help control costs.

May 2010

Recreation Department Receives Website Award

The Concord Recreation Department received the NH Recreation and Parks Association (NHRPA) Website Excellence Award. The NHRPA praised the Recreation Department for having a very complete, informative and always up-to-date website.

Beaver Meadow Golf Course Wins Cappie Award

Concord's [Beaver Meadow Golf Course](#) was selected as Best Golf Course by readers of the *Concord Monitor*. The Capital Area People's Preference Awards, a collaboration between the *Concord Monitor* and the *Concord Insider*, are the result of a nomination and voting process by thousands of readers.

April 2010

White Park Project Receives Excellence Award

The American Council of Engineering Companies of New Hampshire (ACEC-NH) selected the White Park Project to receive its 2010 Engineering Excellence Award in the Environmental Project category. Submitted on behalf of the City by its design consultant, McFarland-Johnson, Inc., the award recognizes the innovation of design through use of porous concrete pavements to address storm water management and water quality issues in the renovation of White Park.

August 2009

City of Concord Awarded for Excellence in Financial Reporting

For the 13th consecutive year, the City of Concord was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada for its [comprehensive annual financial report \(CAFR\)](#) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008.



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May 2009

Concord Ranks Among Top Ten for Economic Strength

The City of Concord was ranked among the top communities in the United States in terms of economic strength by [Policom Corporation](#), a national economic research firm. Concord was ranked 5th out of 574 micropolitan areas. This is the sixth year that Concord has been ranked in the top five nationally.