

# Livable Nashua

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## CELEBRATE EARTH MONTH AT THE NASHUA SUSTAINABILITY FAIR!

**Sustainability Fair**

Nashua Public Library | Livable Nashua | Working Together for a Better Future

**Saturday, April 26**  
**11 am – 2 pm**

When:  
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Where:  
**Nashua Public Library**

Join us at the library plaza for a showcase of sustainable projects, practices, and organizations that are active right here in Nashua!

Our free, family-friendly event is back for its third year, and this year promises an exciting line-up of activities for everyone. So, bring your family and friends to learn, engage, and celebrate sustainability in our community.

### 2025 Highlights You Can't Miss:

- [The Caterpillar Lab](#): Explore the fascinating world of native New England caterpillars!
- [Community Art Project](#): Express your creativity by contributing to a collaborative art piece.
- [Eco-Market](#): Shop directly from local artisans and farmers offering sustainable products.
- [Used Vase Drop Off](#): Bring vases to be reused by local flower shop, Fortin Gage.

- [Soil Sample Testing](#): Drop off a soil sample from your yard to be screened for the presence of lead.
- [Electric Vehicle Showcase](#): Discover the future of transportation, or better yet, **show-off your own EV at the fair!**
- [Seed Library](#): Take free seeds and plant starts to grow your own garden.
- [City Nature Challenge](#): Document our local biodiversity and contribute to citizen science.

**[Nashua Sustainability Fair](#)**

# Livable Nashua: Progressing Forward

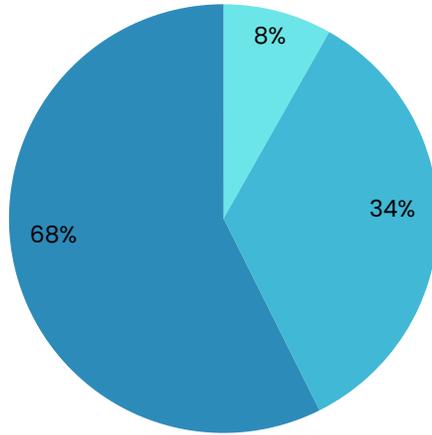
One year after the Board of Alderman's adoption of the Livable Nashua Plan in April 2024, the city is witnessing substantial progress towards its vision of a more sustainable and equitable future. The city's sustainability department has been diligently implementing the plan's 61 actionable items, with significant advancements across various sectors.

To date, a remarkable 26 actions have seen considerable progress, and 5 have been fully completed, demonstrating the city's unwavering commitment to the plan's objectives. Recent strides in sustainable transportation

and land use have significantly propelled the plan forward. Specifically, the completion of [TL 1.1.A](#), the creation and formalization of a municipal Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Purchasing Policy, ensures that future vehicle replacements consider operational requirements and the availability of suitable ZEV models. Additionally, [TL 1.2.B](#), the hosting of workshops and events to educate the community about EVs and connect them with valuable resources, has been successfully implemented, increasing public awareness and adoption of electric vehicles. Moreover, substantial progress has been made towards fulfilling action [TL 2.1.C](#), with the city currently working with a new micromobility company to expand shared scooter and bicycle access across Nashua, providing residents with more sustainable and accessible transportation options.

While challenges inherent in such ambitious undertakings persist, the progress achieved in this first year of implementation is undeniable. The completion and advancement of these key actions underscore the city's dedication to the Livable Nashua Plan and its promise of a thriving, equitable, and sustainable future for all Nashua residents.

- Complete
- In Progress
- Awaiting Resources



## Stay Up to Date with the Plan's Progress

### Did You Know?

New England is one of the most heavily forested regions of the United States. Notably, **New Hampshire is the second most forested state in the U.S.** (trailing only Maine) with **nearly 82% of its land classified as forest land.** This equates to **approximately 4,726,871 acres.** In comparison only about a third of the entire United States is classified as forest land.

# Discover Nashua's Wild Side: Join the City Nature Challenge!



Did you know Nashua is teeming with incredible biodiversity? From the parks to your own backyard, there's a world of fascinating species waiting to be discovered. But to truly understand and protect this natural wealth, we need YOUR help! By participating in the City Nature Challenge, not only do you learn more about your local nature, but you can also make your city a better place – for you and other species!

This year marks Nashua's exciting debut in the City Nature Challenge, alongside three other New Hampshire communities, thanks to our partnership with The Nature Conservancy!

This global event is a fun and easy way to connect with nature and contribute to citizen science. By documenting the plants, insects, and animals you find using the iNaturalist app, you'll help scientists and land managers understand our local ecosystems. Plus, you'll discover the amazing nature right here in Nashua!

## Get Started at the Nashua Sustainability Fair!

Join us at the Nashua Sustainability Fair on **April 26th** to kick off the challenge! The Nature Conservancy will be there to:

- Provide iNaturalist app tutorials.
- Answer your questions about the challenge.
- Help you make your first observations right at the fair!
- Point you to other great locations around Nashua to explore.

## How to Participate:

- 1 DOWNLOAD iNaturalist**

THE MOST FREQUENTLY USED COMMUNITY-SCIENCE PLATFORM FOR THE CITY NATURE CHALLENGE (THE APP IS FREE)
- 2 FIND YOUR LOCAL NATURE**

\*WILDLIFE ONLY!  
AKA. NO GARDENS OR PETS
- 3 TAKE PICTURES**

(THEY DON'T HAVE TO BE FANCY)

YOU CAN USE YOUR SMARTPHONE
- 4 SHARE YOUR PHOTOS**

AKA "OBSERVATIONS"

to iNaturalist

THIS GIVES SCIENTISTS & DECISION-MAKERS CRITICAL DATA ABOUT URBAN NATURE

Don't miss this opportunity to connect with nature and make a difference! See you at the Nashua Sustainability Fair on April 26th!

## City Nature Challenge

## NEMS Network Welcomes Nashua

In a move that underscores its dedication to environmental sustainability, the City of Nashua has officially joined the New England Municipal Sustainability (NEMS) Network - A consortium of municipal sustainability professionals from New England cities and towns, who advance mutually beneficial sustainability goals in the region. This collaboration marks a significant step forward in Nashua's efforts to create a more resilient and environmentally conscious community.

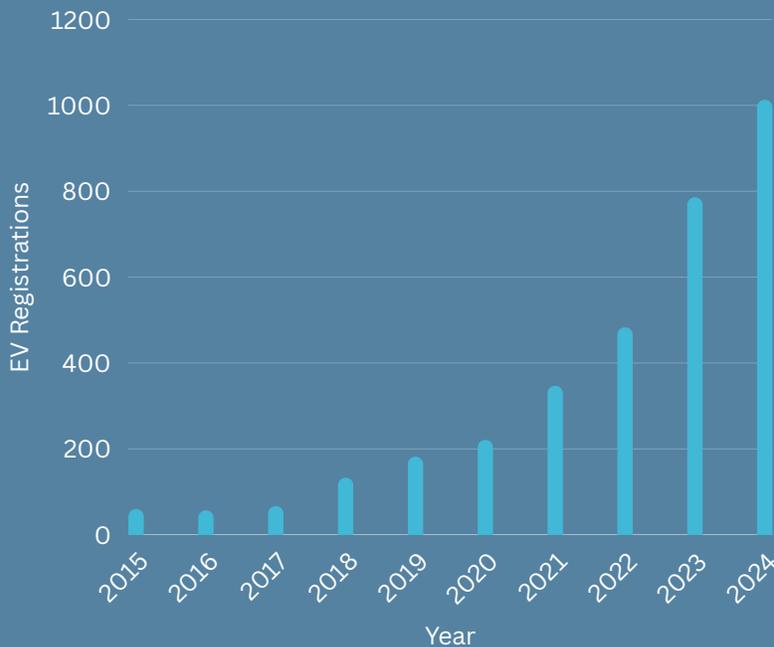
By joining this network, Nashua gains access to a wealth of resources, expertise, and collaborative opportunities that will bolster its local sustainability initiatives.

### Key Benefits for Nashua:

- **Collaboration and Information Sharing:** The NEMS Network facilitates the exchange of best practices and innovative solutions among member municipalities. This will enable Nashua to learn from the experiences of other communities and implement effective sustainability strategies.
- **Access to Expertise:** The network provides access to a network of municipal sustainability professionals, offering valuable guidance and support for Nashua's environmental projects.
- **Advancing Sustainability Goals:** By aligning with the goals of the NEMS Network, Nashua reinforces its commitment to creating a sustainable future for its residents. This includes efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote energy efficiency, and enhance environmental resilience.
- **Alignment with Global Goals:** The NEMS network is a recognized member of the Urban Sustainability Directors Network (USDN), and is consistent with the goals of the Global Covenant of Mayors. This means that Nashua's work within the network will be contributing to broader, global sustainability efforts.

The City of Nashua's participation in the NEMS Network demonstrates its proactive approach to addressing environmental challenges and its commitment to building a sustainable future for generations to come.

[NEMS Network](#)



## Public Works Tests Electric Sweeper, Aiming for Cleaner, Quieter Streets



Did you see a sleek, new street sweeper running through Nashua recently? The City of Nashua is exploring a greener future for its street cleaning operations, testing the Ravo R5e electric street sweeper. This move signals a potential shift away from traditional diesel-powered sweepers, with the city eyeing the significant environmental and operational benefits offered by electric technology.

The Ravo R5e, as detailed by the manufacturer, promises to deliver:

- **Reduced Air Pollution:** Eliminating fossil fuel combustion, the electric sweeper produces zero direct emissions, contributing to cleaner air in Nashua's neighborhoods.
- **Reduced Noise Pollution:** The electric motor operates significantly quieter than diesel engines, minimizing noise disruption during street cleaning, especially during early morning or late-night operations.
- **Reduced Maintenance Needs:** With fewer moving parts compared to diesel sweepers, the Ravo R5e is expected to require less maintenance, potentially leading to cost savings for the city.

The City is comparing the electric sweeper's real-world cleaning performance and realized benefits against its purchase and operational costs, to determine if the advantages are financially viable. If the trial proves successful, Nashua could pave the way for a cleaner, quieter, and more sustainable approach to street maintenance.

## EV's on the Rise in Nashua

Electric vehicle (EV) registrations continue to rise in Nashua, driven by improving EV technology, expanding charging infrastructure, and increased environmental awareness. [Data indicates](#) a clear upward trend in EV adoption in Nashua, with a 29% increase in EV registrations in 2024 compared to 2023. To ensure Nashua and the region are prepared for a continued increase in EV usage, Nashua has been collaborating with other state and regional planning entities to increase the availability of EV charging infrastructure in the City.

With this in mind, the City is actively seeking your input to identify additional locations for public EV charging stations around Nashua. Click the link to fill out the short survey to tell us where you want to see more public EV chargers.

[Public EV Charging Survey](#)