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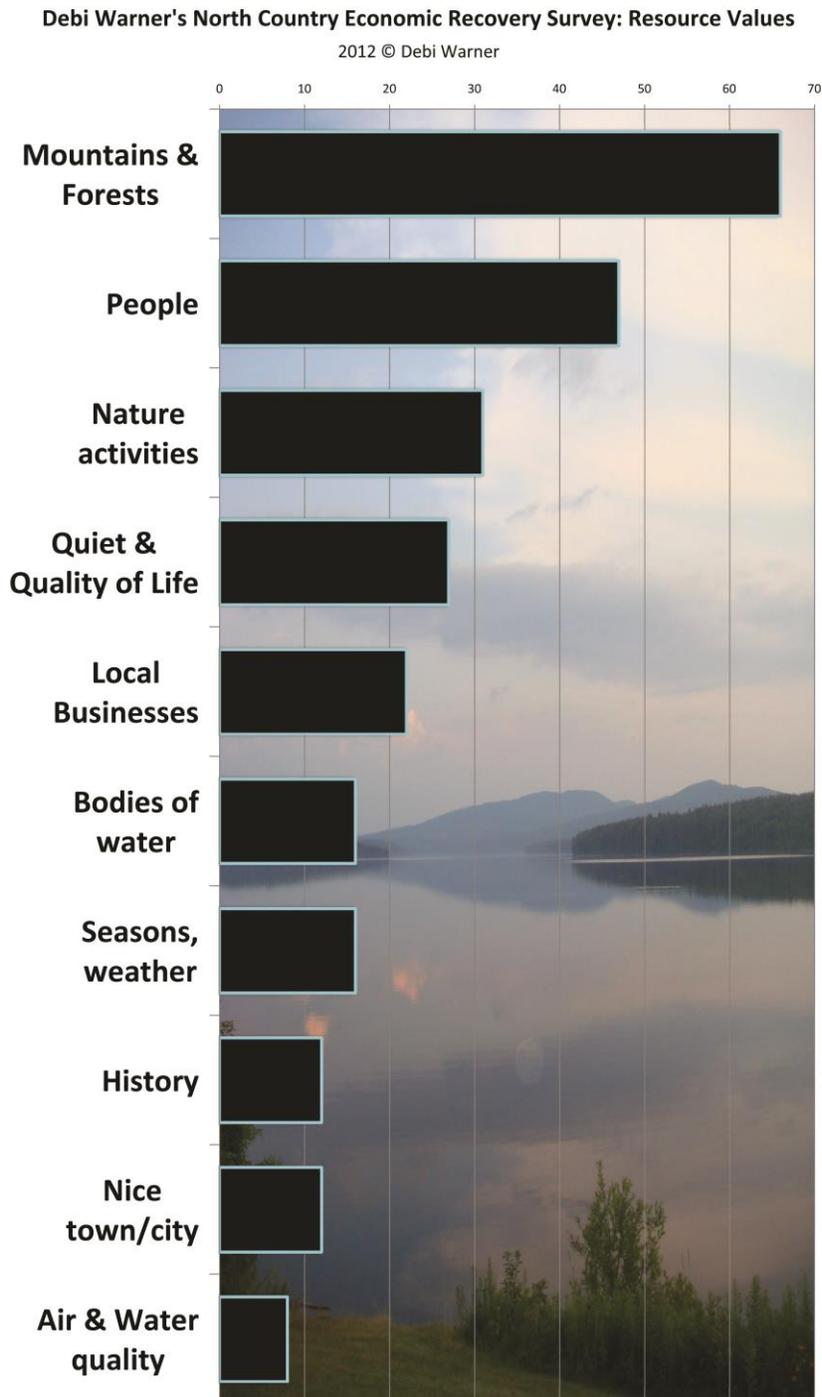
There is an issue with Northern Pass electric lines in New Hampshire

Large overhead transmission lines harm the exceptional countryside and landscapes for which New Hampshire is famous and valued by visitors and residents alike. The Northern Pass project is calculated to affect 23,000 acres of valuable destination lands in the Northern part of the state, which could greatly harm the sought after value of our destination market, the North Country's only healthy economic sector.

 <p>EXTERNAL MARKET</p>	 <p>DESTINATION MARKET</p>	 <p>LOCAL MARKET</p>	 <p>DRAIN MARKET</p>
<p>Goods & services are sent away and money comes in</p>	<p>People come to NH, enjoy our beautiful lands, leave money here with us</p>	<p>We buy from each other with money made from first two markets</p>	<p>Outside business comes, uses our resources, but the money goes elsewhere</p>
<p>Mills have closed; this market is very poor up North. We have lost many skilled workers and shops.</p>	<p>Tourist market is strongest sector in our economy up North. Seasonal, but has built good reputation as consistently beautiful and welcoming, attracting tourists from around the world.</p>	<p>This market is slower than when mills were open. Many support businesses have closed. Restaurants struggle to stay open. Medical care is more scarce. New houses are not being built up North.</p>	<p>The imported electric lines reduce property values & beauty of countryside, pay deeply discounted taxes, give brief jobs for mostly out-of-state people, and the profits & energy credits likewise go out of state.</p>
	<p>The Drain Market of the electric tower projects also affects our vulnerable Destination Market as pristine landscapes lose value for tourists and investors. Being less sought-after will mean fewer visitors and less desire to spend money here.</p>	<p>The tiny local value (a few jobs) from the Northern Pass is only short term. The towers will cause depression in local land values.</p> 	<p>The jobs dry up quickly. The taxes dwindle as they depreciate their assets and pay at lower rates than non-utilities.</p> 

Study of North Country Treasured Features:

The chart here shows the results of a study I conducted during this project’s development period in 2012, surveying a more than a hundred attendees at public events in Coos County, NH, with their spontaneous answers to the question, “What do you like about the North Country?” As a psychologist, I heard what they LOVE about the North Country as they enthusiastically replied. Two thirds of the public stated Mountains and Forests as the main features of the area that they treasure.



Convergent Validity: The strong and important relationship between people and the local mountains and natural culture is evident in this display (entire rack) of locally focused books at Littleton's bookstore.



CONCLUSION

Overhead towers harm the pristine countryside and landscapes for which New Hampshire is famous and valued by visitors and residents alike. The economic and cultural impact of the towers will greatly harm the treasured value of the North Country.

Burial of lines:

Other states are requiring large scale electric lines to be buried. It is reasonable to require this accommodation to protect our environment. It is important to set the standard as well because Canada is in the business of electrical production and expects to continue to develop their resources for greater exports, largely to the US market. As a border state, New Hampshire will be in the travel lane for these commodities along with its neighboring states. New York and Maine are requiring burial of lines. Vermont is refusing many through-transmission projects. A top engineer for Hydro Quebec made a presentation even 9 years ago at an energy conference that burying lines is economical, safer and less subject to natural and terrorist disruption. The HB461 Commission in 2012 determined that burial is feasible and within economic reason.

Plea to Site Evaluation Committee:

Please reject the Northern Pass project unless it will be buried across the entire state, or at least through localities that object to the towers overhead. It is too damaging to the state's tender tourist trade and property owners who live here or have moved here for the pristine quality of our lifestyle and landscape. The relationship with the mountainscapes has essential personal value to the people who live here and those who treasure their visits here. No one has a right to spoil our lifestyle and property values with no sustainable gain for the state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Warner', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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