



## **Final Public Hearing Northwest Regional Plan Amendments**

The Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) will hold a final hearing on the proposed amendments to the Plan for the Northwest Region 2015-2023 on June 28, 2017. The NRPC Board may choose to adopt the proposed amendments at the Board meeting immediately following the plan hearing. Copies of the draft amendments are summarized in the attachment and are available at the NRPC office, 75 Fairfield St., St. Albans, VT or online at [www.nrpcvt.com](http://www.nrpcvt.com). *The draft plan amendments include: minor corrections to the plan, the new regional energy plan, and other amendments to ensure consistent policy statements.*

The Northwest Regional Plan was created under the guidance of the NRPC Board of Commissioners. The plan addresses the economic, social and environmental factors that influence and sustain growth and development in Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. It is intended for use as a guide for decision makers, as a vision for the region and as an eight-year action plan to address issues of regional importance. The draft regional energy plan amendment was completed under the guidance of the regional energy committee and extensive public input.

You may provide comments on the draft plan amendments by attending the final public hearing or:

- E-mailing comments [cdimitruk@nrpcvt.com](mailto:cdimitruk@nrpcvt.com);
- Calling NRPC at 802-524-5958
- Faxing comments to NRPC at 802-527-2948; or
- Mailing comments to 75 Fairfield St., St. Albans, VT 05478

### **Public Hearing:**

June 28<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. NRPC Board of Commissioners Meeting and Public Meeting  
Swanton Village Municipal Complex, Route 78, Swanton

**Northwest Regional Planning Commission**  
**75 Fairfield Street, St. Albans, VT 05478 802-524-5958 [www.nrpcvt.com](http://www.nrpcvt.com)**

**Plan for the Northwest Regional, 2015-2023**  
**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS, May 30, 2017**  
**Second Public Hearing June 28, 2017**

**Table of Contents, Appendix**

- Amended to "Appendices"
- Rename "Definitions" to "Appendix I, Definitions"
- Add "Appendix II, Northwest Regional Energy Plan" The full text of the plan can be found at [www.nrpcvt.com](http://www.nrpcvt.com) or call NRPC for a copy.

**Introduction, Page 8**

Add statement to the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph: "This regional plan consists of the Introduction, Economic Region, Social Region, Physical Region and Appendix I and II."

**Table 3, Implementation, Economic Region**

Energy is amended to read

"Energy (see appendix II for additional energy implementation)"

**Physical Region, Natural and Cultural Resources**

- Correct Map 2, page 80, to show Lake Carmi, Metcalf Pond, Kings Hill Pond and Lake Champlain Missisquoi Bay water quality as impaired
- Amend Map 5, page 84, to include Vermont Conservation Design Highest Priority Forest Blocks

**Economic Development, Energy**

Delete the energy section, pages 36-42 and add the attached section in its place.

**Miscellaneous Edits:**

ReNUMBER pages, tables and figures as needed.

**Appendix I, Definitions**

- Add definition:

Demand Side Management: Planning, implementing, and monitoring activities of electric utilities which are designed to encourage consumers to modify their level and pattern of electricity usage (US Department of Energy).

- Substantial Regional Impact: delete last bullet under 4., add 5. as shown below.
  - ~~A new or expanded generating or transmission facility, electric or other, that requires Public Service Board Approval under 20 V.S.A. Section 248.~~
- 5. A new or expanded power generating or transmission facility that requires Public Service Board approval under 30 V.S.A. § 248 and at least one of the following applies:
  - it is visible from more than one municipality, or
  - it has impacts to two or more known or possible constraints identified in the regional energy plan, or
  - it is a solar installation located outside of a preferred area identified in the regional energy plan, or
  - it is a generation facility that requires upgrades to the transmission grid beyond the host municipality.