

Municipal Plan – Implementation Assessment

Guidelines and Standards for Confirmation of Municipal Planning Processes

Municipality: Town of Montgomery

Date: 7/24/2024

Municipal Plan Expiration: 3/18/2032

Planning Process Currently Confirmed? Yes No

Activity	Progress? (select all that may apply)	Explanation of Progress
Preparation or adoption of bylaws or amendments:	Activity Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Currently Implementing <input type="checkbox"/> Not a Priority During Time Period <input type="checkbox"/> Not a Priority in Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Hindered or Delayed <input type="checkbox"/> No Activity	Montgomery is in the process of refining its zoning bylaws to potentially allow for a greater density of development along Route 118 between its two villages. NRPC is working with the Montgomery Planning Commission to review and update the boundaries of the Village 2 district. The Town will consider natural resources and existing character in further refining which areas are appropriate for future land use at the scale of Village 2. A public outreach meeting is scheduled for September. Montgomery also worked on minor zoning amendments as part of the bylaw modernization consortium project in 2023 these will be adopted during the 2024 bylaw update process.
Capital budgets and programs:	<input type="checkbox"/> Activity Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Currently Implementing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not a Priority During Time Period <input type="checkbox"/> Not a Priority in Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Hindered or Delayed <input type="checkbox"/> No Activity	Montgomery is not interested in capital planning at this time, The Town is conducting energy audits of municipal building and participating in other budget planning efforts.

<p>Supplemental plans: (list one or more identified in the plan, but not necessarily all. Examples: Hazard Mitigation Plan, Sidewalk Plan, etc.)</p>	<p>Activity Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Currently Implementing <input type="checkbox"/> Not a Priority During Time Period <input type="checkbox"/> Not a Priority in Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Hindered or Delayed <input type="checkbox"/> No Activity</p>	<p>Montgomery is currently working on a Hazard Mitigation Study. Throughout 2024, the Franklin County Natural Resources Conservation District will be working with the town and an engineering firm to better understand the flooding patterns and impacts of the Trout River, Black Falls Brook, and West Hill Brook. Using this information, the town will identify possible flood risk reduction alternatives and locations where floodplain restoration, buyouts, infrastructure upgrades, and other measures may be beneficial for hazard mitigation and watershed health. A public kickoff meeting for the project was held in March 2024.</p>
<p>Other actions, programs, or measures undertaken or scheduled to implement the adopted plan: (list one or more identified in the plan, but not necessarily all)</p>	<p>Activity Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Currently Implementing <input type="checkbox"/> Not a Priority During Time Period <input type="checkbox"/> Not a Priority in Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Hindered or Delayed <input type="checkbox"/> No Activity</p>	<p>Montgomery is in the process of determining the final design for a municipal Wastewater System in the Center and Village. The system will allow 165 existing septic systems in the Village and Center to be replaced and provide additional capacity to support further growth. A preliminary engineering report was completed in 2020.</p> <p>The Town is also in the process of addressing parking and sidewalk issues in Montgomery Center. The planning process is ongoing and is currently in the design phase.</p>

24 V.S.A. 4350(c): *In order to retain confirmation or the planning process, a municipality shall document that it has reviewed and is actively engaged in a process to implement its adopted plan.*

(1) When assessing whether a municipality has been actively engaged in a process to implement its adopted plan, the regional planning commission shall consider the activities of the local boards and commissions with regard to the preparation or adoption of bylaws and amendments; capital budgets and programs; supplemental plan; or other actions, programs, or measures undertaken or scheduled to implement the adopted plan. The regional planning commission shall consider factors that may have hindered or delayed municipal implementation efforts.

(2) The consultation may include guidance by the regional planning commission with regard to resources and technical support available to the municipality its adopted plan and recommendations by the regional planning commission for plan amendments and for updating the plan prior to readoption under section 4387 of this title.

In order to obtain or retain confirmation, a municipality must be actively engaged in a process to implement its adopted plan. Actively engaged is defined as making progress in all of the four implementation categories above or a determination that the plan does not call for any implementation actions in a category.

Notes: Staff recommends that the Town receive confirmation of the planning process.