



NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

BAKERSFIELD TOWN REPORT - 2024

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NRPC PROJECTS & PROGRAMS

- Municipal plan and bylaw updates, technical assistance for local permitting
- Brownfields site assessments, cleanups and redevelopment plans
- Transportation planning and project management
- Bike and pedestrian planning and project management
- Emergency preparedness, disaster recovery and resilience
- Energy conservation, renewable energy plans and projects
- Water quality planning, grants and project management
- Regional plans for growth and development
- Geographic Information System maps and data
- Downtown and village revitalization and community development

ASSOCIATED PROJECTS MANAGED BY NRPC

- Northern Vermont Economic Development District
- Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail
- Northwest Vermont Regional Foundation, Inc.
- Clean Water Service Provider: Missisquoi & Lamoille River Basins

REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS

William Irwin & Linda McCall

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

vacant seat

Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) is a multi-purpose governmental organization created by the municipalities of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. NRPC implements a variety of projects and programs tailored to local, regional and statewide needs. All municipalities in the region are entitled to equal voting representation by two locally appointed members to the Board of Commissioners.

2024 BAKERSFIELD TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided technical assistance in local planning and zoning efforts, including consulting with the Planning Commission on its municipal plan.
- Conducted site visit related to a potential project to address water quality concerns.
- Served as local liaison to town public safety officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the January severe wind event.
- Provided business assistance to 1 farm business and market access assistance to 1 farm business in Bakersfield.
- Administered and closed-out a VCDP planning grant for the Brigham Academy redevelopment project. The site has potential for new housing and community space. Continue to support the Town on next steps.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Bakersfield is a member.
- Assisted Bakersfield Conservation Commission with a Community Tree Planting grant and with finding new grant opportunities for restoration of the historic barn on the village green.
- Assisted with the application for energy assessments for Brigham Public Library and Town Hall, and the application for construction funds through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program.
- Completed a consultation of the municipal planning program.
- Supported a successful 2024 VTrans Bike/Ped Small Scale Grant application for improved crosswalk signs.
- Completed a sidewalk inventory.
- Healthy Roots created a Franklin County Guide to Farms & Foods that featured 4 Bakersfield farms and food producers.

This year the Commission will assist our member municipalities with maximizing local, state and federal infrastructure funds, water quality project implementation, Municipal Roads General Permit compliance, local energy and climate planning, zoning bylaw modernization, emergency preparedness, brownfields redevelopment and other needed services. NRPC will help promote the Missisquoi and Lamoille Valley Rail Trails, assist the Northwest Communications Union District in expanding broadband access in the region, update its Land Use Plan to support housing development and coordinate Housing For All, a three-year housing development campaign. The Commission has no regulatory or taxing authority; however, each year we do request a per capita assessment in support of local and regional activities and to provide matching funds for state and federal programs.

Your continued support for NRPC is greatly appreciated. We are your resource - please call on us for assistance with planning, zoning, transportation, project management, mapping or other needs.