



NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

FAIRFAX 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

Sarah Hadd & Barbara Murphy

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Matt Guerino

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 FAIRFAX TOWN PROJECTS

- Began updating the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan update with a local committee, including community engagement activities.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Consulted with local officials and evaluated infrastructure projects that address water quality concerns.
- Provided \$75,000 to Clean Water Service Provider funding for a stormwater project at the corner of Hunt and Maple Streets on Bellows Free Academy property.
- Served as local liaison to town public officials for the State Emergency Operations Center during January severe wind and July severe weather events.
- Provided technical assistance for local planning and zoning efforts, including facilitating ANR review of new flood bylaw requirements.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Fairfax is a founding member.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative delivered gleaned produce to the Fairfax NOTCH clinic and NOTCH pharmacy on a regular basis and gleaned produce at one farm in Fairfax with the help of volunteers and school groups.
- Healthy Roots created a Franklin County Guide to Farms & Foods that featured 1 Fairfax farm.
- Supported VTrans and the Town during the scoping process for improvements at the intersection of VT104/VT128.
- Assisted with application for energy assessments for Community Center and application for energy efficiency improvement funds through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program.
- Created a Municipal Vulnerability Index profile to enable the community to be better prepared for disasters, and presented results to the selectboard.
- Completed a sidewalk inventory.
- Applied for and received a grant to complete flood plain modeling of the Lamoille River basin.

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.