



NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

FAIRFIELD 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

Julia Callan & Chuck Verderber

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dr. Lynda Ulrich

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 FAIRFIELD TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided technical assistance for local planning and zoning efforts, including meeting procedures and training opportunities.
- Updated the Town's Local Emergency Management Plan which helps the town be prepared for future disasters.
- Served as local liaison to town officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the January severe wind and July severe weather events.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Fairfield is a member.
- Consulted with local officials, evaluated infrastructure projects that address water quality concerns and reviewed potential grant funding sources.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative gleaned at one farm in Fairfield, delivered gleaned produce to the Fairfield Community Center Food Shelf, and delivered Migrant Household Food boxes for delivery throughout Fairfield.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative provided business assistance to 2 farms.
- Healthy Roots created a Franklin County Guide to Farms & Foods that featured 10 Fairfield farms and food producers.
- Assisted with close out of a Vermont Community Development Program Cares Act grant that funded a pavilion at the Fairfield Community Center.
- Provided information and examples of zoning bylaws to support the Town Planning Commission's update of the Town Bylaws.
- Supported VTrans and the Town during the VT 36 closure for bridge deck replacement.
- Completed traffic counts on Chester A. Arthur and Howrigan roads.
- Completed a sidewalk inventory.
- Supported the Commons School Working Group with assessing and rating reuse and restoration opportunities, funding options and an application to the Village Trust Program.

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.