



NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

FRANKLIN TOWN REPORT - 2024

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 FRANKLIN TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided technical assistance in local planning and zoning efforts.
- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan which will help 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.
- Served as technical resource during Franklin Community Voices project. Supported the childcare initiative with grant writing assistance and participated in Lake Carmi Task Force meetings.
- Participated in meetings of the Lake Carmi TMDL Implementation Team and provided technical assistance relating to stormwater management on private roads in the Lake Carmi watershed.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Provided Clean Water Service Provider grants of \$42,000 and \$25,000 to Franklin County NRCD for projects in the Lake Carmi watershed.
- Worked with the community and partners to determine eligible uses of local funds from the American Rescue Plan Act and the Municipal Technical Assistance Program (MTAP).
- Completed a consultation of municipal planning program.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative gleaned at two farms/orchards in Franklin.
- Healthy Roots created a Franklin County Guide to Farms & Foods that featured 7 Franklin farms and food producers.
- Completed a sidewalk inventory.

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.

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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

Yvon Dandurand & Wesley Kempton

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Peter Magnant