



# NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

## GEORGIA 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

Carl Rosenquist & Kirk Waite

### TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Suzanna Brown

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 GEORGIA TOWN PROJECTS

- Assisted the Town Emergency Management Director with updates to the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan.
- Served as local liaison to town officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the January severe wind and July severe weather events.
- Provided assistance relating to Vermont "3 acre" stormwater permit and organized a public information session attended by town officials and residents.
- Provided local planning and zoning technical assistance.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Georgia is a member.
- Consulted with local officials regarding multiple projects that address water quality concerns and discussed potential for funding.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative delivered gleaned produce to the Georgia Food Shelf periodically and delivered Northwest Farmacy CSAs to the Georgia NOTCH clinic.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative provided business assistance to 1 farm.
- Healthy Roots created a Franklin County Guide to Farms & Foods that featured 2 Georgia farms and food producers.
- Completed a preliminary review for regional approval of the draft Georgia Municipal Plan.
- 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.