



NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

GRAND ISLE 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

Howard Demars & Barclay Morris

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Barclay Morris

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 GRAND ISLE TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided technical assistance in local planning and zoning.
- Working with the Planning Commission to complete a major update to the Municipal Plan, including developing a concept vision for a municipal town center on town owned property and an enhanced energy plan. Funded by a Municipal Planning Grant.
- Facilitated meetings, developed agendas, secured speakers and trainings, updated bylaws and drafted minutes for the Grand Isle County Mutual Aid Association and Regional Emergency Management Committee.
- Assisted with the adoption of the Local 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.
- Participated in the planning process for updating the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Assisted Grand Isle County Mutual Aid with Public Safety planning for the April 8th Total Solar Eclipse event.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Gleaned produce weekly at two farms and delivered produce to the Champlain Islands Food Shelf on a regular basis with the help of local volunteers.
- Healthy Roots purchased produce from Grand Isle Farms to support the NOTCH mini-fridges, Migrant Household Food Boxes, and the Northwest Farmacy CSA, in partnership with NorthWest Family Foods, NOTCH Richford Health Center and Bridges to Health.
- Provided business and market access assistance to two Grand Isle farms.
- Conducted site visits on private roads and held Zoom meetings to identify where stormwater projects could be implemented to reduce sediment and nutrient runoff in Lake Champlain.
- Completed a consultation of the municipal planning program.
- Assisted with applications for mini grant funds, energy assessments for the library and fire station, and construction funds through the Municipal Energy Resilience 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.