



NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

NORTH HERO 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

Andy Alling & Michael Curtis

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

vacant seat

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 NORTH HERO TOWN PROJECTS

- 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. Provided maps to assist with public safety communications coverage.
- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management plan with input from local officials.
- Provided planning and zoning technical assistance, and served as Zoning Administrator and DRB/PC clerk through a shared services contract.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which North Hero is a member.
- Healthy Roots purchased from one North Hero Farm to support the NOTCH mini-fridges.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Conducted site visits on Town highways and private roads to identify where stormwater projects could be implemented to reduce sediment and nutrient runoff in Lake Champlain. Created a map of the Carry Bay watershed.
- Healthy Roots, in collaboration with the South Hero Land Trust, Grand Isle County Natural Resources Conservation District and the Franklin County Natural Resources Conservation District, co-hosted a Farm Appreciation Dinner and the Northwest Zone Public Local-Led Conservation Meeting.
- Assisted Grand Isle County Mutual Aid with Public Safety planning for the April 8th Total Solar Eclipse event.
- Served as local liaison to town officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the January severe wind and July severe weather events.
- Assisted the Fire Chief with seeking funding for a new fire station.
- Completed a consultation of municipal planning 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.