



NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

RICHFORD 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

Marissa Tessier & vacant seat

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wallace Steinhour

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 RICHFORD TOWN PROJECTS

- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan which will help the town respond to future disasters and a draft Hazard Mitigation Plan to assist the town with accessing mitigation funds.
- Served as local liaison to town officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the January severe wind and July severe weather events.
- Provided project management support for the Richford Re-Connect project which completed preliminary engineering and planning for a trail network on town owned land.
- Serving as Municipal Project Manager for a sidewalk scoping study to connect the Elementary School to the village sidewalk network.
- Provided local planning and zoning technical assistance.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Richford is a member.
- Health Roots grew the Northwest Farmacy CSA produce share in partnership with the NOTCH Richford Health Center. 35 households were supported throughout Franklin and Grand Isle Counties.
- Healthy Roots delivered gleaned and purchased produce to NOTCH mini-fridges. Gleaned produce was also regularly delivered to the Richford Food Shelf.
- Healthy Roots created a Franklin County Guide to Farms & Foods that featured 2 Richford farms and food producers.
- Assisted with a public outreach survey for the Richford Town Plan update.
- Assisted with an application for energy assessments for the Town Hall, Library, and Post Office, and an application for construction funds through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program.
- Funded \$6,390 for brownfields cleanup planning at the 113 Main Street property owned by the Richford Economic Advancement Corporation.

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.