



# NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

## SHELDON TOWN REPORT - 2024

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### NRPC PROJECTS & PROGRAMS

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- 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

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- Northern Vermont Economic Development District
- Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail
- Northwest Vermont Regional Foundation, Inc.
- Clean Water Service Provider: Missisquoi & Lamoille River Basins

### REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS

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vacant seats

### TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Seth Hungerford

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 SHELDON TOWN PROJECTS

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- Provided local planning and zoning technical assistance and served as zoning administrator and DRB/PC clerk through a shared services contract.
- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan which helps the town respond to 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.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Collaborated with the Planning Commission to modernize the town's zoning bylaws to allow for increased housing choice and affordability funded by a Bylaw Modernization consortium grant.
- Worked with the Planning Commission on an update to the Municipal Plan, including the enhanced energy plan.
- Healthy Roots moved into a newly renovated storage space in Sheldon to support its gleaning and food access programming.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Sheldon is a member.
- Initiated a trailhead scoping study at the junction of Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail and Lamoille Valley Rail Trail, funded by VT Agency of Transportation.
- Served as the project manager for VTrans grants to study trailside options for the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail near Gristmill Park, and to examine pedestrian connections at the intersection of Mill Street and VT 105 in Sheldon Springs.
- Completed a sidewalk inventory.
- Funded \$10,395 in brownfields assessment and cleanup planning at the 200 Bridge Street historical society site.

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.