



NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

SWANTON TOWN REPORT - 2024

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.

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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

Nicole Draper & Harold Garrett

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Harold Garrett

2024 SWANTON TOWN PROJECTS

- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan for the Town and Village, which helps in disaster response efforts.
- Provided local planning and zoning technical assistance.
- Consulted with local officials regarding potential projects to address water quality concerns.
- Healthy Roots delivered gleaned and purchased produce to the Swanton Community Food Shelf and the Swanton NOTCH and NOTCH pharmacy. Received donated produce from one Swanton Farm.
- Healthy Roots delivered Northwest Farmacy CSAs to the Swanton NOTCH.
- Healthy Roots created a Franklin County Guide to Farms & Foods that featured 3 Swanton farms and food producers.
- Provided administrative support for a Lamoille Valley Rail Trail Community Grant.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Swanton Town is a member.
- Participated in and assisted with Swanton Energy Committee projects including outreach events.
- Supported VTrans process to consider improvements at the intersection of I-89 Exit 21 and VT-78 (First St), which will improve current traffic concerns and pedestrian access, and accommodate future growth.
- Provided \$32,000 in Brownfields funding to complete assessments, clean up alternatives, and historic preservation compliance at the 6 South River property in Swanton Village.
- Provided \$23,300 in Brownfields funding to complete a clean-up assessment at the 124 First Street property.
- Provided \$37,000 in Brownfields funding to complete assessment and cleanup planning at the Abenaki Nation of Missisquoi Headquarters owned by the Maquam Bay of Missisquoi, Inc. on Grand Ave.
- Assisted with an application for a Community Tree Planting grant.
- 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 Public Safety planning for the April 8th Total Solar Eclipse event with Town and Village public safety officials.
- Provided support to expand the boundaries of the Village Center Designation and supported a Neighborhood Development Area application.

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.