

Municipal Plan – Implementation Assessment

Guidelines and Standards for Confirmation of Municipal Planning Processes

Municipality: Town of Sheldon

Date: 7/17/2024

Municipal Plan Expiration: 8/8/2032

Planning Process Currently Confirmed? Yes No

| Activity | Progress? (select all that may apply) | Explanation of Progress |
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| Preparation or adoption of bylaws or amendments: | <input type="checkbox"/> Activity Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Currently Implementing <input type="checkbox"/> Not a Priority During Time Period <input type="checkbox"/> Not a Priority in Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Hindered or Delayed <input type="checkbox"/> No Activity | Sheldon will begin the process of adopting a Zoning Amendment based on new proposed land use districts in the Town Plan. The Sheldon Springs Village district will be separated from the Sheldon Creek Village district, reflecting HOME Act regulations that provide for higher densities in areas with municipal water and sewer. The town is considering adopting a wastewater ordinance that formalizes the Sheldon Springs Village as the official wastewater service area for HOME Act purposes. |
| Capital budgets and programs: | <input type="checkbox"/> Activity Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Currently Implementing <input type="checkbox"/> Not a Priority During Time Period <input type="checkbox"/> Not a Priority in Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Hindered or Delayed <input type="checkbox"/> No Activity | Adopting a capital budget and program is an implementation action of the 2024 Town Plan, with the Planning Commission and Selectboard as responsible parties. |

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| <p>Supplemental plans: (list one or more identified in the plan, but not necessarily all. Examples: Hazard Mitigation Plan, Sidewalk Plan, etc.)</p> | <p>Activity Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Currently Implementing <input type="checkbox"/> Not a Priority During Time Period <input type="checkbox"/> Not a Priority in Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Hindered or Delayed <input type="checkbox"/> No Activity</p> | <p>In 2023, the Town secured a grant from the VT Bicycle and Pedestrian Program to complete a scoping study for pedestrian improvements focused around the Mill Street intersection with Route 105 and connections to the Elementary School and Rail Trail accesses. The project implements recommendations from the 2020 Connecting Sheldon Master Plan, which explored pedestrian connection opportunities.</p> <p>Sheldon does not currently have a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. The town is currently working on a grant-funded project to create a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan in consultation with Seam Solutions, Inc.</p> |
| <p>Other actions, programs, or measures undertaken or scheduled to implement the adopted plan: (list one or more identified in the plan, but not necessarily all)</p> | <p>Activity Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Currently Implementing <input type="checkbox"/> Not a Priority During Time Period <input type="checkbox"/> Not a Priority in Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Hindered or Delayed <input type="checkbox"/> No Activity</p> | <p>NRPC, VTrans, and VHB Engineering are currently collaborating with Sheldon leadership and residents to create a design for a new trailhead at the intersection of the LVRT and MVRT rail trails in Sheldon Junction. The final report is expected to be complete in August 2024. Once a design is selected, the town and VTrans can move forward with securing funding for construction.</p> |

24 V.S.A. 4350(c): *In order to retain confirmation or the planning process, a municipality shall document that it has reviewed and is actively engaged in a process to implement its adopted plan.*

(1) When assessing whether a municipality has been actively engaged in a process to implement its adopted plan, the regional planning commission shall consider the activities of the local boards and commissions with regard to the preparation or adoption of bylaws and amendments; capital budgets and programs; supplemental plan; or other actions, programs, or measures undertaken or scheduled to implement the adopted plan. The regional planning commission shall consider factors that may have hindered or delayed municipal implementation efforts.

(2) The consultation may include guidance by the regional planning commission with regard to resources and technical support available to the municipality its adopted plan and recommendations by the regional planning commission for plan amendments and for updating the plan prior to readoption under section 4387 of this title.

In order to obtain or retain confirmation, a municipality must be actively engaged in a process to implement its adopted plan. Actively engaged is defined as making progress in all of the four implementation categories above or a determination that the plan does not call for any implementation actions in a category.

Notes: Staff recommends that the Town receive confirmation of the planning process.