



# NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

## ST. ALBANS CITY REPORT - 2024

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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

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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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Elisabeth Nance & Chip Sawyer

### TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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vacant seat

### 2024 ST. ALBANS CITY PROJECTS

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- Coordinated education and outreach for the Regional MS4 stormwater permit program. Organized and hosted a rain barrel workshop and completed a fact sheet regarding driveway culvert maintenance. Provided support for the Lake Lessons education program.
- Provided \$8,300 in funding for a Corrective Action Plan at the 74 Lower Welden former GMP cooling pond site ahead of its redevelopment for stormwater treatment.
- Funded \$5,732 for supplemental brownfields assessment at the 12-22 Stebbins Street property to assist the owner achieving a Certificate of Completion.
- Funded \$7,400 for a corrective action plan for the 20 LaSalle Street property to assist the property owner in understanding cleanup requirements and costs.
- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan in consultation with the City EM Committee.
- 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 City and Town officials.
- Served in an advisory role for the creation and running of the Saint Albans Climate & Energy Committee and served in an advisory role for Walk/Bike Saint Albans.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative delivered gleaned produce to Northwest Family Foods, Martha's Kitchen, and Spectrum's Youth Center on a weekly basis.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative received donated produce from one farm in St. Albans and provided market access and sourcing assistance to two St. Albans businesses.
- Healthy Roots delivered Northwest Farmacy CSAs to the NOTCH Primary Care and St. Albans Health Center.
- Assisted with an application for mini grant funds, an application for energy assessments for the Fire Station and Barlow Street Community Center, and an application for construction funds through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program.
- Supported the St. Albans City Climate & Energy Committee's planning efforts.
- Supported Walk/Bike Saint Albans planning efforts.
- Organized a WindowDressers build at Saint Albans City Hall with the Climate & Energy Committee.

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.