



2011 Town & Village Report

The Regional Commission is a multi-purpose governmental organization formed by and serving the municipalities of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. All municipalities in the region are entitled to equal voting representation by two locally appointed members to the Board of Commissioners. Northwest Regional Planning Commission implements a variety of projects and programs tailored to local, regional and statewide needs.

Northwest Regional Planning Commission Projects & Programs:

Municipal plan and bylaw updates and related technical assistance: Focus on predictable and effective local permitting through education and training, bylaw modernization and plan updates.

Brownfields: Complete environmental site assessments and fund clean-ups so properties can be sold, developed or re-developed to benefit the economy, create or protect jobs and increase housing opportunities.

Transportation planning: Coordinate local involvement in transportation decisions through the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), and provide services such as intersection studies, corridor plans and traffic counts.

Emergency response planning: Better prepare our region and state for disasters by coordinating with local volunteers and VT Emergency Management on emergency response planning, exercises and training.

Energy conservation and development: Implement projects to support municipal energy conservation to save energy and tax dollars, support job training programs, and identify opportunities for renewable energy generation.

Watershed planning and project development: Implement water quality projects and programs to protect water resources, ensure safe water supplies, enhance recreational opportunities and address known sources of pollution.

Regional plans: Coordinate infrastructure, community development and growth at the regional level through the development, adoption, and administration of a comprehensive regional plan.

Geographic information services: Provide municipalities, state agencies and regional groups with mapping and data analysis in support of their projects.

Special projects: Complete special projects such as downtown revitalization, recreation paths, farmland preservation, economic development and affordable housing projects.

Grants: Provide assistance identifying appropriate grant sources, defining a project scope and writing grant applications.

In Alburgh Town & Alburgh Village the Northwest Regional Planning Commission:

- ☞ Prepared amendments for and facilitated 2011 Town Plan update and re-adoption with Planning Commission and Select Board.
- ☞ Prepared hazardous material reports for first response agencies.
- ☞ Updated the E-911 poster map, road atlas and road map.
- ☞ Funded energy audits for the Village Library and Senior Meals Site.
- ☞ Served as municipal project manager for the Streetscape Project.
- ☞ Updated the Town's Basic Emergency Operations Plan.
- ☞ Provided administrative support to Grand Isle County Mutual Aid Association.
- ☞ Reviewed and recommended regional approval of the Town Plan to the Board of Regional Commissioners.
- ☞ Prepared the Safe Routes to School draft Travel Plan for Alburgh Community Education Center and related maps.
- ☞ Facilitated next steps for revitalization of the Alburgh Business Park.
- ☞ Provided response and recovery support and ensured state and federal officials coordinated with municipal officials during the spring 2011 Lake Champlain Floods.

Alburgh Town & Village Regional Commissioners:

Town - Barbara Baker & Terry Tatro
Village - Andrea Beaderstadt & one vacant seat

Transportation Advisory Committee:

Town - Douglas Medor
Village - Paul Hansen

In the coming year the Commission will continue our programs in local and regional planning and project implementation and will provide other needed services to our member municipalities. The Commission has no regulatory or taxing authority; however, each year we do request a per capita assessment from our members in support of local and regional activities and to provide matching funds needed for state and federal programs.

Your continued support for local and regional planning is greatly appreciated. NRPC is your resource -- please call on us for assistance with planning, zoning, transportation, mapping, or other needs.