



NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Town Report, 2021 - Franklin

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.

2021 FRANKLIN TOWN PROJECTS

- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan which will help the town be prepared for future disasters.
- Served on the Lake Carmi TMDL Implementation Team and provided technical assistance to the Franklin Watershed Committee.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Served as project manager for a VTrans Transportation Alternatives grant to replace a culvert on Pidgeon Hill Road.
- Coordinated a road erosion inventory project for private roads in the Lake Carmi watershed.
- Consulted with local officials, evaluated infrastructure projects that address water quality concerns and reviewed grant funding that could be used for project implementation.
- Initiated an engineering evaluation for the intersection of VT Route 120/VT Route 235/Middle Road.
- American Rescue Plan Act: Working with VLCT and State agencies to determine eligible use of community funds.

This year the Commission will assist our member municipalities with maximizing state and local COVID recovery funds, Municipal Roads General Permit compliance, water quality project implementation, local energy and climate planning, emergency preparedness, brownfields redevelopment and other needed services. NRPC will help promote the Missisquoi and Lamoille Valley Rail Trails, support local farm and food businesses through its Healthy Roots Collaborative, assist the Northwest Communications Union District in expanding broadband access in the region, and initiate 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 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.

NRPC Projects & Programs

Municipal plan and bylaw updates, technical assistance for local permitting

Brownfields site assessments, clean-ups and redevelopment plans

Transportation planning, coordination and project development

Bike and pedestrian planning and project management

Emergency preparedness, disaster recovery and resilience

Energy conservation, renewable energy plans and projects

Watershed planning and stormwater project management

Regional plans for growth and development

Geographic Information System maps and data

Downtown and village revitalization and community development

Grant writing and administration

Associated Projects & Programs Managed by NRPC

Healthy Roots Collaborative

Northern Vermont Economic Development District

Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail

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