



NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Town Report, 2021 - Bakersfield

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 BAKERSFIELD TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided technical assistance in local planning and zoning efforts.
- Consulted with local officials and evaluated infrastructure projects that address water quality concerns.
- Provided support to grass roots effort to restore Bakersfield General Store as both a retail operation and community center.
- Provided business and grant writing assistance to 2 farm businesses and market access assistance to 1 farm business in Bakersfield.
- Wrote and received CDBG planning grant for Brigham Academy redevelopment project. The site has potential for new housing and community space. Continue to provide grant administration and project support.
- Wrote Better Roads Category A grant application to fund the road erosion inventory which is a requirement under the Municipal Roads General Permit.
- Administrative Services support for the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Bakersfield is a member.

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

Northwest Vermont Regional Foundation, Inc.

Bakersfield Town Regional Commissioners - William Irwin & Vacant seat

Transportation Advisory Committee - Gary Denton

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