



NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Town Report, 2021 - Richford

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 RICHFORD TOWN PROJECTS

- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan which will help the town respond to future disasters.
- Provided local planning and zoning technical assistance.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Served as project manager for the town's shared use path project and coordinated activities with adjacent property owners.
- Facilitated minor construction adjustments to the 2019 Combs Road culvert replacement project to improve aquatic organism passage using US Fish & Wildlife funding.
- Technical assistance on village revitalization initiatives including grant writing and capacity building.
- Administrative Services support for the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Richford is a member.
- Consulted with local officials and evaluated infrastructure projects that address water quality concerns and reviewed grant funding that could be used for project implementation.
- Facilitated the design of stormwater treatment practices along the Elementary School Road and along Maple Street. Both projects are funded with state grants.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative delivered gleaned produce to the Berma Food Shelf and the Richford NOTCH pharmacy weekly from May through November. Staff and volunteers also delivered Everyone Eats frozen meals to the food shelf and the NOTCH at different times throughout the year.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative provided business assistance to a start-up farm business.
- Provided grant writing assistance for a Municipal Planning Grant application for a project to plan for streetscape improvements in downtown Richford.
- 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

Northwest Vermont Regional Foundation, Inc.

Richford Town Regional Commissioners - Rowena Brown & Vacant seat

Transportation Advisory Committee - Vacant seat

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