

Municipal Plan – Implementation Assessment

Guidelines and Standards for Confirmation of Municipal Planning Processes

Municipality: Town of South Hero

Date: 8/17/23

Municipal Plan Expiration: August 1, 2031

Planning Process Currently Confirmed? Yes No

Activity	Progress? (select all that may apply)	Explanation of Progress
Preparation or adoption of bylaws or amendments:	Activity Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Currently Implementing <input type="checkbox"/> Not a Priority During Time Period <input type="checkbox"/> Not a Priority in Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Hindered or Delayed <input type="checkbox"/> No Activity	The Town of South Hero adopted a major multi-year revision to its zoning and subdivision regulations in 2020. The Town Plan includes recommendations for amendments to the Zoning Districts and associated standards and the Town has indicated that they will start to make these revisions soon.
Capital budgets and programs:	<input type="checkbox"/> Activity Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Currently Implementing <input type="checkbox"/> Not a Priority During Time Period <input type="checkbox"/> Not a Priority in Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Hindered or Delayed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Activity	The Town of South Hero does not currently have a capital plan and program for adopting annual capital budgets. This is a recommendation in the plan. NRPC is unsure of the town’s timeline for completing this task.

<p>Supplemental plans: (list one or more identified in the plan, but not necessarily all. Examples: Hazard Mitigation Plan, Sidewalk Plan, etc.)</p>	<p>Activity Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Currently Implementing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not a Priority During Time Period <input type="checkbox"/> Not a Priority in Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Hindered or Delayed <input type="checkbox"/> No Activity</p>	<p>The Town of South Hero maintains a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.</p>
<p>Other actions, programs, or measures undertaken or scheduled to implement the adopted plan: (list one or more identified in the plan, but not necessarily all)</p>	<p>Activity Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Currently Implementing <input type="checkbox"/> Not a Priority During Time Period <input type="checkbox"/> Not a Priority in Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Hindered or Delayed <input type="checkbox"/> No Activity</p>	<p>The Town of South Hero is working on a wide array of special projects that implement the plan including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community wastewater and preliminary engineering for village areas • Old White Meeting House restoration for community use • Developing a new town office, due to mold being found in the existing office. • Developing a municipal park/recreation facility behind the old white meeting house. • Working on safe routes to school and bike accessibility and wayfinding throughout town with a focus on South Street, including participation in LCIEDC’s SHORE project. • Pedestrian accessibility and speed control on Route 2 through ongoing conversations with VTrans.

24 V.S.A. 4350(c): *In order to retain confirmation or the planning process, a municipality shall document that it has reviewed and is actively engaged in a process to implement its adopted plan.*

(1) When assessing whether a municipality has been actively engaged in a process to implement its adopted plan, the regional planning commission shall consider the activities of the local boards and commissions with regard to the preparation or adoption of bylaws and amendments; capital budgets and programs; supplemental plan; or other actions, programs, or measures undertaken or scheduled to implement the adopted plan. The regional planning commission shall consider factors that may have hindered or delayed municipal implementation efforts.

(2) The consultation may include guidance by the regional planning commission with regard to resources and technical support available to the municipality its adopted plan and recommendations by the regional planning commission for plan amendments and for updating the plan prior to readoption under section 4387 of this title.

In order to obtain or retain confirmation, a municipality must be actively engaged in a process to implement its adopted plan. Actively engaged is defined as making progress in all of the four implementation categories above or a determination that the plan does not call for any implementation actions in a category.

Notes: Staff recommends that South Hero receive confirmation of their planning process.