



NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Alburgh Town Report - 2023

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2023 ALBURGH TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided grant administration and project management assistance for the Alburgh Child Care Center project.
- Facilitated meetings, developed agendas, secured speakers and trainings, updated bylaws and drafted minutes for the Grand Isle County Mutual Aid Association and Regional Emergency Management Committee.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Alburgh is a member.
- Worked with the community and partners to determine eligible uses of local funds from the American Rescue Plan Act.
- Provided a draft Local Emergency Management Plan to the Fire Chief and EMC.
- Healthy Roots: delivered gleaned produce to Islands in the Sun and Saint Amadeus Food Shelf on a regular basis, gleaned at two farms (one which was a Healthy Roots donation plot) with the help of volunteers and a school group, provided business assistance to 1 farm. HRC hosted a group of volunteers for Ben & Jerry's Community Action Day at HRC's donation plot where tomatoes and winter squash were harvested.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Completed traffic counts on Truck Route and Center Bay Road.
- Assisted the Planning Commission with updating the Town Plan including data updates and developing a survey to be distributed to Town residents.
- Completed a consultation of the municipal planning program.

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Alburgh Town Regional Commissioners - Donna Bohannon & Donna Boumil

Transportation Advisory Committee - vacant seat

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Healthy Roots Collaborative

Northern Vermont Economic Development District

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- Worked with the community and partners to determine eligible uses of local funds from the American Rescue Plan Act.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Alburgh Village is a member.
- Provided a draft Local Emergency Management Plan to the Fire Chief and EMC.
- Healthy Roots: delivered gleaned produce to Islands in the Sun and Saint Amadeus Food Shelf on a regular basis, gleaned at two farms (one which was a Healthy Roots donation plot) with the help of volunteers and a school group, provided business assistance to 1 farm.
- Assisted the Planning Commission with updating the Town and Village Plan including data updates and developing a survey to be distributed to Town and Village residents.
- Completed a consultation of the municipal planning program.

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2023 BAKERSFIELD TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided technical assistance in local planning and zoning efforts, including consulting with the Planning Commission on its municipal plan.
- Consulted with local officials and evaluated infrastructure projects that address water quality concerns.
- Served as local liaison to town public safety officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the July floods.
- Provided support to grass roots effort to restore Bakersfield General Store as both a retail operation and community center.
- Provided business assistance to 1 farm business and market access assistance to 1 farm business in Bakersfield.
- Administered a VCDP planning grant for the Brigham Academy redevelopment project. The site has potential for new housing and community space.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Bakersfield is a member.
- Completed traffic counts on the Boston Post Road.

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Bakersfield Town Regional Commissioners - William Irwin & Linda McCall

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2023 BERKSHIRE TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided technical assistance in local planning and zoning efforts.
- Completed a Local Emergency Management Plan which helps the town be prepared for disasters.
- Served as local liaison to town public safety officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the July floods.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects, including utilizing an extension for FY23 funds.
- Consulted with local officials, evaluated infrastructure projects and reviewed grant funding sources for projects that address water quality concerns.
- Provided technical assistance to East Berkshire Fire District 1 with maintaining operations and finding new funding sources, including working with state and federal funders and seeking Congressionally Directed Funding.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Berkshire is a member.
- American Rescue Plan Act: worked with state partners to determine eligible use of community funds.
- Collaborated with the Planning Commission to draft language for the Berkshire Land Use and Zoning Regulations to address on-farm businesses, adaptive re-use of historic structures, and to expand opportunities for home businesses.
- Completed a Municipal Planning Grant application to plan for recreational infrastructure in Berkshire's Town Forest.
- Provided business assistance, market access assistance and helped to enroll a farm business in the VHC Farm Viability program.
- Healthy Roots provided business assistance to 1 farm and co-hosted VT Open Farm Week with 1 farm and the NOTCH Richford Health Center.
- Healthy Roots purchased from a local farm to support the Northwest Farmacy CSA in partnership with the NOTCH Richford Health Center.

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Berkshire Town Regional Commissioners - Claude Charron & Vincent Hickey

Transportation Advisory Committee - vacant seat

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2023 ENOSBURG FALLS VILLAGE PROJECTS

- Provided technical assistance for local zoning and development review.
- Completed an update of the Local Emergency Management Plan (with Enosburgh Town) which helps the village be prepared for disasters.
- Initiated process to update the Village's Hazard Mitigation Plan in order to be eligible for lower local match in the event of a disaster.
- Served as local liaison to the village's emergency management officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the July floods and provided recovery and mitigation resource information to residents affected by flooding.
- Consulted with local officials, evaluated infrastructure projects, and reviewed grant funding sources for projects that address water quality concerns.
- Provided a \$109,000 Clean Water Service Provider grant to Franklin County NRCD for a dam removal project on village property.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative provided market access assistance to an Enosburg Falls farms and delivered gleaned produce to the Enosburg Food Shelf and the Enosburg NOTCH on a regular basis.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative served as the local lead for the Everyone Eats program, including delivering meals to the food shelf bi-monthly and working with an Enosburg Falls business to prepare regular meals for the Fairfield Community Center.
- Collaborated with the Planning Commission to modernize the town's zoning bylaws to allow for increased housing choice and affordability funded by a Bylaw Modernization consortium grant.
- Provided assistance with a project to combine Town and Village development regulations, funded by a Municipal Planning Grant.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Enosburg Falls is a member.
- Worked with the community and partners to determine eligible uses of local funds from the American Rescue Plan Act.
- Provided a Safe Routes to School map.

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Enosburg Falls Regional Commissioners - Leonard Charron & Jesse Woods

Transportation Advisory Committee - Gary Denton

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- Provided technical assistance for local planning and zoning efforts.
- Completed an update of the Local Emergency Management Plan (with Enosburgh Falls Village) which helps the town be prepared for future disasters and began the 5-year update process for the Town's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Served as local liaison to town public safety officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the July floods and provided recovery and mitigation resource information to residents affected by flooding.
- Served as project manager for the salt and sand shed design and construction project.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects, including utilizing an extension for FY23 funds.
- Provided a \$ 109,000 Clean Water Service Provider grant to Franklin County NRCD for a dam removal project on village property.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District; in which Enosburgh is a founding member.
- Consulted with local officials including the Conservation Commission and evaluated infrastructure projects that address water quality concerns.
- Funded environmental assessments and cleanup of asbestos and lead at the Enosburgh Armory building supporting the Town's purchase of the building for use as municipal offices.
- Worked with the community and partners to determine eligible uses of local funds from the American Rescue Plan Act.
- Collaborated with the Planning Commission to modernize the town's zoning bylaws to allow for increased housing choice and affordability funded by a Bylaw Modernization consortium grant.
- Provided assistance with a project to merge Town and Village development regulations, funded by a Municipal Planning Grant.
- Healthy Roots worked with an Enosburgh Town restaurant to prepare regular meals through the Everyone Eats program for the Fairfield Community Center, NorthWest Family Foods and Martha's Kitchen until the end of the program in March 2023.
- Healthy Roots delivered Northwest Farmacy CSAs to the Enosburgh NOTCH.

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Enosburgh Town Regional Commissioners - Jesse Woods & vacant seat

Transportation Advisory Committee - Joey Clark

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2023 FAIRFAX TOWN PROJECTS

- Coordinated with local, state and federal officials in support of the Town's flood response and recovery efforts in July 2023.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Consulted with local officials and evaluated infrastructure projects that address water quality concerns. Provided \$75,000 in Clean Water Service Provider funding for a stormwater project.
- Provided technical assistance for local planning and zoning efforts.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Fairfax is a founding member.
- Reviewed municipal disaster resiliency efforts and identified training/exercise needs.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative delivered gleaned produce to the Fairfax NOTCH clinic and NOTCH pharmacy on a regular basis and gleaned produce at one farm in Fairfax with the help of volunteers and school groups.
- Supported VTrans and the Town during the design process for improvements at the intersection of VT104/VT128.

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Fairfax Town Regional Commissioners - Sarah Hadd & Amber Soter

Transportation Advisory Committee - Shawn Lafountain

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2023 FAIRFIELD TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided technical assistance for local planning and zoning efforts.
- Updated the Town's Local Emergency Management Plan which helps the town be prepared for future disasters.
- Served as local liaison to town public safety officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the July floods.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Fairfield is a member.
- Consulted with local officials, evaluated infrastructure projects that address water quality concerns and reviewed potential grant funding sources.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative gleaned at one farm in Fairfield, delivered gleaned produce to the Fairfield Community Center Food Shelf, and organized the distribution of Everyone Eats meals to the Community Center until the end of the program in March 2023.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative provided business assistance to 2 farms.
- Provided grant management for a Vermont Community Development Program Cares Act grant to construct a pavilion at the site of the Fairfield Community Center, the pavilion was constructed and is in use by the Community Center.
- American Rescue Plan Act: worked with state partners to determine eligible use of community funds.
- Completed a traffic count on Chester Arthur Road.
- Completed a Municipal Planning Grant application to make revisions to Fairfield's development regulations.
- Provided technical assistance to the town and community center in designating a Lamoille Valley Trailhead parking lot at Community Center and in considering grant opportunities for future trailhead improvements.

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Fairfield Town Regional Commissioners - Douglas Grant & Chuck Verderber

Transportation Advisory Committee - Maurice Jettie

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2023 FLETCHER TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided technical assistance in local planning and zoning efforts.
- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan which will help the town be prepared for future disasters.
- Served as local liaison to town public safety officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the July floods.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Provided grant administration and technical assistance for the Town's Northern Border Regional Commission Grant to extend broadband infrastructure throughout the town.

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Fletcher Town Regional Commissioners - Lori Ruple & one vacant seat

Transportation Advisory Committee - vacant seat

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2023 FRANKLIN TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided technical assistance in local planning and zoning efforts.
- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan which will help the town be prepared for future disasters.
- Served as local liaison to town public safety officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the July floods.
- 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, including utilizing an extension for FY23 funds.
- Served as project manager for a VTrans Transportation Alternatives grant to replace a culvert on Pidgeon Hill Road.
- Managed construction projects on private road in the Lake Carmi watershed to improve drainage and mitigate erosion.
- Consulted with property owners while evaluating prior private roads projects and investigating potential for additional projects that address water quality.
- Provided a \$6,000 Clean Water Service Provider grant to Franklin County NRCD for floodplain restoration and buffer planting projects in the Lake Carmi watershed.
- Worked with the community and partners to determine eligible uses of local funds from the American Rescue Plan Act and the Municipal Technical Assistance Program (MTAP).
- Completed a consultation of municipal planning program.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative gleaned at two farms/orchards in Franklin.
- Completed intersection evaluation with consultant Trudell Consulting Engineers at VT120/VT236/Middle Rd.

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Franklin Town Regional Commissioners - Yvon Dandurand & Wesley Kempton

Transportation Advisory Committee - Peter Magnant

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Georgia Town Report - 2023

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2023 GEORGIA TOWN PROJECTS

- Assisted the Town Emergency Management Director with updates to the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan.
- Served as local liaison to town public safety officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the July floods.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Provided local planning and zoning technical assistance.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Georgia is a member.
- Consulted with local officials regarding infrastructure projects that address water quality concerns.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative delivered gleaned produce to the Georgia Food Shelf periodically and delivered Northwest Farmacy CSAs to the Georgia NOTCH.
- Completed traffic count on Georgia Shore Road.
- Completed a consultation of the municipal planning program.

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Georgia Town Regional Commissioners - Kirk Waite, one vacant seat

Transportation Advisory Committee - Suzanna Brown

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2023 GRAND ISLE TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided technical assistance in local planning and zoning effort.
- Working with Planning Commission to complete a major update to the Municipal Plan, including developing a concept vision for a municipal town center on town owned property. Funded by a Municipal Planning Grant.
- Facilitated meetings, developed agendas, secured speakers and trainings, updated bylaws and drafted minutes for the Grand Isle County Mutual Aid Association and Regional Emergency Management Committee.
- Assisted with the adoption of the Local Emergency Management Plan which will help the town be prepared for future disasters.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Gleaned produce weekly at two farms and delivered produce to the Champlain Islands Food Shelf on a regular basis with the help of local volunteers. Staff and volunteers delivered Everyone Eats meals to the food shelf weekly.
- Healthy Roots purchased produce from Grand Isle Farms to support the NOTCH mini-fridges, Migrant Household Food Boxes, and the Northwest Farmacy CSA, in partnership with NorthWest Family Foods, NOTCH Richford Health Center and Bridges to Health.
- Provided business and market access assistance to two Grand Isle farms.
- Conducted site visits on private roads to identify where stormwater projects could be implemented to reduce sediment and nutrient runoff in Lake Champlain.
- Completed a consultation of the municipal planning program.

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Grand Isle Town Regional Commissioners - Howard Demars & Barclay Morris

Transportation Advisory Committee - Barclay Morris

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2023 HIGHGATE TOWN PROJECTS

- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan which will help the town respond to future disasters.
- Served as local liaison to the town's public safety officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the July floods. Supported the town's efforts to achieve funding eligibility under the Federal Disaster Declaration for July.
- Provided support services for implementing phase 2 design of a Village Wastewater System to primarily serve the Village Core property.
- Provided a \$14,000 Clean Water Service Provider grant to Friends of Northern Lake Champlain for design of a shoreland repair project near the boat ramp and parking area at Shipyard Road in Highgate Springs.
- Provided technical assistance for the redevelopment of the former Young Landfill, including supplemental assessment and development of an Evaluation of Corrective Action Alternatives.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Highgate is a member.
- Provided zoning administrator services for part of the year.
- Provided technical assistance for Franklin County Airport expansion project, which includes water/wastewater extension.
- Provided updates for the Highgate Town Plan, the Plan was adopted in 2023.
- Collaborated with the Highgate Planning Commission to modernize Highgate's zoning bylaws to allow for increased housing choice and affordability; funded by a Bylaw Modernization consortium grant.

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Highgate Town Regional Commissioners - Jack Pelkey & Sharon Bousquet

Transportation Advisory Committee - Sharon Bousquet



NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Isle La Motte Town Report - 2023

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2023 ISLE LA MOTTE TOWN PROJECTS

- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan which will help the town respond to future disasters.
- Facilitated meetings, developed agendas and drafted minutes for the Grand Isle County Mutual Aid Association.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative gleaned produce at one farm in Isle La Motte. Gleaned produce was provided to charitable food sites in the Islands and Franklin County.
- Healthy Roots purchased from one Isle La Motte Farm to support the NOTCH mini-fridges and Migrant Household Food Boxes in partnership with NorthWest Family Foods and Bridges to Health.
- Healthy Roots provided business assistance to one farm.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Isle La Motte is a member.
- Prepared a Better Roads grant application to replace culverts and mitigate erosion near the School St./West Shore Rd. intersection.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects, including utilizing an extension to FY23 funds.
- Conducted site visits on private roads to identify where stormwater projects could be implemented to reduce sediment and nutrient runoff in Lake Champlain.
- Collaborated with the Planning Commission to develop a survey to inform a future Town Plan.
- Completed a Municipal Planning Grant application to fund additional outreach for the future Town Plan.

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Isle La Motte Town Regional Commissioners -
Mary Catherine Graziano & Sylvia Jensen

Transportation Advisory Committee - vacant seat

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Montgomery Town Report - 2023

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2023 MONTGOMERY TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided planning and zoning technical assistance.
- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan that will help the town respond to future disasters and assisted with FEMA funds for a past disaster declaration.
- Served as local liaison to town public safety officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the July floods.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Served as project manager for VTrans grants for bank stabilization work along Longley Bridge Road and the streetscape project.
- Provided a \$300,000 Clean Water Service Provider grant to the Missisquoi River Basin Association for a floodplain restoration and stabilization project on the Trout River.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Montgomery is a founding member.
- Provided grant administration for a Northern Borders Regional Commission grant for a wastewater system.
- Collaborated with the Montgomery Planning Commission to modernize Montgomery's zoning bylaws to allow for increased housing choice and affordability; funded by a Bylaw Modernization consortium grant.
- Collaborated with the Montgomery Planning Commission to update Montgomery's Town Plan with a focus on natural resources, housing, transportation and future land use.
- Completed a consultation of the municipal planning program.

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Montgomery Town Regional Commissioners - Leanne Barnard & Mark Brouillette

Transportation Advisory Committee - Mark Brouillette

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North Hero Town Report - 2023

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2023 NORTH HERO TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided technical assistance to the Planning Commission on zoning bylaw revisions, including updates to the flood hazard bylaws.
- Facilitated meetings, developed agendas, secured speakers and trainings, updated bylaws and drafted minutes for the Grand Isle County Mutual Aid Association and Regional Emergency Management Committee. Provided maps to assist with public safety communications coverage.
- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management plan with input from local officials.
- Served as local liaison to the Town public safety officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the July floods and cold weather event in February.
- Provided planning and zoning technical assistance, and served as Zoning Administrator and DRB clerk through a shared services contract.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which North Hero is a member.
- Healthy Roots provided business and marketing assistance to a farm in North Hero, provided market access assistance to one farm and purchased from one North Hero Farm to support the NOTCH mini-fridges.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects, including utilizing an extension to FY23 funds.
- Conducted site visits on private roads to identify where stormwater projects could be implemented to reduce sediment and nutrient runoff in Lake Champlain.
- Healthy Roots, in collaboration with the South Hero Land Trust, Grand Isle County Natural Resources Conservation District and the Franklin County Natural Resources Conservation District, co-hosted a Farm Appreciation Dinner and the Northwest Zone Public Local-Led Conservation Meeting.

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North Hero Town Regional Commissioners - Andy Alling & Michael Curtis

Transportation Advisory Committee - vacant seat

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Richford Town Report - 2023

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2023 RICHFORD TOWN PROJECTS

- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan which will help the town respond to future disasters and a draft Hazard Mitigation Plan to assist the town with accessing mitigation funds.
- Served as local liaison to town public safety officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the July floods. Supported EMD and EMC with flood recovery efforts for residents.
- 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.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Richford is a member.
- Provided technical assistance relating to possible stormwater projects in coordination with Town's proposed Commuter lot project.
- Healthy Roots staff and volunteers delivered gleaned and purchased produce and Everyone Eats meals to the Berma Food Shelf and the Richford NOTCH pharmacy on a regular basis.
- Healthy Roots worked with an Enosburg Falls and Richford restaurant to prepare regular meals through the Everyone Eats program for the Richford Soup Kitchen until the end of the program in March 2023.
- Health Roots grew the Northwest Farmacy CSA produce share in partnership with the NOTCH Richford Health Center. 30 households were supported throughout Franklin County.
- Completed the Streetscape Master Plan for the Richford Village Area, funded by a Municipal Planning Grant.
- Wrote a successful VT Transportation Alternatives grant application to fund a scoping study for a sidewalk from where the village sidewalk ends on Route 105 near the intersection with Noyes Street to the Elementary School. Started work as Municipal Project Manager to complete project.
- Completed a Municipal Planning Grant application to update Richford's Town Plan.
- Funded an evaluation of clean-up opportunities for the rear portion of the 113 Main Street property owned by the Richford Economic Advancement Corporation.

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St. Albans City Report - 2023

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2023 ST. ALBANS CITY PROJECTS

- Coordinated education and outreach for the Regional MS4 stormwater permit program. One focus of work in 2023 was the organization and hosting of a training session and individualized site visits for property owners.
- Provided \$8,300 in funding for a Corrective Action Plan at the 74 Lower Welden former GMP cooling pond site ahead of its redevelopment for stormwater treatment.
- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan in consultation with the City EM Committee.
- Served as local liaison to City Public Safety Officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the July floods. Conducted residential damage visits with FEMA, Small Business Association, City Officials.
- Coordinated with Lake Champlain Committee and local official in the development of a small stormwater project at Bellows Free Academy.
- Funded and managed environmental assessments at the 24 Maple St. property (also known as Colony Square Housing). Coordinated redevelopment planning with the prospective purchaser, property owner, State and City of St. Albans.
- Provided a Walking School Bus map.
- Served in an advisory role for the creation and running of the St. Albans Energy Committee and served in an advisory role for Walk/Bike St. Albans.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative delivered gleaned produce to Northwest Family Foods, Martha's Kitchen, and Spectrum's Youth Center on a weekly basis.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative received donated produce from one farm in St. Albans and provided market access and sourcing assistance to two St. Albans businesses.
- Healthy Roots worked with four St. Albans restaurants and caterers to prepare regular meals through the Everyone Eats program for various charitable foods sites throughout the region until the end of the program in March 2023.
- Healthy Roots delivered Northwest Farmacy CSAs to the NOTCH Primary Care and St. Albans Health Center.

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St. Albans City Regional Commissioners - Chip Sawyer, vacant seat

Transportation Advisory Committee - vacant seat

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2023 ST. ALBANS TOWN PROJECTS

- Coordinated education and outreach for the Regional MS4 stormwater permit program. One focus of 2023 was the organization and hosting (and subsequent broadcasting) of a water-themed storytelling event held at St. Albans Bay Park.
- Worked with local officials to update the Town's locally adopted Emergency Management Plan which will help the town respond to future disasters.
- Served as local liaison to town public safety officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the July floods including meeting with FEMA, Small Business Association, and Town Officials.
- Provided local planning and zoning technical assistance.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which St. Albans Town is a member.
- Collaborated with the Planning Commission to modernize the town's zoning bylaws to allow for increased housing choice and affordability funded by a Bylaw Modernization consortium grant led by the Town.
- Provided print outs of the Tax maps and a Culvert Inventory map.
- Completed traffic counts on: Allaire Drive, Cedar Hill Drive, Elizabeth Street, Harborview Drive, Loomis Lane, Ethel Court, Marcel Drive, Ridgeview Avenue, and Samantha Lane.

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NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Sheldon Town Report - 2023

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2023 SHELDON TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided local planning and zoning technical assistance and served as zoning administrator through a shared services contract.
- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan which helps the town respond to future disasters.
- Served as local liaison to town public safety officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the July floods.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Wrote a successful Vermont Bicycle and Pedestrian Program grant for a scoping study to at the intersection of Mill Street and Route 105 in Sheldon Springs, implementing the Connecting Sheldon Plan.
- Initiated a trailhead scoping study at the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail near Gristmill Park, funded by a grant for the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail Community Grant program.
- Collaborated with the Planning Commission to modernize the town's zoning bylaws to allow for increased housing choice and affordability funded by a Bylaw Modernization consortium grant.
- Worked with Planning Commission on an update to the Municipal Plan.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative delivered gleaned produce and Everyone Eats meals to the Sheldon Methodist Church Food Shelf on a regular basis.
- Healthy Roots worked with The Abbey Group and Champlain Office of Economic Opportunity to renovate a storage space to support the Healthy Roots Gleaning and Food Access programming.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Sheldon is a member.

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2023 SOUTH HERO TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided general local planning and zoning technical assistance and technical assistance relating to possible stormwater projects.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects, including utilizing an extension for FY23 funds.
- Provided grant management services for a Vermont Community Development Program Planning Grant for work related to restoring the South Hero Meeting House.
- Provided business assistance to two South Hero farms.
- Completed an update of the South Hero Town Plan in collaboration with the Planning Commission.
- Provided technical assistance on streetscape and sidewalk planning in the village area.
- Completed a spot speed study on US 2 and a traffic count on Hochelaga Road.
- Provided project management and coordination support to the South Hero Wastewater Committee in securing funding and conducting feasibility analysis for a village wastewater system.
- Facilitated meetings, developed agendas secured speakers and trainings, updated bylaws and drafted minutes for the Grand Isle County Mutual Aid Association and Regional Emergency Management Committee.
- Updated the locally adopted Local Emergency Management Plan which helps the town respond to future disasters.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative delivered gleaned produce to the C.I.D.E.R senior meals program and Food for Thought summer meals program on a regular basis.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative gleaned at a South Hero orchard with help from school groups including students from Folsom School, provided grant and marketing assistance to one South Hero farm and worked with one South Hero restaurant worked to prepare regular meals through the Everyone Eats program.
- Healthy Roots, in collaboration with South Hero Land Trust and the Worthen Library, co-run a Winter Wednesdays series highlighting the local food system.

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South Hero Town Regional Commissioners - Bob Buermann & Peter Zamore

Transportation Advisory Committee - Bob Buermann

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2023 SWANTON TOWN PROJECTS

- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan for the Town and Village, which helps in disaster response efforts.
- Provided local planning and zoning technical assistance.
- Served as local liaison to town public safety officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the July floods and February cold weather event.
- Served as the project manager for the MVU sidewalk design and construction project along US Route 78 until the project was stopped in May 2023.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative delivered gleaned produce and Everyone Eats meals to the Abenaki Self-Help Association Food Shelf on a regular basis. Healthy Roots also delivered gleaned produce to the Swanton Community Food Shelf and the Swanton NOTCH and NOTCH pharmacy. Received donated produce from one Swanton Farm.
- Healthy Roots worked with the Abenaki Nation of Missisquoi to grow out traditional Abenaki crops at a local farm. The crops were cleaned by a school group and returned to the Abenaki Nation.
- Healthy Roots delivered Northwest Farmacy CSAs to the Swanton NOTCH.
- Provided administrative support for Lamoille Valley Rail Trail Community Grant application.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Swanton Town is a member.
- Participated in and assisted with Swanton Energy Committee projects including outreach events.
- Supported VTrans Scope Refinement process for northbound exit 21 and intersection at VT78.
- Provided over \$60,000 in Brownfields funding to complete assessments and clean up alternatives at the 6 South River property in Swanton Village.
- Provided up to \$31,000 in Brownfields funding to complete a clean-up assessment at the 124 First Street property.

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Swanton Town Regional Commissioners - Nicole Draper & Harold Garrett

Transportation Advisory Committee - Harold Garrett



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2023 SWANTON VILLAGE PROJECTS

- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan for the Town and Village.
- Served as local liaison to Village public safety officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the July floods and February cold weather event.
- Provided planning and zoning technical assistance and technical assistance relating to possible stormwater projects.
- Completed the resource mapping and documentation required by VTrans for the First Street sidewalk construction project.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative delivered gleaned produce and Everyone Eats meals to the Abenaki Self-Help Association Food Shelf on a weekly or bi-monthly basis. Healthy Roots also delivered gleaned produce to the Swanton Community Food Shelf and the Swanton NOTCH and NOTCH pharmacy.
- Healthy Roots worked with the Abenaki Nation of Missisquoi to grow out traditional Abenaki crops at a local farm. The crops were cleaned by a school group and returned to the Abenaki Nation.
- Healthy Roots delivered Northwest Farmacy CSAs to the NOTCH Primary Care and St. Albans Health Center.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Swanton Village is a member.
- Participated in and assisted with Swanton Energy Committee projects including outreach events.
- Completed a consultation of the municipal planning program.
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Transportation Advisory Committee - Reg Beliveau, Jr.

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