



# NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

## Bakersfield Town Report - 2023

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.

### 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.

This year the Commission will assist our member municipalities with maximizing local, state and federal infrastructure funds, water quality project implementation, Municipal Roads General Permit compliance, local energy and climate planning, zoning bylaw modernization, 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 coordinate Housing For All, 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 NRPC is greatly appreciated. We are your resource - please call on us for assistance with planning, zoning, transportation, project management, 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 and project management

Bike and pedestrian planning and project management

Emergency preparedness, disaster recovery and resilience

Energy conservation, renewable energy plans and projects

Water quality planning and 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.

Clean Water Service Provider: Missisquoi and Lamoille River Basins

**Bakersfield Town Regional Commissioners** - William Irwin & Linda McCall

**Transportation Advisory Committee** - vacant seat

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