



# NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

## Fairfax 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 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.

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

**Fairfax Town Regional Commissioners** - Sarah Hadd & Amber Soter

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