



NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Fairfield 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 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.

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.

Fairfield Town Regional Commissioners - Douglas Grant & Chuck Verderber

Transportation Advisory Committee - Maurice Jettie

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

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