



# NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

## Franklin 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 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.

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.

**Franklin Town Regional Commissioners** - Yvon Dandurand & Wesley Kempton

**Transportation Advisory Committee** - Peter Magnant

### 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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