



NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Grand Isle 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 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.

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.

Grand Isle Town Regional Commissioners - Howard Demars & Barclay Morris

Transportation Advisory Committee - Barclay Morris

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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