



# NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

## North Hero 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 NORTH HERO TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided technical assistance to the Planning Commission on zoning bylaw revisions, including updates to the flood hazard bylaws.
- 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. Provided maps to assist with public safety communications coverage.
- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management plan with input from local officials.
- Served as local liaison to the Town public safety officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the July floods and cold weather event in February.
- Provided planning and zoning technical assistance, and served as Zoning Administrator and DRB clerk through a shared services contract.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which North Hero is a member.
- Healthy Roots provided business and marketing assistance to a farm in North Hero, provided market access assistance to one farm and purchased from one North Hero Farm to support the NOTCH mini-fridges.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects, including utilizing an extension to FY23 funds.
- Conducted site visits on private roads to identify where stormwater projects could be implemented to reduce sediment and nutrient runoff in Lake Champlain.
- Healthy Roots, in collaboration with the South Hero Land Trust, Grand Isle County Natural Resources Conservation District and the Franklin County Natural Resources Conservation District, co-hosted a Farm Appreciation Dinner and the Northwest Zone Public Local-Led Conservation Meeting.

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.

**North Hero Town Regional Commissioners** - Andy Alling & Michael Curtis

**Transportation Advisory Committee** - vacant seat

### 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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