



NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Richford 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 RICHFORD TOWN PROJECTS

- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan which will help the town respond to future disasters and a draft Hazard Mitigation Plan to assist the town with accessing mitigation funds.
- Served as local liaison to town public safety officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the July floods. Supported EMD and EMC with flood recovery efforts for residents.
- Provided local planning and zoning technical assistance.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Richford is a member.
- Provided technical assistance relating to possible stormwater projects in coordination with Town's proposed Commuter lot project.
- Healthy Roots staff and volunteers delivered gleaned and purchased produce and Everyone Eats meals to the Berma Food Shelf and the Richford NOTCH pharmacy on a regular basis.
- Healthy Roots worked with an Enosburg Falls and Richford restaurant to prepare regular meals through the Everyone Eats program for the Richford Soup Kitchen until the end of the program in March 2023.
- Health Roots grew the Northwest Farmacy CSA produce share in partnership with the NOTCH Richford Health Center. 30 households were supported throughout Franklin County.
- Completed the Streetscape Master Plan for the Richford Village Area, funded by a Municipal Planning Grant.
- Wrote a successful VT Transportation Alternatives grant application to fund a scoping study for a sidewalk from where the village sidewalk ends on Route 105 near the intersection with Noyes Street to the Elementary School. Started work as Municipal Project Manager to complete project.
- Completed a Municipal Planning Grant application to update Richford's Town Plan.
- Funded an evaluation of clean-up opportunities for the rear portion of the 113 Main Street property owned by the Richford Economic Advancement Corporation.

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.

Richford Town Regional Commissioners - two vacant seats

Transportation Advisory Committee - Wallace Steinhour

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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