



NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

St. Albans City 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 ST. ALBANS CITY PROJECTS

- Coordinated education and outreach for the Regional MS4 stormwater permit program. One focus of work in 2023 was the organization and hosting of a training session and individualized site visits for property owners.
- Provided \$8,300 in funding for a Corrective Action Plan at the 74 Lower Welden former GMP cooling pond site ahead of its redevelopment for stormwater treatment.
- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan in consultation with the City EM Committee.
- Served as local liaison to City Public Safety Officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the July floods. Conducted residential damage visits with FEMA, Small Business Association, City Officials.
- Coordinated with Lake Champlain Committee and local official in the development of a small stormwater project at Bellows Free Academy.
- Funded and managed environmental assessments at the 24 Maple St. property (also known as Colony Square Housing). Coordinated redevelopment planning with the prospective purchaser, property owner, State and City of St. Albans.
- Provided a Walking School Bus map.
- Served in an advisory role for the creation and running of the St. Albans Energy Committee and served in an advisory role for Walk/Bike St. Albans.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative delivered gleaned produce to Northwest Family Foods, Martha's Kitchen, and Spectrum's Youth Center on a weekly basis.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative received donated produce from one farm in St. Albans and provided market access and sourcing assistance to two St. Albans businesses.
- Healthy Roots worked with four St. Albans restaurants and caterers to prepare regular meals through the Everyone Eats program for various charitable foods sites throughout the region until the end of the program in March 2023.
- Healthy Roots delivered Northwest Farmacy CSAs to the NOTCH Primary Care and St. Albans Health Center.

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.

St. Albans City Regional Commissioners - Chip Sawyer, vacant seat

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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