



NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

South 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 SOUTH HERO TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided general local planning and zoning technical assistance and technical assistance relating to possible stormwater projects.
- 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.
- Provided grant management services for a Vermont Community Development Program Planning Grant for work related to restoring the South Hero Meeting House.
- Provided business assistance to two South Hero farms.
- Completed an update of the South Hero Town Plan in collaboration with the Planning Commission.
- Provided technical assistance on streetscape and sidewalk planning in the village area.
- Completed a spot speed study on US 2 and a traffic count on Hochelaga Road.
- Provided project management and coordination support to the South Hero Wastewater Committee in securing funding and conducting feasibility analysis for a village wastewater system.
- 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.
- Updated the locally adopted Local Emergency Management Plan which helps the town respond to future disasters.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative delivered gleaned produce to the C.I.D.E.R senior meals program and Food for Thought summer meals program on a regular basis.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative gleaned at a South Hero orchard with help from school groups including students from Folsom School, provided grant and marketing assistance to one South Hero farm and worked with one South Hero restaurant worked to prepare regular meals through the Everyone Eats program.
- Healthy Roots, in collaboration with South Hero Land Trust and the Worthen Library, co-run a Winter Wednesdays series highlighting the local food system.

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.

South Hero Town Regional Commissioners - Bob Buermann & Peter Zamore

Transportation Advisory Committee - Bob Buermann

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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