



# NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

## Swanton 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 SWANTON TOWN PROJECTS

- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan for the Town and Village, which helps in disaster response efforts.
- Provided local planning and zoning technical assistance.
- Served as local liaison to town public safety officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the July floods and February cold weather event.
- Served as the project manager for the MVU sidewalk design and construction project along US Route 78 until the project was stopped in May 2023.
- Healthy Roots Collaborative delivered gleaned produce and Everyone Eats meals to the Abenaki Self-Help Association Food Shelf on a regular basis. Healthy Roots also delivered gleaned produce to the Swanton Community Food Shelf and the Swanton NOTCH and NOTCH pharmacy. Received donated produce from one Swanton Farm.
- Healthy Roots worked with the Abenaki Nation of Missisquoi to grow out traditional Abenaki crops at a local farm. The crops were cleaned by a school group and returned to the Abenaki Nation.
- Healthy Roots delivered Northwest Farmacy CSAs to the Swanton NOTCH.
- Provided administrative support for Lamoille Valley Rail Trail Community Grant application.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Swanton Town is a member.
- Participated in and assisted with Swanton Energy Committee projects including outreach events.
- Supported VTrans Scope Refinement process for northbound exit 21 and intersection at VT78.
- Provided over \$60,000 in Brownfields funding to complete assessments and clean up alternatives at the 6 South River property in Swanton Village.
- Provided up to \$31,000 in Brownfields funding to complete a clean-up assessment at the 124 First Street property.

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.

### 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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