



# NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

## ST. ALBANS TOWN REPORT - 2024

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### NRPC PROJECTS & PROGRAMS

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- Municipal plan and bylaw updates, technical assistance for local permitting
- Brownfields site assessments, cleanups 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, grants and project management
- Regional plans for growth and development
- Geographic Information System maps and data
- Downtown and village revitalization and community development

### ASSOCIATED PROJECTS MANAGED BY NRPC

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- Northern Vermont Economic Development District
- Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail
- Northwest Vermont Regional Foundation, Inc.
- Clean Water Service Provider: Missisquoi & Lamoille River Basins

### REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS

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Marietta Scholten & Megan Sherlund

### TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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David Allerton, *Alt. John Montagne*

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.

### 2024 ST. ALBANS TOWN PROJECTS

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- Coordinated education and outreach for the Regional MS4 stormwater permit program. Organized and hosted a rain barrel workshop and completed a fact sheet regarding driveway culvert maintenance. Provided support for the Lake Lessons education program.
- Worked with local officials to update the Town's locally adopted Emergency Management Plan which will help the town respond to future disasters.
- Served as local liaison to town officials for the State Emergency Operation Center during the January severe wind and July severe weather events.
- Participated in Public Safety planning for the April 8th Total Solar Eclipse event with City and Town officials.
- Conducted an analysis of private roads on Bellevue Hill to identify whether stormwater projects could be implemented to reduce sediment and nutrient runoff. Provided local planning and zoning technical assistance.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which St. Albans Town is a member.
- Collaborated with the Planning Commission to modernize the town's zoning bylaws to allow for increased housing choice and affordability funded by a Bylaw Modernization consortium grant led by the Town.
- Project management and collaboration with the Planning Commission on a Transit Oriented Development Master Plan, including two community engagement events.
- Supported Walk/Bike Saint Albans planning efforts.
- Healthy Roots created a Franklin County Guide to Farms & Foods that featured 5 St. Albans farms and food producers.

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, assist the Northwest Communications Union District in expanding broadband access in the region, update its Land Use Plan to support housing development 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.