

Municipal Plan – Implementation Assessment

Guidelines and Standards for Confirmation of Municipal Planning Processes

Municipality: Franklin

Date: 8/21/2025

Municipal Plan Expiration: 9/10/2033

Planning Process Currently Confirmed? Yes No

Activity	Progress? (select all that may apply)	Explanation of Progress
Preparation or adoption of bylaws or amendments:	Activity Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Currently Implementing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not a Priority During Time Period <input type="checkbox"/> Not a Priority in Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Hindered or Delayed <input type="checkbox"/> No Activity	Franklin has not done a major update of its zoning bylaws since 2012. A priority of the plan is to review zoning districts and development regulations to ensure that existing and desired land uses correspond to land use plan. However, specific plans have not been made to conduct this update yet.
Capital budgets and programs:	<input type="checkbox"/> Activity Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Currently Implementing <input type="checkbox"/> Not a Priority During Time Period <input type="checkbox"/> Not a Priority in Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Hindered or Delayed <input type="checkbox"/> No Activity	Franklin does not currently have a Capital Budget. Developing a Capital Budget is an implementation action of the 2025 Town Plan, with the Planning Commission and Selectboard as responsible parties.

<p>Supplemental plans: (list one or more identified in the plan, but not necessarily all. Examples: Hazard Mitigation Plan, Sidewalk Plan, etc.)</p>	<p>Activity Completed X Currently Implementing Not a Priority During Time Period <input type="checkbox"/> Not a Priority in Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Hindered or Delayed <input type="checkbox"/> No Activity</p>	<p>Franklin does not currently have a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. Developing one is an implementation action of the Town Plan, with the Planning Commission and Selectboard as responsible parties.</p>
<p>Other actions, programs, or measures undertaken or scheduled to implement the adopted plan: (list one or more identified in the plan, but not necessarily all)</p>	<p>Activity Completed X Currently Implementing <input type="checkbox"/> Not a Priority During Time Period <input type="checkbox"/> Not a Priority in Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Hindered or Delayed <input type="checkbox"/> No Activity</p>	<p>Franklin is currently in the process of moving their Town Office to a new location with more space. In 2024, the town secured a site for a new Town Office at the Luce House, across the street from the current Town Office and Library. The town bought the property using \$290,000 in federal ARPA funds. The town is in the process of securing funding to convert the house to a Town Office. The current space will be given to the Library to expand their operations.</p> <p>Franklin is also in the process of upgrading the Town of Franklin Water District municipal water system for the Village. In 2022, the Town drilled a secondary water source on the Town Garage property to address capacity issues. The new well has a capacity of up to 300 gallons per minute, around 6 times the flow of the previous source. Pumping tests of the well were successful, and the Town is currently securing right of way to connect the new water source to the existing system. Once the new well is connected, it should continue to serve the needs of Franklin Village for the foreseeable future.</p>

24 V.S.A. 4350(c): *In order to retain confirmation or the planning process, a municipality shall document that it has reviewed and is actively engaged in a process to implement its adopted plan.*

(1) When assessing whether a municipality has been actively engaged in a process to implement its adopted plan, the regional planning commission shall consider the activities of the local boards and commissions with regard to the preparation or adoption of bylaws and

amendments; capital budgets and programs; supplemental plan; or other actions, programs, or measures undertaken or scheduled to implement the adopted plan. The regional planning commission shall consider factors that may have hindered or delayed municipal implementation efforts.

(2) The consultation may include guidance by the regional planning commission with regard to resources and technical support available to the municipality its adopted plan and recommendations by the regional planning commission for plan amendments and for updating the plan prior to readoption under section 4387 of this title.

In order to obtain or retain confirmation, a municipality must be actively engaged in a process to implement its adopted plan. Actively engaged is defined as making progress in all of the four implementation categories above or a determination that the plan does not call for any implementation actions in a category.

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