



NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

ALBURGH TOWN REPORT - 2025

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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

Danielle Choiniere & Alex McCracken

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

vacant seat

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2025 ALBURGH TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided grant administration and project management assistance for the Alburgh Child Care Center project.
- 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.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Alburgh is a member.
- Participated in the development of a local Hazard Mitigation Plan that will allow eligibility for mitigation grant funding to improve disaster resiliency.
- Provided the 2025 VTrans Highway and Community Maps.
- Assisted the Planning Commission with updating the Town Plan including data updates and developing a survey to be distributed to Town residents.
- Collaborated with the Planning Commission on regional future land use mapping for the 2026-2034 Northwest Regional Plan update, which will be the new process for maintaining Village Center Designation.

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Jason Beaulac

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- 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.
- Participated in the development of a local Hazard Mitigation Plan that will allow eligibility for mitigation grant funding to improve disaster resiliency.
- Assisted with the update of the Local Emergency Management Plan.
- Assisted the Planning Commission with updating the Town and Village Plan including data updates and developing a survey to be distributed to Town and Village residents.
- Provided the 2025 VTTrans Highway and Community Maps.
- Completed a sidewalk inventory.
- Collaborated with the Planning Commission on regional future land use mapping for the 2026-2034 Northwest Regional Plan update, which will be the new process for maintaining Village Center Designation.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Alburgh is a member.

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William Irwin & Linda McCall

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2025 BAKERSFIELD TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided technical assistance in local planning and zoning efforts.
- Supported the Town with writing a successful Municipal Planning Grant for a Town Plan update and contracted with the Town to complete the project.
- Conducted site visit related to a potential project to address water quality concerns.
- Coordinated with local officials and regional partners on securing an option agreement for the Brigham Academy property to be redeveloped into senior housing.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Bakersfield is a member.
- Assisted Bakersfield Conservation Commission with Community Tree Planting grant and with finding new grant opportunities for restoration of the historic barn on the village green.
- Assisted with implementation of the grant for energy efficiency improvements to public buildings.
- Completed a sidewalk inventory.
- Provided the 2025 VTrans Highway and Community Maps.
- Collaborated with the Planning Commission and Selectboard on regional future land use mapping for the 2026-2034 Northwest Regional Plan update, which will be the new process for maintaining Village Center Designation.

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Claude Charron & Joshua Grims

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2025 BERKSHIRE TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided technical assistance in local planning and zoning efforts.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- As Clean Water Service Provider (CWSP), provided FCNRC \$790,000 in funding for the Trout Brook Dam Removal Project to improve water quality. Monitored implementation of the project and prepared for long-term maintenance responsibilities.
- Provided technical assistance to East Berkshire Fire District 1 with maintaining operations, coordinating with lenders and reviewing financial statements.
- Provided the 2025 VTrans Highway and Community Maps.
- Supported a revision of the Berkshire Development Regulations to reflect changes in state statute.
- Prepared a Municipal Planning Grant application for designing a trail between the Elementary School and Town Offices in Berkshire Center.
- Collaborated with the Planning Commission and Selectboard on regional future land use mapping for the 2026-2034 Northwest Regional Plan update, which will be the new process for maintaining Village Center Designation.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Berkshire is a member.
- Assisted with the local review of the draft FEMA Flood Insurance Maps and related data.

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Jesse Woods & vacant seat

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

John Dasaro

2025 ENOSBURG FALLS VILLAGE PROJECTS

- Provided technical assistance for local zoning and development review.
- Completed an update of the Local Emergency Management Plan (with Enosburgh Town) which helps the village be prepared for disasters.
- Worked with Village Committee in finalizing Hazard Mitigation Plan that will allow eligibility for mitigation grant funding to improve disaster resiliency.
- As Clean Water Service Provider, monitored implementation of grant to Franklin County NRCD for a dam removal project on village-owned property in Berkshire. Coordinated with Village staff and Trustees regarding required site access easement.
- Coordinated with the Planning Commission on final review of a unified Enosburgh Town & Enosburg Falls bylaw, prepared by a FY22 Municipal Planning Grant and FY23 Bylaw Modernization Grant. The bylaw focused on supporting growth in the Central Business and Commercial Districts and amendments that allow for increased housing choice and affordability.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Enosburg Falls is a member.
- Assisted with implementation of a construction grant through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program.
- Provided the 2025 VTrans Highway and Community Maps.
- Completed a sidewalk inventory.
- Collaborated with the Planning Commission and Trustees on regional future land use mapping for the 2026-2034 Northwest Regional Plan update, which will be the new process for maintaining Village Center Designation.
- Coordinated with the Trustees on the opportunity to "opt-in" to Tier 1B Act 250 jurisdiction, which grants an exemption from Act 250 for certain housing projects in centers and neighborhoods draft Regional Future Land Use map.
- Completed a FEMA approved and locally adopted Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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James Ouellette & Jesse Woods

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Joey Clark

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- Completed an update of the Local Emergency Management Plan (with Enosburg Falls Village) which helps the town be prepared for future disasters.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District; in which Enosburgh is a founding member.
- Coordinated with the Planning Commission on final review of a unified Enosburgh Town & Enosburg Falls bylaw, prepared by a FY22 Municipal Planning Grant and FY23 Bylaw Modernization Grant. The bylaw focused on supporting growth in the Central Business and Commercial Districts and allowing for increased housing choice and affordability.
- Assisted with implementation of a construction grant through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Provided the 2025 VTrans Highway and Community Maps.
- Collaborated with the Planning Commission and Selectboard on regional future land use mapping for the 2026-2034 Northwest Regional Plan update, which will be the new process for maintaining Village Center Designation.
- Completed traffic count on Chester A. Arthur Road.

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2025 FAIRFAX TOWN PROJECTS

- Consulted with local officials and evaluated infrastructure projects that address water quality concerns.
- As Clean Water Service Provider (CWSP) helped to coordinate a stormwater project at the corner of Hunt and Maple Streets.
- Provided technical assistance for local planning and zoning efforts.
- Provided technical assistance relating to RFP/RFQ preparation for a Town transportation project.
- As Clean Water Service Provider (CWSP), provided a \$10,000 grant to Friends of Northern Lake Champlain for study of problem areas identified near Fairfield Pond.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Fairfax is a founding member.
- Supported VTrans and the Town during the evaluation of improvements at the intersection of VT104/VT128.
- Completed a sidewalk inventory.
- Created an on-line zoning map.
- Provided the 2025 VTrans Highway and Community Maps.
- Applied for and received a grant to complete flood plain modeling of the Lamoille River basin.
- Contracted with the Town to complete a Municipal Plan update, funded by a Municipal Planning Grant.
- Collaborated with the Planning Commission and Selectboard on regional future land use mapping for the 2026-2034 Northwest Regional Plan update, which will be the new process for maintaining Village Center Designation.

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Julia Callan & Dr. Chuck Verderber

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Dr. Lynda Ulrich, *Alt.* Cathy Ainsworth

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2025 FAIRFIELD TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided technical assistance for local planning and zoning efforts.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Fairfield is a member.
- Consulted with local officials, evaluated infrastructure projects that address water quality concerns relating to roads and culverts.
- Contracted with the Town to consider options for zoning bylaw updates that align with the community's vision for residential development in the Agricultural /Rural Residential District.
- Provided the 2025 VTrans Highway and Community Maps.
- Completed a sidewalk inventory.
- Wrote a successful Municipal Planning Grant application to support the Town's Common School Working Group with project management and funding to hire an architect to complete schematic design options for restoration of the Common School.
- Supported the Town and Community Center with an application to the Village Trust Program for restoration of the Common School.
- Collaborated with the Planning Commission and Selectboard on regional future land use mapping for the 2026-2034 Northwest Regional Plan update, which will be the new process for maintaining Village Center Designation.
- Completed a road erosion inventory, a requirement under the town's Municipal Roads General Permit.

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2025 FLETCHER TOWN PROJECTS

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- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan which will help the town be prepared for future disasters.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Provided the 2025 VTrans Highway and Community Maps.
- Collaborated with the Planning Commission and Selectboard on regional future land use mapping for the 2026-2034 Northwest Regional Plan update, which will be the new process for maintaining Village Center Designation.

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Yvon Dandurand & Wesley Kempton

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Yvon Dandurand

2025 FRANKLIN TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided technical assistance in local planning and zoning efforts, including administration of wastewater permitting requirements.
- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan which will help the town be prepared for future disasters.
- Participated in meetings of the Lake Carmi TMDL Implementation Team and Lake Carmi Task Force (an offshoot of the Franklin Community Voices project).
- As Clean Water Service Provider (CWSP), coordinated numerous grants to Franklin County NRCD for projects in the Lake Carmi watershed.
- Completed work as Municipal Project Manager for the Pidgeon Hill Road project.
- Contracted with the Town to complete an update to the Municipal Plan (adopted 9/16/25).
- Granted regional approval of the Town Plan and confirmation of municipal planning process.
- Completed a sidewalk inventory.
- Provided the 2025 VTrans Highway and Community Maps.
- Collaborated with the Planning Commission and Selectboard on regional future land use mapping for the 2026-2034 Northwest Regional Plan update, which will be the new process for maintaining Village Center Designation.

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- Northern Vermont Economic Development District
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REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS

Carl Rosenquist & Kirk Waite

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Suzanna Brown

2025 GEORGIA TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided local planning and zoning technical assistance and assistance regarding financial support available for failed septic systems.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Georgia is a member.
- Delivered presentation and consulted with local officials regarding multiple projects that address water quality concerns, including Road Erosion Inventory (REI), and research related to the Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP).
- As Clean Water Service Provider (CWSP), provided funding for an evaluation of options for the area near intersection of Silver Lake Road and Class IV town highway.
- Granted regional approval to the Town Plan and confirmation of the town's planning process.
- Completed a sidewalk inventory.
- Provided the 2025 VTrans Highway and Community Maps.
- Applied for and received a grant to complete flood plain modeling of the Lamoille River basin.
- Collaborated with the Planning Commission and Selectboard on regional future land use mapping for the 2026-2034 Northwest Regional Plan update, which will be the new process for maintaining Village Center Designation.

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REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS

Howard Demars & Barclay Morris

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Barclay Morris

2025 GRAND ISLE TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided technical assistance in local planning and zoning.
- Granted regional approval of the newly adopted Town Plan and confirmation of the Town's planning process.
- Participated in the planning process for updating the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Completed a consultation of the municipal planning program.
- Provided the 2025 VTrans Highway and Community Maps.
- Contracted with the Town of Grand Isle to begin a comprehensive revision of the Town's Development Regulations.
- Collaborated with the Planning Commission and Selectboard on regional future land use mapping for the 2026-2034 Northwest Regional Plan update, which will be the new process for maintaining Village Center Designation.
- 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.

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REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS

Anna Comiskey & Jack Pelkey

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Fredi Hayes

2025 HIGHGATE TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided technical assistance in local planning and zoning.
- Supported the town's efforts to achieve funding eligibility under the Federal Disaster Declaration for July 2023 storm.
- Initiated Lake Champlain Basin Program-funded study of the economic impact of water quality in Missisquoi Bay.
- Created an on-line zoning map.
- Provided the 2025 VTrans Highway and Community Maps.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Highgate is a member.
- Provided technical assistance for Franklin County Airport expansion project, which includes water/wastewater extension.
- Supported the town with the Village Core redevelopment, including coordinating with the site developer and funding brownfields corrective action plans, historic preservation compliance and support for cleanup funding applications.
- Provided project management support to the town for the community wastewater project which is in the final design phase.
- Assisted with implementation of a construction grant through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program.
- Completed a sidewalk inventory.
- Collaborated with the Planning Commission and Selectboard on regional future land use mapping for the 2026-2034 Northwest Regional Plan update, which will be the new process for maintaining Village Center Designation.

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ISLE LA MOTTE TOWN REPORT - 2025

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Mary Catherine Graziano & Sylvia Jensen

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2025 ISLE LA MOTTE TOWN PROJECTS

- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan which will help the town respond to future disasters.
- Facilitated meetings, developed agendas and drafted minutes for the Grand Isle County Mutual Aid Association and Regional Emergency Management Committee.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Isle La Motte is a member.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Conducted a Road Erosion Inventory (REI) and MRGP compliance review.
- Supported the proposed municipal pavilion through grant writing and coordinating a site review with the Vermont wetlands program.
- Facilitated the MTAP grant project for a structural evaluation and examination of potential uses of the old Town Hall and the school/current town office.
- Coordinated a roadway best practices overview and Q&A session with the Road Commissioner, Selectboard members, Vermont Local Roads, and town highway contractor.
- Provided the 2025 VTrans Highway and Community Maps.
- Provided technical assistance helping the village identify potential projects and funding sources for energy resilience improvements.
- Collaborated with the Planning Commission and Selectboard on regional future land use mapping for the 2026-2034 Northwest Regional Plan update, which will be the new process for maintaining Village Center Designation.
- Facilitated meetings, developed agendas, secured speakers and trainings, and provided administration services for Grand Isle County Mutual Aid.

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REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS

Leanne Barnard & Mark Brouillette

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mark Brouillette

2025 MONTGOMERY TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided planning and zoning technical assistance.
- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan that will help the town respond to future disasters and assisted with FEMA funds for a past disaster declaration.
- Served as project manager for VTrans grants for bank stabilization work along Longley Bridge Road and the streetscape project.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Montgomery is a founding member.
- Provided grant administration for a Northern Borders Regional Commission grant for the streetscape project.
- Collaborated with the Montgomery Planning Commission to modernize Montgomery's zoning bylaws.
- Updated the Montgomery Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Assisted with implementation of a construction grant through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program.
- As Clean Water Service Provider (CWSP), provided funding for clean water projects affecting the Trout River.
- Shepherded sign-off by US Army Corps of Engineers and wrapped up assistance as Municipal Project Manager for Longley Bridge Road Trout River restoration project.
- Collaborated with the Planning Commission and Selectboard on regional future land use mapping for the 2026-2034 Northwest Regional Plan update, which will be the new process for maintaining Village Center Designation.
- Provided the 2025 VTrans Highway and Community Maps.
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REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS

Andy Alling & vacant seat
Gratitude to Mike Curtis for his many years of service.

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

vacant seat

2025 NORTH HERO TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided planning and zoning technical assistance, and served as Zoning Administrator and DRB/PC clerk through a shared services contract.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which North Hero is a member.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Delivered presentation and consulted with local officials regarding possible projects that would address water quality concerns.
- Assisted the Fire Chief with seeking funding for new fire station.
- Provided the 2025 VTrans Highway and Community Maps.
- Wrote a Municipal Planning Grant application to update the Town Plan.
- Collaborated with the Planning Commission and Selectboard on regional future land use mapping for the 2026-2034 Northwest Regional Plan update, which will be the new process for maintaining Village Center Designation.
- Worked with Mitigation Planning Team to update the Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Assisted with the local review of the draft FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps and related data.
- Provided administration and coordination services for Grand Isle County Mutual Aid.

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REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS

Marissa Tessier & vacant seat

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wallace Steinhour

2025 RICHFORD TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided project management for the Richford Re-Connect project which completed preliminary engineering and planning for a trail network on town owned land.
- Served as Municipal Project Manager for a sidewalk scoping study to connect the Elementary School to the village sidewalk network.
- Provided local planning and zoning technical assistance.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Richford is a member.
- Collaborated with the Richford Planning Commission on an update to the Richford Town Plan.
- Provided the 2025 VTrans Highway and Community Maps.
- Assisted with a construction grant through the Municipal Energy Resilience Program.
- Funded brownfields cleanup planning and a corrective action plan at the 113 Main Street property owned by the Richford Economic Advancement Corporation; supported application for cleanup funding.
- Collaborated with the Planning Commission and Selectboard on regional future land use mapping for the 2026-2034 Northwest Regional Plan update, which will be the new process for maintaining Village Center Designation.
- Completed a sidewalk inventory.

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REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS

Jeffrey Kane & Matthew Stebbins

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Gregory Stebbins

2025 SHELDON TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided local planning and zoning technical assistance, and served as Zoning Administrator, DRB/PC clerk and E911 Coordinator through a shared services contract.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Sheldon is a member.
- Initiated a trailhead scoping study at the junction of Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail and Lamoille Valley Rail Trail, funded by VT Agency of Transportation.
- Provided the 2025 VTrans Highway and Community Maps.
- Completed a sidewalk inventory.
- Provided support and funding for cleanup planning at the 200 Bridge Street historical society site.
- Collaborated with the Planning Commission and Selectboard on regional future land use mapping for the 2026-2034 Northwest Regional Plan update, which will be the new process for maintaining Village Center Designation.
- Began road erosion inventory, a requirement under the town's Municipal Roads General Permit. Inventory will be completed in the 2026 field season.
- Provided support applying to a FY26 Municipal Planning Grant for wastewater asset mapping.
- Serving as Municipal Project Manager for the Sheldon Springs Sidewalk scoping study.

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REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS

Bob Buermann & Peter Zamore

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Bob Buermann

2025 SOUTH HERO TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided local planning and zoning technical assistance.
- Managed a Vermont Community Development Program Planning Grant for work to restore the South Hero Meeting House.
- Provided project management and coordination support to the South Hero Wastewater Committee in securing funding and conducting feasibility analysis for a village wastewater system.
- Provided administration and coordination of services for Grand Isle County Mutual Aid.
- Supported a brownfields assessment at the South Hero Meeting House and provided \$30,000 in funding.
- Worked with a South Hero committee to update the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Helped review the draft FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps and related data.
- Managed a VTrans grant to study safety issues at the intersection of US 2 and Featherbed Lane, conducted pedestrian counts, and assisted with public meetings.
- Provided the 2025 VTrans Highway and Community Maps.
- Collaborated with the Planning Commission and Selectboard on regional future land use mapping for the 2026-2034 Northwest Regional Plan update, which will be the new process for maintaining Village Center Designation.

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Elisabeth Nance & Chip Sawyer

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2025 ST. ALBANS CITY PROJECTS

- Coordinated education and outreach for the Regional MS4 stormwater permit program including a rain barrel workshop, a water themed storytelling event, and multiple stream cleanups.
- Provided support and funding for supplemental brownfields assessment and a soil management plan at the 12-22 Stebbins Street property to assist the owner achieving a Certificate of Completion.
- Provided support and funding for supplemental assessment and cleanup planning at 20 LaSalle Street property to assist the property owner in understanding cleanup requirements and costs.
- Updated the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan in consultation with the City EM Committee.
- Provided the 2025 VTrans Highway and Community Maps.
- Supported the St. Albans City Climate and Energy Committee's planning efforts, including drafting an enhanced energy plan.
- Organized a WindowDressers build with the Energy and Climate Committee.
- Assisted the Planning Commission and city staff with drafting the 2025 City Plan update.
- Collaborated with the Planning Commission and Selectboard on regional future land use mapping for the 2026-2034 Northwest Regional Plan update, which will be the new process for maintaining Village Center Designation.
- Coordinated with the City staff on the opportunity to "opt-in" to Tier 1B Act 250 jurisdiction, which grants an exemption from Act 250 for certain housing projects in centers and neighborhoods draft Regional Future Land Use map.
- Participated in the update of the City's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Completed a sidewalk inventory.
- Collaborated with City and VTrans staff in planning for a new Missisquoi Valley Rail Trail trailhead.

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David Allerton, *Alt. John Montagne*

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2025 ST. ALBANS TOWN PROJECTS

- Coordinated education and outreach for the Regional MS4 stormwater permit program, including a rain barrel workshop, stream clean ups and a water themed storytelling event.
- Conducted analysis of two lakeshore properties to identify whether shoreland protection 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.
- Project Management and collaboration with the Planning Commission on a Transit Oriented Development Master Plan and new zoning regulations for the northern and southern growth areas.
- Supported Walk/Bike Saint Albans planning efforts.
- Collaborated with the Planning Commission and Selectboard on regional future land use mapping for the 2026-2034 Northwest Regional Plan update, which will be the new process for maintaining Village Center Designation.
- Coordinated with the Selectboard on the opportunity to “opt-in” to Tier 1B Act 250 jurisdiction, which grants an exemption from Act 250 for certain housing projects in centers and neighborhoods draft Regional Future Land Use map.
- Provided the 2025 VTrans Highway and Community Maps.
- Completed a sidewalk inventory.
- Completed traffic counts at two locations on Fairfax Street.

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SWANTON TOWN REPORT - 2025

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- Water quality planning, grants and project management
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2025 SWANTON TOWN PROJECTS

- Assisted with the update of the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan for the Town and Village, which helps in disaster response efforts.
- Provided local planning and zoning technical assistance.
- Investigated potential projects to address water quality concerns.
- Provided administrative support for the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail Community Grant.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Swanton Town is a member.
- Provided funding and supported brownfields cleanup and redevelopment planning and historic preservation compliance at the 6 South River property in Swanton Village.
- Supported and provided funding for brownfields assessment and cleanup planning at the 124 First Street property.
- Assisted with a soil management plan at the Abenaki Nation of Missisquoi Headquarters owned by the Maquam Bay of Missisquoi, Inc. on Grand Ave.
- Provided the 2025 VTrans Highway and Community Maps.
- Collaborated with the Planning Commission on cottage court zoning standards and updates to planned unit development regulations.
- Collaborated with the Planning Commission and Selectboard on regional future land use mapping for the 2026-2034 Northwest Regional Plan update, which will be the new process for maintaining Village Center Designation.
- Coordinated with the Selectboard on the opportunity to “opt-in” to Tier 1B Act 250 jurisdiction, which grants an exemption from Act 250 for certain housing projects in centers and neighborhoods draft Regional Future Land Use map.
- Initiated intersection feasibility study at VT 207 and Bushey Road, to examine opportunities for improved safety.

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Heidi Britch-Valenta &
Damon Broderick

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Heidi Britch-Valenta, *Alt. William Sheets*

2025 SWANTON VILLAGE PROJECTS

- Assisted with the update of the locally adopted Emergency Management Plan for the Town and Village.
- Provided planning and zoning technical assistance.
- Provided support relating to multiple stormwater projects, including facilitating the creation of preliminary plans for projects on Grand Avenue and Greenwich Street.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Swanton Village is a member.
- Provided funding and supported brownfields cleanup and redevelopment planning and historic preservation compliance at the 6 South River property in Swanton Village.
- Supported and provided funding for brownfields assessment and cleanup planning at the 124 First Street property.
- Assisted with a soil management plan at the Abenaki Nation of Missisquoi Headquarters owned by the Maquam Bay of Missisquoi, Inc. on Grand Ave.
- Supported the Swanton Energy Committee's planning efforts.
- Consulted with local officials, identified projects and provided technical assistance for Municipal Roads Grants-in-Aid construction projects.
- Completed a road erosion inventory, a requirement under the village's Municipal Roads General Permit.
- Collaborated with the Planning Commission on cottage court zoning standards and updates to planned unit development regulations.
- Provided technical assistance to the village's electric department, helping develop standard operating procedures and a comprehensive file database for the hydro plant at Highgate Falls.
- Collaborated with the Planning Commission and Selectboard on regional future land use mapping for the 2026-2034 Northwest Regional Plan update, which will be the new process for maintaining Village Center Designation.
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