



NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

FAIRFIELD TOWN REPORT - 2025

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NRPC PROJECTS & PROGRAMS

- Municipal plan and bylaw updates, technical assistance for local permitting
- Brownfields site assessments, cleanups and redevelopment plans
- Transportation planning and project management
- Water and wastewater 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

- 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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TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dr. Lynda Ulrich, *Alt.* Cathy Ainsworth

Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) is a governmental organization created by the municipalities of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. NRPC implements a variety of projects and programs to serve local, regional and statewide needs. All municipalities in the region have two locally appointed members of the Board of Commissioners.

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.

This year the Commission will assist our member municipalities with grant applications, project management, water quality project implementation, and local road permit compliance. NRPC will support local energy and climate planning, zoning bylaw updates, emergency preparedness, brownfields redevelopment and other needed services. NRPC will help promote the Missisquoi and Lamoille Valley Rail Trails and update its regional plan to support more housing. 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 – we are here to help with planning, zoning, transportation, project management, mapping or other needs.