



NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

RICHFORD TOWN REPORT - 2025

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.

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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

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.

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.