



# NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

## SHELDON TOWN REPORT - 2025

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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

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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
- 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

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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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Jeffrey Kane & Matthew Stebbins

### TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Gregory Stebbins

### 2025 SHELDON TOWN PROJECTS

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- 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.

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.