



# NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

## SOUTH HERO 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

Bob Buermann & Peter Zamore

### TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Bob Buermann

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 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.

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.