



NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

SWANTON VILLAGE 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

Heidi Britch-Valenta &
Damon Broderick

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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.
- 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.

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.