

3. COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SPACES CLEAN DRAFT

Goals

- To provide municipal services and facilities that adequately support the health, safety and welfare of the people of Bakersfield.
- To promote communication of Bakersfield residents with each other and with a wider community.
- To provide code-compliant interior spaces that support community activities.
- To provide exemplary educational services to the children of Bakersfield.
- To broaden access to educational and vocational training opportunities sufficient to ensure the full realization of the abilities of all Vermonters.
- To promote safe and affordable childcare in Bakersfield.

Policies

Overall

1. Ensure that the town's utilities, facilities and services have sufficient capacity and quality to accommodate the rate of growth.
2. Identify and plan for municipal equipment and facilities that need replacement, retrofit, or upgrade and develop methods of financing the replacement. This may include a capital budget and program or similarly effective method.
3. Evaluate the extension of municipal services based on system adequacy, fiscal feasibility and supporting the patterns of growth outlined in the Land Use chapter.

Additional policies related to specific services are listed throughout the chapter.

Publicly funded community services and spaces provide for the health, safety and well-being of Bakersfield residents. In a small, rural community such as Bakersfield, the ability to provide a broad range of municipal services is limited. To address the need for services, the Town Plan includes a goal of establishing policies that balance development with the town's ability to provide services. These policies may include managing the timing of development so that town services can keep pace, or ways to increase services to make sure they continue to meet the needs of the community.

Water and Wastewater

Policies

1. Explore opportunities to provide shared septic services for buildings within the village core.
2. Consider if and when a municipal wastewater system would be appropriate and cost effective to service the village area. Consider purchasing or conserving land near the Village for a leech field.
3. Ensure that the municipal water system continues to provide adequate, healthy, clean drinking water for village residents and that the water supply remains public and is not privatized.
4. Consider opportunities to expand access to the public water system.

Water

Bakersfield has a municipal water system, under the jurisdiction of Fire District #1, located on Kings Hill southeast of the village. There is a 120,000-gallon concrete reservoir located northwest of the village. Access to the municipal water system is limited to areas closest to the village. The most recent upgrade was in 2007, when an additional well and pump was added, covered by a rate increase. It is the goal of the Fire District to ensure a safe and unchlorinated water supply.

The Bakersfield Zoning Bylaws designate a protective zone, the “Aquifer Overlay District” around the source of the municipal drinking water supply. This zone is consistent with the source water protection area identified by the state of Vermont Drinking Water Supply Division. No new construction is permitted in this district in order to protect the quality of the community drinking water.

For residents not on the village water system, Bakersfield can be a difficult area to find a reliable water supply. In recent years, residents in the East Bakersfield Road area outside the village have had problems with running out of water in private wells. The Town should consider opportunities to expand access to the public water system.

Wastewater

There is no municipal sewer system in Bakersfield and disposal is handled through individual septic systems. Presently there are no plans for a municipal sewer plant due to the expense and the population size in Bakersfield.

Sewage disposal is an issue for the town hall, historical society, and Congregational Church. The lack of sewage disposal facilities has been and continues to be an impediment to the growth of small businesses in the village district. As technologies improve, the town of Bakersfield should continue to explore opportunities for shared wastewater systems within the village core.

Solid Waste

Policies

- 1. Support efforts to educate residents about solid waste disposal options currently available through the Northwest Solid Waste District (NWSWD) in order to reduce junk and hazardous materials from being disposed of improperly.**
- 2. Prohibit the unregulated storage of junk cars and other waste on properties in Bakersfield and require clean-up of existing sites.**
- 3. Collaborate with NWSWD and other partners to establish programs that can help residents dispose of bulk trash and junk vehicles.**

Bakersfield is a member of the Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District (NWSWD), which has a regional solid waste management plan and a certified regional facility. The district operates a drop off site at the old fire station every Saturday morning. The Northwest Solid Waste District also sponsors many activities such as “special collections” (bulky items, scrap metal, and tires) and Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collections (oil based paints, solvents, cleaners, pesticides, and other chemicals that would be harmful to the environment if not handled properly).

One goal of the District is to make solid waste disposal as convenient as possible for residents and reduce incentives to dump or burn garbage illegally. Recycling and food waste drop-off are free, and household trash has a small fee.

Residents and Town leadership have identified issues with large amounts of junk vehicles and other bulk waste stored outdoors on certain properties throughout town. This is likely due to the cost and difficulty of transporting these items. Cleaning up these sites would bring a public benefit to residents, and collection of vehicles and scrap metal would likely be profitable for businesses as well. The Town should coordinate with NWSWD, local scrap businesses and residents organize the collection of junk vehicles and bulk waste. Bakersfield should also look to neighboring communities for examples in dealing with this issue.

Fire, Emergency and Police Services

Policies

- 1. Identify and pursue opportunities for funding to enhance police protection in Bakersfield.**
- 2. Continue to recruit and train volunteers for fire and emergency services.**

Bakersfield is served by a volunteer fire department that includes a First Response Program. There are approximately 28 volunteer members who serve on the fire department, including first responders. The equipment consists of a 1997 Pumper, a 2012 Pumper and a 2006 Rescue SUV. The Fire Department has been in its current location since 2012, a former commercial building that was renovated mostly by volunteers. The current building is adequate to house modern equipment and meet the needs of the community.

The town of Bakersfield has an agreement with Enosburgh Ambulance Services for emergency response service. Bakersfield is served by Northwestern Medical Center in St. Albans City. Many residents also use the walk-in emergency clinics operated by NOTCH in Enosburgh and St. Albans.

Bakersfield has a Local Emergency Management Plan (LEMP) to help organize the town in case of an emergency. The LEMP contains basic emergency preparedness essential for responding to local emergencies. It includes critical phone numbers, contact persons, and critical facilities. The Town of Bakersfield is also a member of the Franklin County Mutual Aid Agreement. This is a formal agreement among the municipalities and emergency first responders within Franklin County to lend resource assistance across jurisdictional boundaries for disasters and other emergencies that exceed local resources. The Agreement helps the town achieve compliance with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) strategy. The Town has a permanent generator at Bakersfield Elementary School, and the building serves as a designated emergency shelter in case of a crisis.

The Vermont State Police (VSP) is the primary law enforcement agency responsible for public safety in Bakersfield. As in many rural communities, the level of police protection is a concern in Bakersfield. Because of the limited service, response times can be long.

Telecommunications

Policies

- 1. Work with providers to expand cell service in Bakersfield in a way that meets the needs of residents and visitors, especially along VT-108 and VT-36. Supported solutions include monopoles rather than lattice towers, with collocated providers.**
- 2. Support access to broadband internet that meets the needs of current and future residents and businesses.**

Cell Service

Currently, large areas of Bakersfield do not have access to cell service. In the 2025 Town Plan survey, cell was service the lowest rated public service in Bakersfield, with 74% of residents rating it as poor. Over half of survey respondents and workshop participants rated improving access to broadband and cellular service as a top priority to consider over the next eight years.

Lack of cell service is a quality of life issue in Bakersfield that causes inconvenience, economic barriers, and threats to health and safety. Many residents who work outdoors rely on cell service for their businesses, and lack of cell service in the Village is an obstacle to economic growth. Cellular service is also extremely important to reach 911 in the event of an emergency, especially since landline service in Bakersfield is being phased out. Internet-based phone service relies on electricity to operate, which may not be available in the event of a disaster.

Increasing cell service is a very high Town priority, and outreach efforts show that the public strongly supports expanding cell infrastructure in Bakersfield. In current business models, cellular companies build towers directly, or tower companies build towers and then lease space to cellular providers. The Town should work to identify a sites for cell towers that would provide the maximum coverage benefit for residents and visitors. The Town can play a role coordinating with interested landowners and tower/cell companies to accomplish this goal and bring more cell service to Bakersfield.

Broadband Internet

According to state data, roughly 85% of residents have access to internet service that meets the federal definition of broadband. Fiber internet has also become increasingly available to residents and offers greater internet speeds. As the availability of working from home provides more economic opportunities to residents, access to reliable internet service is increasingly important. The Town supports maintaining high-quality internet access to meet the current and future needs of residents and businesses. Bakersfield is a member of Northwest Fiberworx, the

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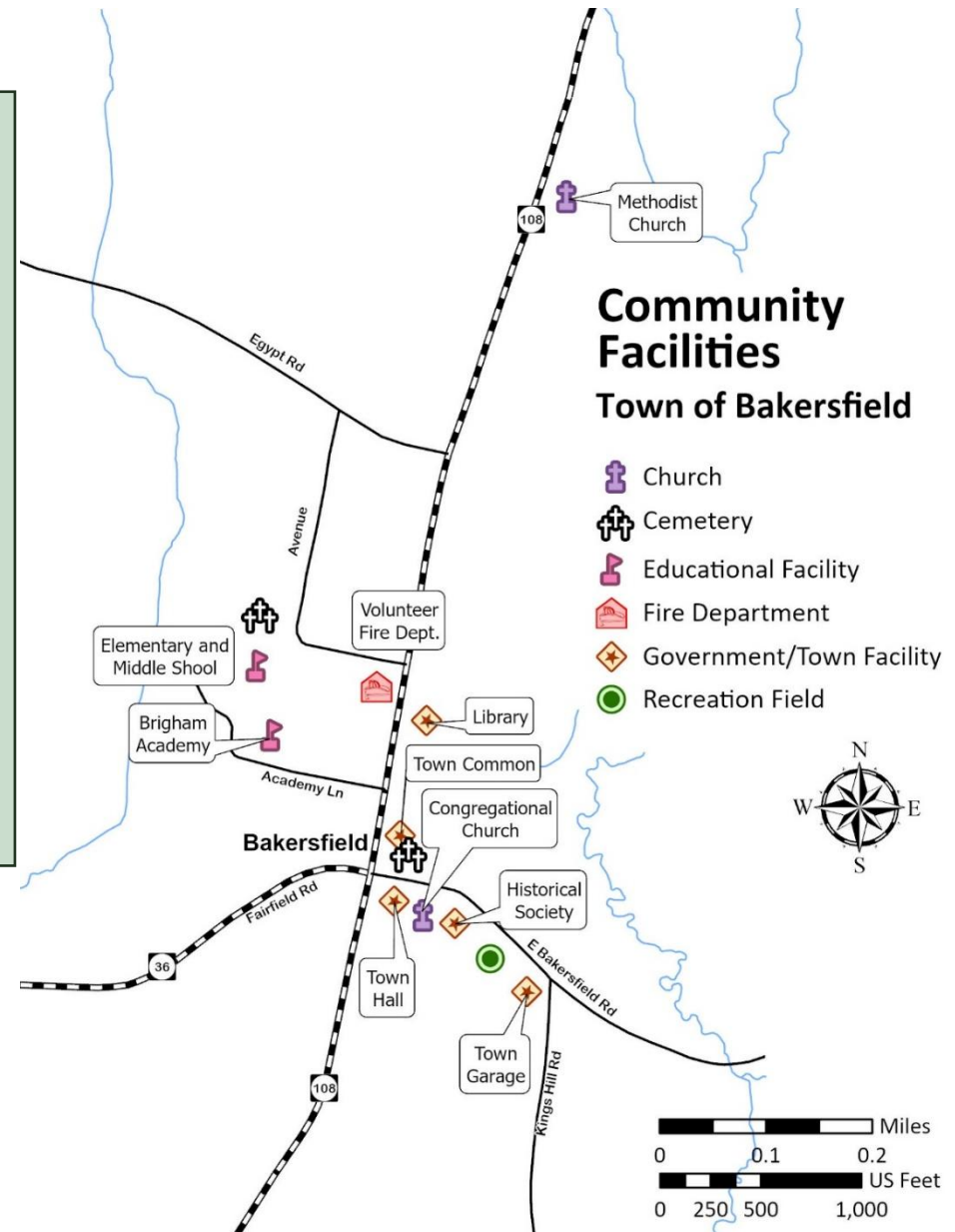
communications union district serving the region, and has a member appointed by the Selectboard. The goal of Northwest Fiberworx is to leverage partnerships between municipalities to procure funding for regional internet upgrades.

Community Spaces and Facilities

Policies

1. Provide adequate recreational facilities to meet the needs of community residents
2. Encourage intergenerational programs that promote healthful living.
3. Support the conversion of the Brigham Academy building to serve as a multi-purpose municipal facility for senior/affordable housing, business, and/or other community use.
4. Ensure that designated emergency shelters are accessible and properly equipped.
5. Continue to provide library services that meet the needs of the community.
6. Maintain a website that provides information on Bakersfield town governance and a calendar of town activities, and support the website's growth as a means for meaningful communication and information sharing.
7. Support the retention of the US Post Office in the village.

The public facilities of Bakersfield include the Bakersfield Elementary and Middle School, the presently empty Brigham Academy and its front lawn, the Town Hall, the Volunteer Fire Department garage, the town garage, cemeteries, and two recreational fields. Within the village are also a post office, a church, the HF Brigham Memorial Library, and the Bakersfield Historical Society building (see map on right).



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Town Hall

The Bakersfield Town Hall was constructed in 1909. The building provides office space for the Town Clerk, Treasurer, Listers, and Zoning Administrator, and has a community meeting space. The second floor of the town hall has an auditorium, stage and kitchen and has served as the town teen center. The stage had a painted curtain which is now at the Vermont Historical Society.

Town Garage

The Bakersfield town garage houses the town's road equipment, including three snow plows, three dump trucks, a 4x4 pick up truck, a Front End Loader, a Grader, and a bulldozer/15 ton excavator. The town garage provides adequate facilities and no major improvements are planned for this facility.

Brigham Academy

The Brigham Academy, though vacant for the past 20 years, has the potential to be a significant public asset. As of 2026, the Town of Bakersfield has a purchase and sales option with a firm to convert the building into senior housing. Adding a commercial component or community space would bring further economic benefits to the Village. The Town should continue to play an active role in its redevelopment to ensure that its restoration brings as much public benefit as possible.

H.F. Brigham Library

The H.F. Brigham Library is located in the center of the village on the east side of Main Street across from the Brigham Academy. The library's goals include serving the community as a center of reliable information and cultural enrichment. The library has 263 registered borrowers. In 2023, the library was visited 1,709 times and hosted more than 90 events (including arts and craft groups, book clubs, and children's story time). The library also has public computers and WiFi available for patrons to use.



The Town Hall is used each year for Town Meeting, when residents come together to vote and make important community decisions. Credit: Nancy Hunt



H.F. Brigham Library

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US Post Office

While it is not a municipal facility, the Bakersfield Post Office is an important asset for the village of Bakersfield and provides an informal meeting spot for members of the community to interact.

Bakersfield Historical Society

The Bakersfield Historical Society occupies the St. George's Church, the oldest public building in Bakersfield. The building is open to the public on a regular basis from May to October and by appointment throughout the year. Although the Bakersfield Historical Society's building is handicapped accessible with a bathroom and kitchen that is potentially available throughout the week, there is no public funding for its supervised use and maintenance. The Board of Directors, however, has made the facility available to the community whenever possible for bereavement luncheons, meetings, charitable events, school programs, the town meeting luncheon, as well as their own programs and fund raisers.

Recreation Facilities

Currently, public outdoor recreational facilities available in Bakersfield are mostly limited to the recreation fields associated with the school. This includes a well-equipped little league field, soccer field, basketball court and a playground. These facilities represent the efforts of many volunteers in the community. The privately owned Bakersfield Country Club provides golfing facilities to the public.

Since their 2011 dedication, the Bakersfield Town Park and Community Trails have been steadily improved and maintained by the Bakersfield Conservation Commission. The Park is near the head of one of the trails and consists of several historic town



The Bakersfield Post Office is situated in the heart of the Village.



The Bakersfield Historical Society provides a venue for a variety of community events throughout the year. Credit: Nancy Hunt.

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buildings and a large picnic area adjacent to the town square across from the Town Hall. The space is now regularly used during the now annual Fourth of July celebration, especially for a robust horseshoe competition.

Currently there is no adequate indoor public space that is accessible and available throughout the week for townspeople of all ages. The school gymnasium with its kitchen facilities is used extensively on weekends for community events. The one accessible bathroom is in the main part of the building and is not available.

Churches and Cemeteries

The churches and cemeteries of Bakersfield are important resources for the town. The United Church of Bakersfield and East Fairfield serves the congregations of one current and two former church buildings: the Congregational (1850) and Methodist (1854) churches in Bakersfield and the church in East Fairfield. The parishioners hold services in the Congregational Church Building on East Bakersfield Road. During 2013, the Methodist Church and the East Fairfield Church were sold. The former East Fairfield Church now is owned by that community and the former Methodist Church is owned by a private museum curator. In addition, the Congregational Church in Bakersfield is governed by its own board of trustees and manages its own endowment.

The Cemetery Commission manages the Maple Grove Cemetery and Park, a five acre burial ground in the center of the village that was deeded to the town in 1804. Residents at the time of their death are entitled to a free plot. Its maintenance budget is based on income from endowments and gifts. The war memorial, benches, and flower gardens are an asset to the village center.

A second cemetery in the village is located at the west end of the Avenue. It is owned and operated by the Catholic diocese. A third cemetery is in East Bakersfield and is closed. It is maintained minimally by the town as required by state statute.

Education and Childcare

Policies

- 1. Establish fair and effective measures to control the pace and impact of development on educational services.**
- 2. Support programs that provide activities for youth, children, families and seniors.**
- 3. Assess the need for and availability of childcare services in Bakersfield and support efforts to expand childcare services.**

Caring for and educating our children is a high priority for the Town of Bakersfield. The town has a strong history as a center for academic excellence. Today, approximately 20% of Bakersfield’s population is below the age of 19 and providing a high quality education and safe and accessible facilities continues to be a priority for the community.

It is the Town’s responsibility and in its best interest to provide for the education of its school population without overcrowding, inefficient division of basic education facilities, or reduction in the quality of its educational programs. Through careful planning, the town can ensure that it is able to continue to provide high quality education to our children.

Childcare

Bakersfield has become primarily a bedroom community to the surrounding towns and cities, and availability and cost of childcare is a growing concern for working families. Many child development experts believe that children often do not have the maturity and self-care skills to be left unsupervised until the age of 12. The 2020 U.S. Census indicates that there are 213 children under the age of 14 currently living in Bakersfield. Childcare in Bakersfield is provided by the Early Childhood Program at the Elementary School, with a capacity of 20 children, and the Bakersfield After School Program, which has a capacity of 25 children. Data on other childcare options, such as grandparents, siblings, stay at home parents, un-registered childcare homes or other opportunities is not available. According to the “Stalled at the Start” Report by Let’s Grow Kids, 74% of infants and 54% of toddlers in Franklin County do not have access to regulated childcare.

It is also important to note that the childcare industry can contribute to the local economy by creating jobs and supporting a stable workforce. The accessibility, affordability and quality of health care may affect a parent’s ability to enter and remain in the workforce and to be a productive employee. Bakersfield supports efforts to expand childcare services and ensure that families have access to safe and affordable childcare.

PreK-8 Education

The Bakersfield Elementary School is on a site adjacent to the old Brigham Academy. Grades K-8 are given instruction in this building with the remaining grades enrolled at the high schools of neighboring municipalities.

The Bakersfield Elementary-Middle School is a wood frame structure. This construction was used to save money and time after the tragic fire that razed the K-4 elementary school in 1985. The school can accommodate approximately 165 students. In the 2025-26 school year, 126 students were enrolled. The school population has slowly declined over past decades, down from 173 students in 2005. The Town does not anticipate issues with school capacity given recent trends.

There are no plans to expand the current school building. The wood construction doesn't allow for a second story on the building so any additions would have to be at ground level. Furthermore, if the building were to be expanded it would need to come into compliance with current codes which would likely be difficult. Overall, the current building provides a safe and inviting environment for academic success.

High School Education

Beginning in the ninth grade, Bakersfield students must choose to attend one of the surrounding area high schools. The majority of Bakersfield high school students choose to attend Enosburg High School, but students also attend BFA St. Albans, Essex, MVU, and BFA Fairfax. Vocational education is offered at the Cold Hollow Center in Enosburg Falls, Northwest Technical Center at BFA St. Albans and the Voc Ed Center at Essex High School. These three facilities provide a wide range of programs for high school students and evening classes for adults as well. Tuition costs for area schools continue to rise, as does Bakersfield's school tax rate.

Other Educational Facilities

The majority of colleges are located either in or around Burlington or in St. Albans. The Community College of Vermont (CCV) offers courses and degree programs in several locations including Winooski and St. Albans. The CCV is part of the Vermont State College System and has links to other higher education facilities around the state. The University of Vermont, St. Michael's College, and Champlain College are all located in the Burlington area. Vermont State University has a campus located in Johnson in our neighboring county to the southeast.

Vermont Adult Learning located in St. Albans offers classes to help adults improve their math, writing, and reading skill. It also provides a GED completion program.

4. TRANSPORTATION

Goals

- To provide and maintain a safe, convenient, cost-effective, and functional transportation network for vehicular, pedestrian, and recreational use within the town
- To promote public transit and carpooling and to provide commuter parking

Policies

1. Regulate all classes of roads including access to private roads to assure public safety for all development.
2. Maintain a road maintenance and improvement program for the repair and/or rebuilding of the existing road network in an orderly cycle.
3. Reclassify any remaining Class 4 roads that are not expected to serve public uses for motorized traffic to legal trail status.
4. Provide road signs, where necessary, for safety and traffic control purposes.
5. Assess the traffic impact of any new development on local roads before granting building or subdivision permits.
6. Limit road or driveway extension into important resource areas, including critical natural areas, wellhead protection areas, large blocks of intact forest, and important agricultural lands.
7. Design all future roads, including culverts and ditching, that are to be taken over and/or maintained by the town to standards approved by the Selectboard.
8. Maintain the scenic character of the town's rural byways.
9. Increase participation in the Northwest Regional Planning Commission's Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC).
10. Encourage the expansion of the sidewalks within the village to provide improved pedestrian access and safety.
11. Investigate solutions to reduce vehicle speeds through Bakersfield Village.
12. Reduce air pollution by encouraging public transit, carpooling and the use of park and ride lots.
13. Adopt and implement the most recent (currently 2013) VTrans Town Road and Bridge Standards, or stricter standards.

Bakersfield lies approximately 14 miles east of Interstate 89, which is easily accessible by VT Route 36. The village is bisected by VT Route 108, which provides a connection to Enosburg to the north and through Fletcher to Jeffersonville to the south. The Village has a sidewalk network along North Main Street, and the southwestern corner of Town contains a 2.5-mile segment of the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail (LVRT), an important

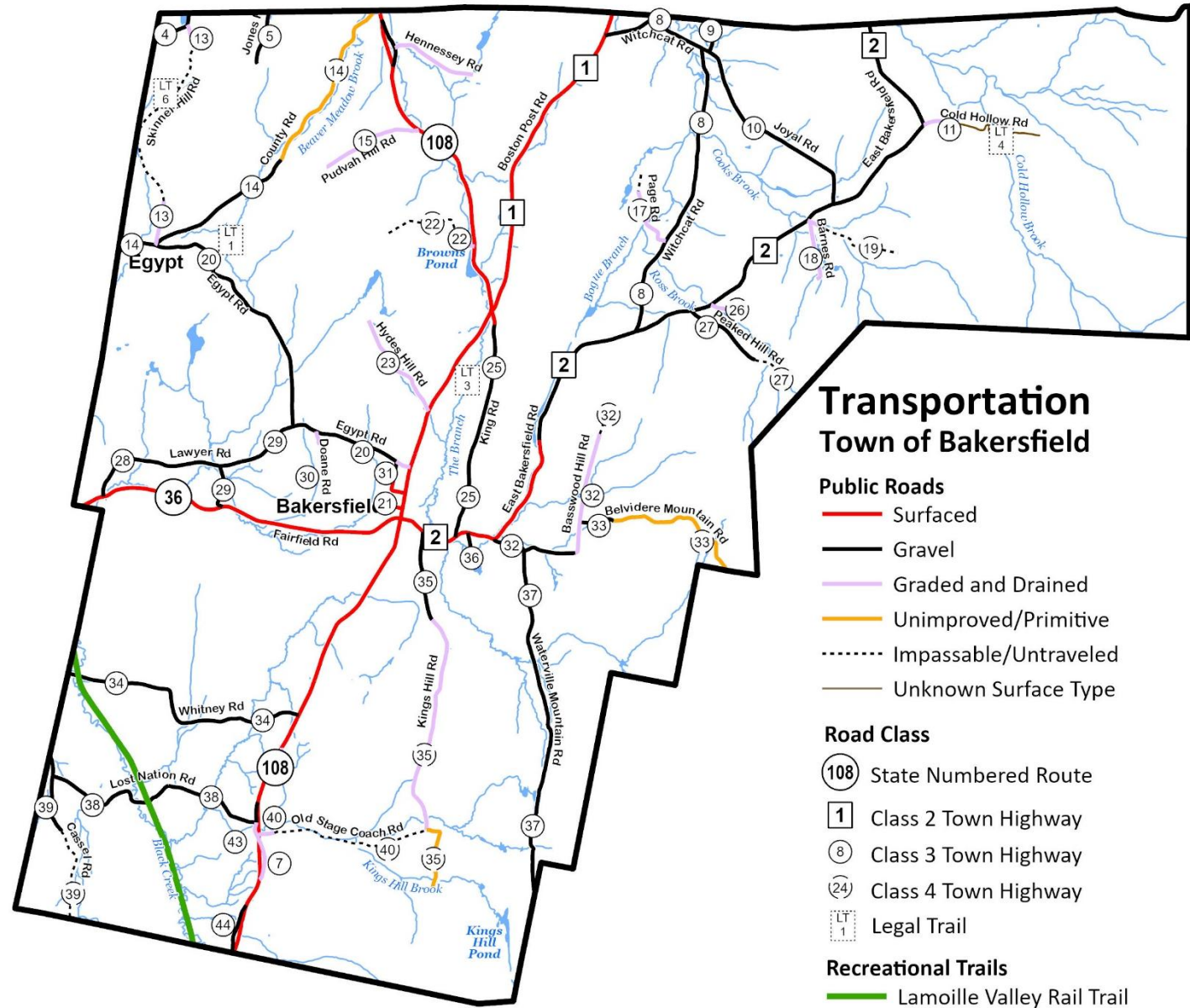
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long-distance bicycle route that spans many communities and brings tourism to the region. As is the case with many rural communities, Bakersfield residents depend greatly on privately owned motor vehicles and the local road network for access to jobs, goods and services. The goal of this chapter is to provide a safe and efficient transportation system that incorporates all modes of travel and meets the needs of Bakersfield residents and visitors now and into the future.

Town Road System

Vermont's local roads are classified according to their importance and general use. This classification system applies to all town highways, and is used to determine the amount of state highway assistance provided to each community. The Bakersfield road system is depicted to the right.



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Table 4.1 shows the classification of roads in Bakersfield.

Class 1 roads are highways that are extensions of the state highway system and carrying a state highway route number. Class 1 roads are generally maintained by the State unless the municipality has requested Class 1 Town Highway status. In Bakersfield, all Class 1 roads are state maintained and listed under state highways.

Class 2 roads serve as important corridors between towns and carry a large volume of local and regional traffic. East Bakersfield Road and the Boston Post Road are both Class 2 roads.

Many of Bakersfield’s roads are considered **Class 3** roads. In Bakersfield, these roads are generally unpaved, but are passable year-round by standard passenger vehicles.

Class 4 roads receive little or no maintenance and may be impassable during winter and “mud season.” Many former Class 4 roads have been reclassified to Legal Trails.

The Town should ensure that Class 2 and 3 roads are maintained and repaired on a regular schedule. In the Town Plan survey, 52% of residents rated the quality of roads as good or excellent, 37% rated them as fair, and 8% as poor.

The town of Bakersfield currently has an ATV Ordinance that allows ATVs all town roads east of VT 108 except Boston Post Road. All ATVs must be registered and receive a sticker that allows them to legally operate on town roads and trails. ATVs are used primarily as recreation vehicles and not strictly for transportation, with much of the traffic coming from out of town drivers. Many farmers and maple producers also use them for access to areas of their properties.

The most direct route between Bakersfield and communities to the east, including Johnson, is the Waterville Mountain Road. However, during the winter months, this road becomes impassable. The decision of whether or not this road should remain open year-round will likely be an important issue for the town in next several years. While this may be desirable for Bakersfield residents working in Lamoille County, there is also concern that opening up this road will create additional development pressure in the mountainous sections of Bakersfield. Keeping the road open and maintained would also require additional coordination between the town of Bakersfield and the town of Waterville in regard to plowing and maintenance.

Table 4.1: Road Mileage in Bakersfield

State Highways	
VT Route 108	8.03
VT Route 36	2.51
Total	10.54
Town Highways	
Class 1	0
Class 2	9.36
Class 3	31.81
Class 4	8.32
Legal Trails	2.74
Total	52.23

Complete Streets

Complete streets are streets that safely accommodate everyone using the road, including cars, bicyclists, pedestrians and public transportation. Complete streets consider the context of the road or street. For example, in a village a street may have a sidewalk for frequent pedestrian traffic, while in a rural area a wide striped shoulder may serve bicyclists and the occasional pedestrian.

Traffic Calming

Route 108 is an important vehicular travel route that also the heart of Bakersfield’s village. In the Town Plan survey, some residents expressed concerns with vehicle speeds through the Village. The Town should work with VTrans to investigate opportunities to reduce noise and increase safety by slowing vehicle speeds within the Village.

Sidewalks

Bakersfield Village has a small sidewalk network along North Main Street that runs for 1,240 feet from Egypt Road to Route 36. These sidewalks connect the school, town hall, post office and library with residences and businesses along VT 108. These sidewalks were built in 2012 as a result of a feasibility study in 2004 and remain in good condition. The 2004 feasibility study also proposed sidewalks on South Main Street to Larry’s Tree Farm, and further North on North Main Street, but these were never built. Extending the network as originally proposed would improve pedestrian access and safety within the Village.

Most Village sidewalks are built directly on the curb with no buffer between the road. When roads are plowed in the winter, this causes snow and ice to pile up on sidewalks. New sidewalks should include adequate pedestrian buffers from the travel lane, and road plowing should be done in a way that keeps sidewalks clear of ice and snow in the winter.



Recreational Paths

The Lamoille Valley Rail Trail (LVRT) runs through the southwestern corner of Bakersfield for about 2.5 miles. At 94 miles long, the LVRT is the longest rail trail in New England and connects 18 towns from St. Johnsbury to Swanton. The LVRT is a major regional destination for summer recreation. Currently, there is no dedicated bicycle infrastructure connecting the Village to the LVRT, but the Village can be accessed by riding on the shoulder of VT 36 or VT 108. The closest public trailhead is located in East Fairfield. Exploring ways to better connect the Village to the LVRT could provide tourism benefits to the Town and increase recreational opportunities for residents.

The Bakersfield Conservation Commission also maintains walking trails for recreational use at the Town Park adjacent to Maple Grove Cemetery.

Public Transportation and Carpooling

The town of Bakersfield is not serviced by fixed public transit. Rural Community Transit (RCT) offers public transit for Franklin County and Grand Isle County. The closest route is the Richford-St. Albans Commuter, which runs twice a day and stops in Enosburgh. Green Mountain Transit (GMT) also provides a route from St. Albans to Burlington.

Bakersfield is a difficult place to provide consistent public transportation due to its low overall density. One available option to reduce single-occupancy vehicle trips is carpooling. Most residents travel to Enosburg, Swanton, St Albans, or Chittenden County for employment, entertainment, medical needs, or supplies. Carpooling is beneficial for these residents not only because it conserves fuel, but also because it reduces wear and tear and maintenance costs on individual vehicles. One important component of any car-pooling program is the availability of Park and Ride lots. Currently, the closest official Park and Ride lots are in East Fairfield, Enosburgh and Jeffersonville.

The nearest rail service for freight is in Richford (Canadian Pacific). The nearest passenger rail service is Amtrak's Vermonter which stops in St. Albans and travels south to New York City and Washington D.C with connections to Boston and other locations on the east coast. Travelling via rail to Montreal is possible on Amtrak's Adirondack line. The closest station on this line is in the Plattsburg, NY area.

Burlington International Airport, approximately 45 miles to the southwest, is the closest airport with national and international connections. Trudeau Airport is located about two hours to the north in Montreal, Quebec.