NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

FAIRFAX TOWN REPORT - 2026

Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) is a governmental organization created by the municipalities of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. NRPC projects and programs strengthen the capacity of local government and serve local, regional and statewide needs. All municipalities in the region have two locally appointed members of the Board of Commissioners.

2026 FAIRFAX TOWN PROJECTS

- Consulted with local officials and evaluated infrastructure projects that address water quality concerns.
- Provided technical assistance for local planning and zoning efforts.
- As Clean Water Service Provider (CWSP), provided a $10,000 grant to Friends of Northern Lake Champlain for study of problem areas identified near Fairfield Pond.
- Supported the Northwest Communications Union District, in which Fairfax is a founding member.
- Created an on-line zoning map.
- In coordination with the Planning Commission, completed an update of the Fairfax Town Plan, funded by a Municipal Planning Grant.
- Provided technical assistance to develop an updated Capital Plan & Budget for 2028-2033, supported by a locally funded contract for planning services. Milestones this year include developing the scope of work and schedule and introductory meetings with the Town Manager and departments heads.
- Wrote a Municipal Planning Grant application to amend the development regulations focused on form-based standards.
- Complete flood plain modeling of the Lamoille River basin including Stones Brook.
- Completed a traffic count on Brick Church Road.
- Prepared a FEMA compliant Hazard Mitigation Plan which was locally adopted.

This year NRPC will assist our member municipalities with grant applications, project management, water quality project implementation, and local road permit compliance. NRPC will support transportation planning, energy planning and project management, zoning bylaw updates, emergency preparedness, and other needed services. NRPC will fund clean-up and redevelopment of brownfields sites and help promote the Missisquoi and Lamoille Valley Rail Trails. 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.

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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
- Lamoille & Missisquoi Valley Rail Trails
- Northwest Vermont Regional Foundation, Inc.
- Clean Water Service Provider: Missisquoi & Lamoille River Basins

REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS

Mike Bishop & Barbara Murphy

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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