NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

SOUTH HERO 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 SOUTH HERO TOWN PROJECTS

- Provided local planning and zoning technical assistance.
- Provided technical assistance to the Town as part of the Lavin Property Vision project, funded by a FY26 Municipal Planning Grant. Milestones in 2026 included completing an existing conditions report, coordinating a wetland delineation, holding public outreach events and developing a draft vision statement and guiding principles.
- Provided project management and coordination support to the South Hero Wastewater Committee in securing funding and completing preliminary design for a village wastewater system.
- Provided administration and coordination services for Grand Isle County Mutual Aid.
- Completed an update to the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Managed a VTrans grant to study safety issues at the intersection of US Route 2 and Featherbed Lane, conducted pedestrian counts, and assisted with public meetings.
- Supported clean-water project funding review through participation on the Northern Lake Champlain Basin Water Quality Council, including Town Beach shoreline stabilization, Two Heroes stream restoration, and Sunrise Drive shoreline work.
- Coordinated a site visit for Grants-in-Aid funding and prepared preconstruction reports for submission to VTrans.
- Completed a consultation of the municipal planning program.
- Assisted Sheriff's Department, communities, faith-based organizations, and CIDER with warming shelter preparations during extreme cold event.

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

Bob Buermann & Peter Zamore

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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