

Regional Plan Update: Staff continues to work on the update to the *2016 Plan Central Vermont*. Work on the Housing Element is nearing completion. A new proposal has been developed to plan for balanced residential development patterns and housing demand within and between municipalities. This proposal will be incorporated into the Housing Element reviewed by the Commission in December. The energy element will be updated and discussed following the completion of the housing element. It is anticipated that the energy element will have a strong presence on issues related to renewable resources such as wind, solar, and biomass. CVRPC's VISTA volunteer, Marian Wolz, is developing a public engagement strategy for the Energy Element and the finalized Plan. Contact Eric Vorwald, vorwald@cvregion.com or Gail Aloisio, aloisio@cvregion.com.

Municipal Technical Assistance: Woodbury – Staff reviewed the draft Woodbury Town Plan for consistency with Vermont statutes and the Central Vermont Regional Plan. In general, the Plan meets all of the minimum requirements with the exception of a required flood resiliency element. Staff provided comments for the Town's consideration to help strengthen the Plan.

Congratulations to the Towns of **Duxbury, East Montpelier**, and the **City of Montpelier**; all were awarded 2016 Municipal Planning Grants! **Duxbury** will be revising land use regulations and limiting the impacts of future flooding, **East Montpelier** will create a designated village center master plan, and **Montpelier** will add revised implementation strategies to its municipal plan.

Mad River Valley Economic Summit: Staff attended an economic summit which showcased the work done in the Mad River Valley. The next steps include efforts to enhance the Mad River Valley's economy, housing, arts, cultural experiences, and recreational opportunities.

Emergency Planning: CVRPC continues to promote and encourage training in our Region for all first responders in an effort to meet the requirements of DEMHS to have all first responders trained in ICS 100 and ICS 200. The DEMHS Training & Exercise calendar is available at <http://vem.vermont.gov/event>. Contact Laura Ranker, ranker@cvregion.com.

Local Hazard Mitigation Plans (LHMP): Staff contacted Middlesex and Worcester and sent out a markup of their current Plan for review. If you are interested in technical assistance, please contact Gail Aloisio at aloisio@cvregion.com or Laura Ranker at ranker@cvregion.com.

Transportation Planning Initiative: Staff completed traffic counts in **Waitsfield** and conducted a park and ride survey. Staff met reviewed the transportation capital budget for **Fayston** and **Waitsfield**, met with the **Woodbury** road foreman regarding a road erosion site for a Better Back Roads grant application, and prioritized District level and bridge projects for the Region..

GIS/Fluvial Erosion Hazard: Staff continued work on **Worcester's** parcel mapping update, assisted with the Regional Plan housing development analysis, and updated the zoning map for **Duxbury**.

Brownfields: CVRPC is accepting applications for Brownfields assessment and clean up planning from interested parties. Applications will be accepted until late February when the first round of awards will be made. Contact Gail Aloisio, Aloisio@cvregion.com.

Water Quality: Staff met with the **Waterbury** floodplain working group to review the scope of work, and organized a meeting with **Plainfield** to work on incorporating landslide data into their river corridor and flood hazard bylaws.

Wrightsville Beach Recreation District: Staff provides administrative, fiscal, and technical assistance to the District. The website for Wrightsville Beach has photos of the shelters and amenities; visit

www.wrightsvillebeachvt.com. Shelter reservations are now being made online at the WBRD website or by contacting the Beach Manager, Collin O'Neil.

Project Review Committee: CVRPC reviews development requiring an Act 250 permit or Section 248 Certificate of Public Good for conformance with the Regional Plan. Staff has reviewed multiple applications under the Act 250 and Section 248 process for determination of substantial regional impact based on CVRPC's adopted procedures for the Project Review Committee. None of the applications that have been reviewed over the past month have qualified as having substantial regional impact as defined, and therefore staff has responded accordingly. Additionally, staff is working to convene the Project Review Committee in mid-January to discuss several other applications that might meet the criteria for substantial regional impact, and an on-going update to the Committee's procedures and criteria for substantial regional impact.

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