

Progress Plan for Addressing Deficiencies in the Regional Plan

CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

As revised July 2015

Current Regional Plan Expiration Date: 09-09-16

Regional Plan Update by:*	Deficiencies in Statutory Requirements	Issues Identified in Report	RPC Response
09-30-15	<i>F in land use element - §4348a(a)(2) Page 1</i>	<i>The plan's land use element does not establish desired land use patterns and the appropriate location, intensity and character of future development in the region. Land use concepts are discussed broadly and not applied to specific locations in the region.</i>	Narrative in 2008 Plan will be updated to more clearly articulate the planned future land use districts and the intensity and character of future development desired. Goals and policies in 2008 Plan will be revised to reflect more directive language and supported by the Future Land Use map.
09-30-15		<i>A Future Land Use Map is not included</i>	A map will be developed to depict the planned future land use patterns articulated in the narrative.
09-30-15		<i>The plan does not specifically identify high priority farmland that should be protected from development.</i>	The Future Land Use map will depict high priority farmland and narrative within 2008 Plan will articulate how it should be protected.
09-30-15	<i>D in how recommendations will be implemented - §4348a(a)(7)</i>	<i>Generally, the plan (outside of the Regional Transportation Plan) does not describe specific actions or projects that will be needed to implement the policies.</i>	The 2008 Plan will be revised to include more specific implementation strategies for priority goals and policies within the Economic; Land Use; and Utilities, Facilities & Services elements based on working group input. Recommendations will identify tools, resources and collaborations that will be needed to implement certain policies.
06-30-16	<i>D in education goal - §4302(c)(3)</i>	<i>The goal and policies related to education and vocational training are not specific or actionable, and provide little guidance on how the statewide planning goal should be implemented.</i>	Inventory of education and vocational training resources currently under expansion and narrative will be updated to reflect key issues/trends with assistance from workforce development stakeholders participating in the Economic Development working group. More targeted goals and policies will be developed based on existing conditions and trends analysis.

06-30-16	D in earth extraction goal - §4302(c)(10)	<i>Despite the earth resources and extraction ongoing in region, there is only a single, broad policy statement on the extraction of sand and gravel.</i>	Inventory and narrative will be expanded. More targeted goals and policies will be included.
09-30-15	D in public facilities goal - §4302(c)(12) Page 8	<i>The region's future need for public facilities and services is not assessed, so the plan lacks a strong foundation for specific policies. Most of the public facility- or service- related policies are general statements of support or encouragement and are not directive or actionable. There is no discussion of or strategies for financing public facilities and services.</i>	Inventory and narrative of 2008 Plan will be expanded to the extent possible based on regional stakeholder input and on local information regarding condition and capacity. More targeted goals and policies will be included. RPC will work with municipalities to assess public facilities and services needs more in-depth at the local level and better inform future Regional Plan updates.
09-30-15		<i>There are some connections made between provision of facilities and services, growth management, and desired land use patterns. These concepts could be expanded upon to strengthen both the facility and services element of the plan, and the land use element.</i>	Narrative of 2008 Plan will expand on and strengthen the connection between desired future land use and necessary facility and services expansions to support said growth. Goals and policies will identify recommended resources and projects to meet future demand where possible.

* Date by which you propose to adopt a regional plan that addresses the statutory deficiency

Date (Optional)	Deficiencies in Non-Statutory Requirements	Issues Identified in Report	RPC Response
	D in Act 250 effectiveness - 10 VSA §6086(10) Page 9	<i>Nearly all of the policy statements in the plan are discretionary or permissive ('should' and 'encourage') rather than directive or obligatory ('must' or 'shall'). As such, the plan's policies may not be able to be effectively applied in regulatory proceedings.</i>	The Commission will consider adopting more directive language in future amendments
	D in Sec 248 effectiveness - 30 VSA §248(b)(1) Page 9		The Commission will consider adopting more directive language in future amendments