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Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery: Community Development funds continue to be available to assist with disaster recovery from the spring and summer 2011 and 2012 flooding events that received a Presidential Declaration. Projects for which funding is available have to be directly related to flood damage and must have a documented un-met need. Contact CVRPC for assistance with determining if your project is eligible and with the application process. Staff continued to work with Plainfield, Warren, Northfield, and Roxbury to provide technical assistance with the application process. Staff participated in meetings of the Waterbury flood working group.

Mad River Valley Planning District (MRVPD): Staff continues to provide technical, administrative, and bookkeeping assistance to the District (Towns of Fayston, Waitsfield, and Warren). Technical assistance to the three Towns is ongoing, as is data gathering for evaluating the impacts of development, and assistance with flood resilience. Staff attends the monthly meetings of the Planning District Steering Committee.

Mad River Resource Management Alliance: Staff continues its work with the Alliance (which includes the Towns of Duxbury, Fayston, Moretown, Northfield, Roxbury, Waitsfield, Warren, and Waterbury). Please contact John Malter at 244-7373 or malterport@aol.com for more information.

Transportation Planning Initiative: Staff is updating the transportation section of the Regional Plan working on the rideshare, travel demand management, bicycle and pedestrian sections. Staff is participating on a committee that is developing updated culvert standards. Staff is assisting the Towns of Fayston, Waitsfield, Warren, Moretown, Waterbury, and Middlesex with their byway work. Staff continues to work on the Central Vermont Regional Path with Berlin, Barre City, Barre Town, and Montpelier. Staff did traffic counts in Moretown, Waitsfield, Warren, Barre Town, and Calais. Staff is assisting East Montpelier with a US 2/VT 14 bridge intersection informational meeting. Work has begun on the Berlin US Route 302 bike and pedestrian plan. Consultants are working on the Calais RSMS, Orange ditch inventory, and a study on flood resiliency and impacts on the transportation network. Staff assisted towns with "Strong Communities, Better Connections" applications. Staff participated in site visits of high risk rural roads in Cabot.

Transportation Technical Assistance: Staff continues to provide technical assistance on transportation related issues. Contact Steve Gladczuk at CVRPC for assistance with special transportation studies and technical assistance that may be needed in your community and are within the scope of work of the transportation contract with the Agency of Transportation. Municipal officials that would like to have bicycle/pedestrian, vehicle volume, speed, or classification studies done for their towns can contact CVRPC staff for assistance.

VT Economic Resiliency Initiative (VERI): Staff identified economic assets, commercial zones within the study area (Barre City and Barre Town along Gunners Brook), gathered data on local businesses, identified opportunities to raise awareness/do outreach about the project, participated in site visits along the Gunners Brook with municipal representatives and the consultant, and finalized the details for the community workshop scheduled for October 27, 6 to 8 p.m. Aldrich Library, Barre.

GIS/FEH: Updated and/or developed the following maps: natural resources map for the Regional Plan, housing resource map for the Northfield Town Plan, reviewed Montpelier storm water data with Norwich students and their class professor, updated the Plainfield Village Center designation map, updated CVRPC's reporting map illustrating which communities have what type of planning documents (This is part of our contract with the Agency of Commerce and Community Development.), provided data to Montpelier, East Montpelier, Calais, Duxbury, Orange, Plainfield, Northfield, and Waterbury, and assisted with measuring cross sections along Thatcher Brook in Waterbury for Waterbury's geomorphic assessment. Staff continues to update the CVRPC web site, www.centralvtplanning.org, where

you can read the latest planning news on our blog, and maintains the IT network. You can [Find us on Facebook!](#) and [Find us on Twitter!](#)

Regional Plan Update: *Plan Central Vermont* will take up a variety of issues between now and 2016 to build a more sustainable and engaged Region. Staff presented the draft Strong and Diverse Economy element to the Commission at the Sept. 9 meeting. Following that discussion, the Draft Review Committee met on Sept. 23 and Oct. 1 to discuss and revise the Economy element's goals, policies and strategies.

The third meeting of the Environment and Natural Resources working group was held on Sept. 17 where the draft Natural Resources profile was discussed and revised. The next meeting will be held on Oct. 22 to continue discussing the Natural Resources profile and key challenges & trends. A Health and Community working group will



begin meeting in November to discuss the Healthy Communities and Community Resources elements. If you would like to serve on any of the working groups and have not yet signed up, please contact Emily Nosse-Leirer at nosse-leirer@cvregion.com.

Upcoming meeting information and meeting summaries can be found here:

<http://plancentralvermont.org/news-events/>.

Wrightsville Beach Recreation District: Staff provides administrative, fiscal, and technical assistance to the District. The beach and park facilities include hiking trails, a ball field, disc golf, grills, picnic tables, as well as two picnic shelters that can be rented, and of course, swimming, canoeing, and kayaking. If you want to rent one of the picnic shelters for your birthday, reunion or other event, it is best to do so early (Yes, even now for next season!); contact Laurie Emery at 229-0389 or emery@cvregion.com. The website for Wrightsville Beach has photos of the shelters and amenities; take a look at www.wrightsvillebeachvt.com.

Enhanced Consultation: If your community is in the process of revising its town plan or is planning to do so in the near future, now is the time to have us assist. Staff will provide local officials with recommendations on how their plan is or is not consistent with the State planning goals and how the town can make “substantial progress” toward meeting those goals as outlined in 24 VSA Chapter 117. For more information, please contact Kim McKee at Mckee@cvregion.com.

VEM/Emergency Planning/Hazard Mitigation Funding: The deadline for Local Emergency Operation Plan (LEOP) submission has been extended to October 2014. Staff has been working with Plainfield, Montpelier and Barre City to complete their LEOP's and have them approved by VEM. Staff attended a Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC 5) meeting in Waterbury on Oct. 6. CVRPC has also submitted an application to the state for an Emergency Management Planning Grant in order to expand capacity for planning, technical assistance, response and recovery support, as well as assistance to VEM with training coordination and promotion.

Local Hazard Mitigation Plans (LHMP): Nineteen towns have received final FEMA approval of their local hazard mitigation plans (LHMP). Staff has been assisting Calais with final submittal of an LHMP for FEMA approval and attended/presented at a statewide RPC Local Hazard Mitigation Planning skills exchange on Sept. 17. If your community is interested in technical assistance from CVRPC, please contact Kim McKee at mckee@cvregion.com.

Flood Resilience/Flood Hazard Area Regulations: Staff continues to assist affected municipalities and the State with various issues surrounding the Flood Hazard Area and Fluvial Erosion Hazard bylaw adoption processes, as well as impacts from flooding and planning for flood resilience. Staff also continues to assist the Town of East Montpelier in development of Fluvial Erosion Hazard/River Corridor regulations and presented at a Sept. 18 public forum with ANR Rivers Program staff. Staff is also assisting the Town of Plainfield with incorporation of River Corridors into Flood Hazard Regulations, and met with staff in the Town of Duxbury regarding potential Community Rating System participation. For assistance with developing your town's flood resilience element, please contact Kim McKee at mckee@cvregion.com.

Community Survey Assistance: If your community is interested in learning more about digital survey services offered through CVRPC, please contact CVRPC at mckee@cvregion.com.

Forest Stewardship: Staff continues this work in partnership with the Dept of Forests, Parks and Recreation, as well as four other regional planning commissions. The RPC's are developing tools that can be used to address priority forest landscapes. The project will enable landowners and local officials to access and better understand the data which can then be applied to management situations. Staff is reviewing town plans and regulations in Northfield and Duxbury. Please contact Dan Currier at currier@cvregion.com with questions and to get involved in the project.

Town Plan Review: The Town of Northfield requested regional approval for their 2014 Plan which will be reviewed at the November Commission meeting.

Town Technical Assistance: Staff provided comments to Calais on their draft Town Plan, assisted with data inquiries, and attended a joint select board/planning commission meeting to discuss the Plan's role in Act 250. Staff developed a work plan and budget summary and reviewed a municipal planning grant application for the Town of Berlin. Staff provided letters of support to Waterbury and Montpelier for applications to the new VTTrans Strong Communities, Better Connections grant program. Staff also met with Montpelier planning staff to discuss the 2015 City Plan update.

Brownfields: Staff met with CVEDC's Executive Vice President to discuss narrative, data and priority sites to include in an upcoming FY2015 Brownfield Assessment grant application.

Green Mountain Byway: Staff attended monthly Steering Committee meetings and provided assistance in gathering content and designing a cultural and historic resources brochure.

Healthy Community Design/Food Systems Planning: Staff coordinated a Central Vermont Food Systems Council stakeholder reorganization meeting on Sept. 10. An action-planning meeting has been scheduled for Oct. 22. Staff met with Community Connections staff to discuss opportunities for incorporating healthy community design principles in municipal plans.

Project Review: The Project Review Committee convened on Sept. 25 to discuss a 45-day notice for a proposed VTel telecommunications tower in Williamstown. The Committee decided to send a letter to VTel requesting more information regarding feasibility of co-locating on a nearby tower. Project Review Committee meeting minutes are posted on www.centralvtplanning.org.

Act 250/Section 248 Applications received –

Montpelier: Construction of 25 permeable paver parking spaces at National Life in conjunction with very minor site grading improvements. **Waterbury:** Construction of a 6,850-sq ft, two-story addition to the public library to house the new municipal offices. **Berlin:** Upgrade of the existing Central VT Medical Center heating plant to allow use of compressed natural gas as a fuel at the existing facility. **Warren:** Rebuilding a previously permitted and constructed 36 unit condominium building that was destroyed by fire.

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