

## **CENTRAL VERMONT REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

### **MAJOR AREAS OF WORK**

#### **Other Areas of Work**

CVRPC continually strives to increase the breadth of services to its member municipalities and State and Federal agencies. The following areas represent additional areas of work for CVRPC that may evolve into Major Areas of Work in the future.

#### ***Housing***

- Support public awareness campaigns related to housing, housing issues, and partnerships concerned with the availability and affordability of housing.
- Work with abutting regional commissions to understand growth pressures and plan to mitigate possible impacts.
- Craft regional policies with the understanding that choices on transportation, economic development, basin planning, etc. impact the supply and cost of housing.
- Review development plans to ensure that projects create housing, and do so in an appropriate way and in an appropriate location.
- Assist municipalities in addressing the location, type, scale, energy efficiency, and density of housing in local plans and regulations.
- Assist municipalities with public sewer and water improvement projects, environmental due diligence, housing planning and construction grants, and revisions to regulations to allow the adaptive reuse of space in abandoned or underutilized buildings for housing and to increase housing density as desired.

#### ***Agriculture and Food Systems***

- Support local and regional food systems planning.
- Assist communities to develop and support agricultural and agripreneurism enterprises.
- Facilitate municipal and agricultural transition to composting requirements.
- Develop and implement strategies and tools for regions, municipalities, and landowners to maintain and enhance agricultural viability.

#### ***Healthy Communities***

- Assist the health community and municipalities to implement a Health in All Policies approach aimed at improving community health outcomes.
- Work with local, state, and national partners to prevent chronic diseases and reduce health gaps through development and promotion of lasting strategies that help people make healthy choices where they live, learn, work, and play.
- Design and implement projects and programs that have a transformative effect on community health.

#### ***Community and Economic Development***

- Provide technical assistance to member municipalities and non-profit partners for facility and service projects that further community development, such as health care, libraries,

schools, social services, cultural institutions, water and wastewater, housing, and a positive civic ethic that promotes growth, cooperation, and inclusion.

- Assist residents, governments, businesses, organizations, and institutions to pursue and utilize broadband infrastructure and technology.
- Assist in the creation of new cross sector partnerships, the identification of broadband technology gaps, and the creation of regional and statewide strategies and actions.

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