

## FY22 ANNUAL REPORT -- TOWN OF BERLIN

The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) provides planning, development, and project implementation services to its 23 municipalities in Washington and western Orange Counties. Municipalities in the region are entitled to equal voting representation by a locally appointed member to the governing Board of Commissioners. CVRPC has no regulatory or taxing authority; each year, we request a per capita assessment from our members in support of local and regional planning activities and to help offset costs and provide local matching funds needed for state and federal funding. Your continued support for local and regional planning is appreciated! CVRPC is your resource – please contact us at 802-229-0389 or [cvrpc@cvregion.com](mailto:cvrpc@cvregion.com) for assistance.

### FY22 Berlin Activities

- ❖ Hosted multi-town discussion on the Central Vermont Path focused on coordinating municipal efforts to build segments of the path.
- ❖ Identified eligible roads for Grants in Aid funds and managed those funds; conducted pre-construction site visits for potential projects.
- ❖ Requested AOT inspect closed bridge over the Dog River.
- ❖ Discussed stormwater best management practices and statutory requirements with property owners and VTDEC at Chimney Sweep location along the Stevens Branch.
- ❖ Provided guidance to support Regional Emergency Management Committee (REMC) appointment process.
- ❖ Supported New Town Center Designation efforts through Town/School meeting participation.
- ❖ Provided technical assistance throughout project start up for the Fisher Road Bike and Pedestrian integration study along Fisher Road.
- ❖ Communicated information on the potential environmental impacts of tree clearing in the clear zone of Knapp Airport and participated in master planning public input meeting.
- ❖ Hosted call with Town representatives to discuss the inclusion of the Lovers Lane Bridge in the asset driven projects list for the VTRANS capital planning selection process.

**Regional Commissioner**  
Robert Wernecke  
**Transportation Advisory  
Committee**  
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### CVRPC Projects & Programs

- ❖ **Municipal Plan and Bylaw Updates:** Focus on predictable and effective local permitting through educational initiatives, bylaw modernization and municipal plan updates.
- ❖ **Brownfields:** Complete environmental site assessments so properties can be sold, developed or redeveloped to benefit the economy, create/protect jobs and increase housing opportunities.
- ❖ **Transportation Planning:** Provide studies, plans, data collection, and traffic counts. Coordinate local involvement in transportation planning through the Transportation Advisory Committee.
- ❖ **Emergency Planning:** Prepare the region for natural disasters and other emergencies by coordinating with local volunteers and the State on emergency planning, exercises, and training.
- ❖ **Climate and Energy Planning:** Support projects to reduce municipal and residential energy burdens, reduce total energy consumption, expand renewable energy resources, and build climate and energy resilience.
- ❖ **Natural Resource Planning:** Protect water resources, improve water quality, promote ecological function, preserve forest blocks and habitat connectors, enhance recreational opportunities and support the agricultural and forest products industries.
- ❖ **Regional Plans:** Coordinate infrastructure, community development, and growth at the regional level through the preparation, adoption, and implementation of a regional plan.
- ❖ **Geographic Information System Services:** Collect, analyze, store and distribute data for regional projects and programs. Offer fee-for service GIS support to municipalities and non-governmental organizations.
- ❖ **Clean Water Service Provider:** Engage watershed and land conservation organizations, Regional Planning Commissions, Natural Resources Conservation Districts and municipalities to identify and fund water quality projects to achieve phosphorous reduction targets
- ❖ **Special Projects:** Complete special projects, such as downtown revitalization, recreation paths, farmland preservation, economic development, and affordable housing projects.
- ❖ **Grants:** Identify appropriate grant sources, define project scopes, and write grant applications.