

FY22 ANNUAL REPORT -- TOWN OF ORANGE

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 for assistance.

FY22 Orange Activities

- ❖ Identified eligible roads for Grants in Aid construction funds, assisted in obtaining new equipment funds, and helped manage those funds.
- ❖ Supported the Town's successful application for the Municipal Planning Grant program to develop a capital improvement program.
- ❖ Participated in a site visit to Riddel Pond Road to observe deteriorating bridge and followed up with a request for a State bridge inspection.
- ❖ Provided information and guidance on ARPA project eligibility and prioritization process.
- ❖ Created a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Map and provided data for the Orange Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- ❖ Developed scope for consultant led municipal capital improvement plan RFP. Participated in consultant selection and contracting process. Providing ongoing project management services to the Town throughout the execution of this project.
- ❖ Consulted with Selectboard on town complex project development; including incorporating energy efficiency and weatherization, and available grant and loan programs to support project development.

Regional Commissioner
Lee Cattaneo
**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.