

FY22 ANNUAL REPORT -- TOWN OF WARREN

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.

Regional Commissioner
Alexis Leacock
**Transportation Advisory
Committee**
Michael Bridgewater

FY22 Warren Activities

- ❖ Set road counters on Brook, Powderhound, and West Hill Roads.
- ❖ Provided detailed approach to energy committee recruitment.
- ❖ Participated in Selectboard meeting on solutions for Warren Falls parking challenge.
- ❖ Provided guidance to support Regional Emergency Management Committee (REMC) appointment process.
- ❖ Drafted letter of support for Warren’s application to the VTRANS Bike and Pedestrian Program for development of Bike and Pedestrian facilities along Sugarbush Access Road and German Flats Road.
- ❖ Provided guidance and technical assistance to Energy Coordinator and municipal staff to support the integration of energy efficiency and renewable energy generation into municipal building upgrade projects.
- ❖ Organized three years of municipal building and facilities energy use and costs across electric, thermal, and transportation sectors to support prospective municipal solar project. Provided data on municipal transportation assets, existing EVSE infrastructure, and existing renewable generation.
- ❖ Identified eligibility for USDA and other grant programs and assisted with grant narrative.
- ❖ Reviewed and submitted 2022 Local Emergency Management Plan to Vermont Emergency Management.

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.