

FY23 ANNUAL REPORT – TOWN OF WORCESTER

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.

Worcester Activities Through June 30, 2023 (Fiscal Year 2023)

- Prepared and submitted Emergency Relief Assistance Fund information to town to facilitate elevated disaster relief aid.
- Facilitated discussions with town on opportunities for technical assistance under the Municipal Technical Assistance program (MTAP).
- Assisted in the Village Center Designation application process and updated village center map.
- Met with planning commission chair to discuss possible bike and pedestrian scoping study for pedestrian access in village and town.
- Provided information and assistance on town plan adoption process and recommended next steps.
- Provided technical analysis, coordinated with utility, industry, school and public on fuel-switching and on-site generation and storage project development.
- Successfully completed application for municipality for \$4,000 to complete energy related engagement and outreach. Facilitated applications for energy assessments for town hall, town office/fire department complex, and town garage.
- Provided guidance on Enhanced Energy Plan development process and strategic coordination of plan development and energy programs participation.
- Provided information on funding opportunities, programs, incentives for wood heat and EV charging.
- Consulted with town officials on solar projects development.

Regional Commissioner
Bill Arrand
**Transportation Advisory
Committee**
Bill Arrand

*During and following the July Flood, CVRPC staff provided outreach and guidance on recovery efforts and tracking of damages to aid response and maximize FEMA reimbursements for town and individual damages (*Fiscal Year 2024)

CVRPC Projects & Programs

- ❖ *Municipal Plan and Bylaw Updates that focus on predictable and effective local permitting*
- ❖ *Brownfields environmental site assessments to facilitate redevelopment and economic growth*
- ❖ *Transportation planning, studies, data collection, traffic counts, and coordination of local involvement through the regional Transportation Advisory Committee*
- ❖ *Emergency planning for natural disasters and coordination with local volunteers and the State*
- ❖ *Climate and energy planning to support projects to reduce municipal and residential energy burdens and build resilience*
- ❖ *Natural resource planning to protect water resources, preserve forest blocks, enhance recreational opportunities and support agricultural and forest industries*
- ❖ *Regional Planning to coordinate infrastructure, community development, and growth*
- ❖ *Geographic Information System Services to support to municipalities*
- ❖ *Clean Water Service Provider to identify and fund water quality projects to achieve phosphorous reduction targets*
- ❖ *Special Projects such as recreation paths, farmland preservation, and affordable housing*
- ❖ *Grant support through project identification, scoping, and applications*