

FY23 ANNUAL REPORT – CITY OF BARRE

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.

<p>Regional Commissioner Janet Shatney Transportation Advisory Committee Vacant</p>

City of Barre Activities Through June 30, 2023 (Fiscal Year 2023)

- Prepared and submitted Emergency Relief Assistance Fund information to City to facilitate elevated disaster relief aid.
- Administered Brownfields grant for Phase II assessment at 18 South Main Street.
- Ongoing support to advocate for Green Mountain Transit services that meet community needs. Specifically working to provide full service between Barre and Montpelier at ½ hour headways and expand service to earlier morning and later evening trips.
- Administered grant for final design of stormwater management system for the Barre Auditorium.
- Researched convened group of local stakeholders to consider funding opportunities for improved bike and pedestrian connections in the Berlin Street and Route 62 neighborhood.
- Provided a letter of support for state funding for a planning study of the North Main Street neighborhood.
- Worked with the City to develop fuel-switching and on-site generation and storage projects by providing technical analysis and coordination with utilities, industry, schools, and the public.
- Prepared successful application for energy assessments to the Auditorium, City Hall/Opera House, City Garage, Public Safety Building, and Wastewater Treatment Facility, making them eligible to apply for \$500k MERP implementation funds and State Energy Program Revolving Funds.
- Supported WindowDressers campaign by facilitating connections with Capstone and other regional partners resulting in storm window inserts for 40 households.
- Completed data collection of outlets for Road Erosion Inventory.
- Attended trestle #308 scoping project kick off meeting in support of city.

**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 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: Developing water quality projects to meet phosphorous reduction targets*
- ❖ *Special Projects such as recreation paths, farmland preservation, and affordable housing*
- ❖ *Grant support through project identification, scoping, and applications*