

## FY23 ANNUAL REPORT – TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER

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.

### East Montpelier Activities Through June 30, 2023 (Fiscal Year 2023)

- Prepared and submitted Emergency Relief Assistance Fund information to town to facilitate elevated disaster relief aid.
- Participated in Selectboard meeting to review technical assistance available through CVRPC.
- Met with town administrator to discuss current town initiatives and review CVRPC technical assistance.
- Provided guidance and issued regional approval of East Montpelier Town Plan amendment.
- Reviewed zoning bylaws and provided comments and mapping assistance.
- Supported and coordinated application to Vermont Council on Rural Development Climate Resilience Communities program.
- Supported successful applications for investment grade energy assessments for the Town Garage and Town Office making them eligible to apply for \$500k MERP implementation funds and State Energy Program Revolving Funds; \$4,000 MERP mini-grant to support energy planning technical assistance and community engagement.
- Provided update on timeline and workflow of Enhanced Energy Plan and updated data and supporting guidance documents.
- Reviewed draft zoning maps and provided updates to Town.

<p><b>Regional Commissioner</b> Vacant <b>Transportation Advisory Committee</b> Vacant</p>
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*\*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*