

FY23 ANNUAL REPORT – CITY OF 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 for assistance.

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

- Prepared and submitted Emergency Relief Assistance Fund information to city to facilitate elevated disaster relief aid.
- Provided turning movement counts at three major intersections along Main Street and conducted traffic count on Terrace Street.
- Reviewed VTRANS Mill and Pave project on Route 2 in Montpelier and worked with City to complete the local concerns questionnaire.
- Collected data and created a housing profile for City Community and Economic Development Specialist.
- Reviewed Montpelier homelessness needs assessment and action plan and participated in meetings.
- Produced facilities and historic register sites datasets for the City and updated draft zoning map.
- Provided technical analysis, coordinated with utility, industry, school and public on fuel-switching and on-site generation and storage project development.
- Supported successful applications for investment grade energy assessments for the Department of Public Works Complex, Recreation Center, City Hall, and Fire Station, making them eligible to apply for \$500k MERP implementation funds and State Energy Program Revolving Funds; \$4,000 MERP mini-grant for energy efficiency project consulting and technical assistance.
- Facilitated development of public/private partnerships to help cover upfront costs of residential weatherization services for residents with low and moderate income.
- Supported WindowDressers campaign by facilitating connections with Capstone and other regional partners resulting in storm window inserts for 40 households.
- Coordinated with Energy Advisory Committee to develop residential weatherization campaign.

**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 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*

Regional Commissioner
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