

FY23 ANNUAL REPORT – TOWN OF NORTHFIELD

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.

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

- Presented options to select board for Northfield Crosswalk safety enhancement.
- Updated and provided Bridge and Culvert reports and map books.
- Participated in the VT Council on Rural Development (VCRD) Northfield community visit process.
- Prepared and submitted Emergency Relief Assistance Fund information to town to facilitate elevated disaster relief aid.
- Catalogued freight rail supportive parcels, communicated with town and landowners, and posted viable parcels to state online inventory.
- Prepared concepts for a safer crossing in the Northfield Falls neighborhood, completed speed and volume counts and held site visit with town representatives on local priorities.
- Briefed Economic Development Director on Act 250, state designation and brownfields programs.
- Supported successful Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment application to VCRD Climate Catalysts Innovation fund and outlined next steps on moving forward with project.
- Provided technical analysis, coordinated with utility, industry, school and public on fuel-switching and on-site generation and storage project development.
- Successful applications for investment grade energy assessments for the Municipal Office Building, Library, Sewer & Water Treatment Facility, Town Garage, and Fire House, making them eligible to apply for \$500k MERP implementation funds and State Energy Program Revolving Funds; \$4,000 MERP mini-grant for project development technical assistance and community engagement.

Regional Commissioner
Royal DeLegge
**Transportation Advisory
Committee**
Tom Davis

**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 (*FY 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*