

FY23 ANNUAL REPORT – TOWN OF ORANGE

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.

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

- Supported funding search to replace failed town hall furnace.
- Completed speed and volume count on Reservoir Road and Tucker Road.
- Analyzed pedestrian crossing issues in the village.
- Drafted municipal Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Reviewed the State paving project Barre/Orange/Topsham STP FPAV (56) for local concerns.
- Prepared and submitted Emergency Relief Assistance Fund information to town to facilitate elevated disaster relief aid.
- Provided administrative support to the Town in the development of a capital improvement program, including completing funding application, procurement, consultant selection, scope development, and project administration and requisitions.
- Developed application for Transportation Alternatives grant for village sidewalk scoping study
- Provided resources and guidance on Better Places program and formation of Conservation Commission.
- Met with Town to map a proposed trail network in Town Forest and reviewed funding and grant opportunities for trail construction.
- Provided technical analysis, coordinated with utility, industry, school and public on fuel-switching and on-site generation and storage project development.
- Supported applications for energy assessments for the Town Hall, Clerk's Office, and Town Garage making them eligible to apply for \$500k implementation funds and State Energy Program Revolving Funds; successful application for the \$4000 MERP mini-grant for energy planning and community engagement.

**Surrounding the July Flood, CVRPC staff provided outreach and guidance on recovery 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*

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