

## FY24 ANNUAL REPORT – TOWN OF WASHINGTON

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.

**Regional Commissioner**  
Peter Carbee  
**Transportation Advisory  
Committee**  
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### Washington Activities Through June 30, 2024 (Fiscal Year 2024)

- Met with town planning commission, provided technical assistance in municipal plan update, and shared relevant information and resources.
- Inventoried all bridges and culverts on town highways (20 bridges, 322 culverts), and uploaded information to state data viewer.
- Provided introduction to Act 174 standards and updates and integration of enhanced energy planning into broad town plan and planning for municipal leadership.
- Engaged with Washington representatives on the VT Urban Community Forestry Community Tree Planting Grant and offered grant administrative assistance.
- Facilitated and attended Energy Assessments of the Municipal Building and Calef Memorial Library-provided assessment workflow and technical assistance throughout as part of the Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP). This assistance directly led to the award of \$77,351.30 in FY 25 Implementation Phase funding.
- Provided guidance and assistance on FEMA processes for registration and reporting for July 2023 flood (DR-4720).
- Reviewed town Local Emergency Management Plan and submitted for State approval.
- Provided resources and support for the adoption of River Corridor Bylaws to increase town Emergency Relief and Assistance Funding.

### 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 planning and 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*