

FY24 ANNUAL REPORT – TOWN OF BERLIN

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.

Berlin Activities Through June 30, 2024 (Fiscal Year 2024)

- Prepared and submitted Emergency Relief Assistance Fund information to town to facilitate elevated disaster relief aid.
- Met with Town staff and CVRPC Commissioner to facilitate water quality restoration project scoping on municipal land.
- Presented to Planning and Conservation Commissions on municipal project opportunities with the Winooski Basin Clean Water Service Provider program.
- Provided grant/project management for RAISE Transit Oriented Development (TOD) planning efforts in Riverton.
- Met with Town to discuss Hazard Mitigation Grant Program opportunities and projects and eligible state support for advanced technical assistance.
- Completed inventory of town-owned bridges (1) and culverts (522). Inventoried data includes asset condition and various other attributes that support maintenance and capital improvement planning.
- Met with Town leadership to discuss flood mitigation projects with consulting engineers (SLR Engineering).
- Prepared a map to support an ANR Recreational Trail Program grant application.
- Facilitated Energy Assessments of the Town Clerk Office & Police Department and Fire Department buildings- provided application, assessment workflow, and technical assistance throughout as part of the Municipal Energy Resilience Program (MERP). Assisted the municipality to identify and apply for **\$441,315** in Implementation Phase MERP funding.

Regional Commissioner
Robert Wernecke
**Transportation Advisory
Committee**
Robert Wernecke

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*