

## FY24 ANNUAL REPORT – TOWN OF CABOT

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.

### Cabot Activities Through June 30, 2024 (Fiscal Year 2024)

- Provided parking capacity estimates and configuration proposal for July 4<sup>th</sup> parade.
- Developed updated zoning district boundaries map.
- Met with town planning commission, provided technical assistance in municipal plan update, and shared relevant information and resources.
- Prepared and submitted Emergency Relief Assistance Fund information to town to increase State disaster relief aid.
- Supported municipal led planning for water quality restoration projects on town owned land.
- Provided outreach and guidance on recovery efforts and tracking of damages to aid response and maximize FEMA reimbursements for town and individual damages.
- Drafted the Cabot Local Hazard Mitigation Plan with stakeholders on behalf of the municipality.
- Arranged meeting for town and VTrans District 6 to discuss funding for replacement of RT 215 bridge #7.
- Inventoried town owned bridges (7) and culverts (674). Data includes asset condition and various other attributes that support maintenance and capital improvement planning.
- Facilitated and attended energy assessments of the Wastewater Treatment Facility, Recycling Building, Willey Building, & Town Garage - provided assistance throughout as part of the Municipal Energy Resilience Program. This assistance directly led to the award of \$483,505 in FY25 Implementation Phase funding.
- Matched municipal plan Goals, Objectives, and Actions with clean water project opportunities within the Department of Environmental Conservation Watershed Project Database.
- Reviewed Cabot River Corridor Plan and Stormwater Infrastructure Mapping Project for potential floodplain restoration and clean water projects.

**Regional Commissioner**  
Brittany Butler  
**Transportation Advisory  
Committee**  
Michael Hogan

### CVRPC Projects & Programs

- ❖ **Municipal Plan and Bylaw Updates:** Focus on predictable and effective local permitting through educational initiatives, bylaw modernization and municipal plan updates.
- ❖ **Transportation Planning:** Provide studies, plans, data collection, and traffic counts. Coordinate local involvement in transportation planning through the Transportation Advisory Committee.
- ❖ **Emergency Planning:** Prepare the region for natural disasters and other emergencies by coordinating with local volunteers and the State on emergency planning, exercises, and training.
- ❖ **Climate and Energy Planning:** Support projects to reduce municipal and residential energy burdens, reduce total energy consumption, expand renewable energy resources, and build climate and energy resilience.
- ❖ **Natural Resource Planning:** Protect water resources, improve water quality, promote ecological function, preserve forest blocks and habitat connectors, enhance recreational opportunities and support the agricultural and forest products industries.
- ❖ **Regional Plans:** Coordinate infrastructure, community development, and growth at the regional level through the preparation, adoption, and implementation of a regional plan.
- ❖ **Geographic Information System Services:** Collect, analyze, store and distribute data for regional projects and programs. Offer fee-for service GIS support to municipalities and non-governmental organizations.
- ❖ **Clean Water Service Provider:** Engage watershed and land conservation partners to identify and fund water quality projects to achieve phosphorous reduction targets.
- ❖ **Grants:** Identify appropriate grant sources, define project scopes, and write grant applications.