

FY24 ANNUAL REPORT -- TOWN OF CALAIS

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.

Regional Commissioner
John Brabant
**Transportation Advisory
Committee**
David Ellenbogen

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

- Reviewed town Local Emergency Management Plan and submitted for State approval. Provided outreach and guidance on flood recovery efforts and tracking of damages to aid response and maximize FEMA reimbursements for town and individual damages.
- Prepared and submitted Emergency Relief Assistance Fund information to the town to help increase state disaster relief aid.
- Consolidated potential Natural Resources considerations for Calais Town Plan update.
- Provided technical assistance to facilitate the development and funding of water quality and stormwater management projects along town and state roads and on town owned and private property.
- Managed stormwater/water quality restoration project at the East Calais Post Office and Moscow Woods Road gully. Hired engineering firm to produce a final design for the project and oversee project implementation.
- Completed 4 traffic studies and inventoried town owned bridges (9) and culverts (636). Inventory data includes asset condition and other attributes that support maintenance and capital planning.
- Assisted town in Municipal Project Management role for Kent Hill Road Culvert Scoping Study.
- Consulted with Town on traffic calming in East Calais Village; developed Demonstration Project concept design for future implementation and held public meetings for community feedback and education.

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.