

FY24 ANNUAL REPORT – TOWN OF NORTHFIELD

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.

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

- Provided information and resources for the town’s zoning regulations and bylaw updates in compliance with the HOME Act.
- Provided grant/project management for USDOT funded transit orient development planning efforts in Northfield.
- Matched municipal plan Goals, Objectives, and Actions with clean water project opportunities within the Department of Environmental Conservation Watershed Project Database.
- Developed maps to support the Planning Commission conversation on zoning district boundary updates.
- Oversaw Brownfields Phase II environmental site assessment for Main Street property.
- Facilitated Energy Assessments of the Municipal Office Building and Brown Public Library- 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 **\$295,500** in Implementation Phase MERP funding.
- Supported Energy Committee and municipal leadership visioning and project development around thermal energy networks and integration in capital planning; reviewed project lists with town staff and providing funding stacking and program recommendations, key stakeholder identification.
- Hosted Central Vermont Energy Roundtables, workshops on enhanced energy planning, community resilience hubs, health equity, municipal solar, & WindowDressers.
- Prepared & provided resources and assistance on funding, programming, and project development including climate planning, EVSE planning & VT Community Charging Program, community-scale energy and housing infrastructure (Sustainable Energy for Municipal Buildings & Community Facilities programs).

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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*