

FY24 ANNUAL REPORT – TOWN OF ORANGE

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.

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

- Completed inventory of town owned bridges and culverts. Inventory data includes asset condition and various other attributes that support maintenance and capital improvement planning.
- Matched municipal plan Goals, Objectives, and Actions with clean water project opportunities within the Department of Environmental Conservation Watershed Project Database.
- Providing Municipal Project Management for pedestrian access and sidewalks study in village.
- Developed a trails dataset for the Town Forest. Created a map depicting the extent of the Town Forest property, the proposed trail network and ecologically sensitive areas.
- Facilitated Energy Assessments of the Town Hall, Town Clerk Office, and Town Garage - 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 **\$476,549** in Implementation Phase MERP funding (Awarded \$402,731.13 FY 2025).
- Guided town through Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update adoption, submission, and corrections; provided assistance with National Flood Insurance Program compliance.
- 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 EVSE planning & VT Community Charging Program (submitted), municipal heating system replacement (Sustainable Energy for Municipal Buildings & Community Facilities programs), and more.

Regional Commissioner
Lee Cattaneo
**Transportation Advisory
Committee**
Lee Cattaneo

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*