

FY24 ANNUAL REPORT – TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN

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 valued! CVRPC is your resource – please contact us at 802-229-0389 or cvrpc@cvregion.com for assistance.

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

- Worked with Vermont Natural Resources Council, and various state agencies to discuss funding opportunities for Rouleau Dam Removal project and participated in kick-off meeting and preliminary design site visit.
- Matched municipal plan Goals, Objectives, and Actions with clean water project opportunities within the Department of Environmental Conservation Watershed Project Database.
- Supported town in following required processes and meeting FEMA requirements for damages from the 2023 flood (DR-4720)
- Provided guidance for Highway Safety Improvement Program grant for tree removal on town roads.
- Shared geospatial data with a municipal consultant to support their work on an ARPA Healthy Homes project.
- Provided introduction to Act 174 standards and updates and integration of enhanced energy planning into broad town plan and planning for municipal leadership.
- Facilitated Energy Assessment of the Town Office - 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 **\$107,567** in Implementation Phase MERP funding.



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 municipal and residential 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*