

FY24 ANNUAL REPORT – TOWN OF WAITSFIELD

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.

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

Regional Commissioner
Don La Haye
**Transportation Advisory
Committee**
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- Provided grant/project management for Mad River Path VT-100 Scoping Study.
- Provided outreach and support following December 2023 flooding event.
- Provided technical assistance for the municipal plan update to the town planning commission. Upon municipal request, CVRPC coordinated approval of town plan and confirmation of the municipal planning process. Through this process Waitsfield gained eligibility to apply for and participate in many state incentives.
- Led municipal engagement and drafting of a new Local Hazard Mitigation Plan – contracted work.
- Developed updated zoning district boundaries dataset and created a new map of adopted zoning district boundaries.
- Led MRVPD governance sub-committee group and drafted organization bylaws for the planning district.
- Matched municipal plan Goals, Objectives, and Actions with clean water project opportunities within the Department of Environmental Conservation Watershed Project Database.
- Created a series of maps depicting the condition of municipal bridges and culverts.
- Met with the Planning Commission to discuss River Corridor Bylaws and the forthcoming Federal Emergency Management Agency flood hazard maps.

- Provided collaboration for Ridge to River reboot visioning with climate resilience focus (by request).
- 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 & implementation including Window Dressers Community Build, EVSE planning & VT Community Charging Program, Electric School Busses.

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*