

## FY25 ANNUAL REPORT – TOWN OF BERLIN

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](mailto:cvrpc@cvregion.com) for assistance.

**Regional Commissioner**  
Robert Wernecke  
**Transportation Advisory  
Committee**  
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### Berlin Activities Through June 30, 2025 (Fiscal Year 2025)

- Assisted with Local Hazard Mitigation Plan development.
- Managed the Riverton Hamlet Vision Planning project
- Partnered with the Conservation Commission to scope and develop water quality restoration projects including riparian buffer plantings and culvert replacements. Developed outreach materials and targeted strategy to identify willing landowners. Met with municipal staff to prioritize potential culvert replacement projects.
- Facilitated a planning consultation with the Planning Commission for the 2026 Town Plan update.
- Supported application for \$441,315 in energy resilience implementation funding for municipal building envelope and HVAC improvements.
- Reviewed locations in community for possible FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program projects.
- Provided technical assistance and funding stacking recommendations for Ice Rink Solar Canopy Project; reviewed 248 projects and NEVI EV Charger Hub location.
- Drafted responses and provided supporting materials for the Vermont Forest Parks and Recreation Department Land and Water Conservation Fund grant application to purchase 94 acres off Midway Avenue for Community Park and complete the Central VT Regional Bike Path.
- Updated municipal officials regarding National Flood Insurance Program, FEMA map and bylaw updates, river corridor planning, and DEC Rivers Program no adverse impact model bylaw.
- Identified 43 discretionary municipal water quality restoration projects from the Department of Environmental Conservation Watershed Projects Database supported by goals identified in the municipal plan.

### Overview of CVRPC Programs and Services

- ❖ *Assistance for town plan and bylaw updates, focusing 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: support water quality projects to meet phosphorous reduction targets*
- ❖ *Special Projects such as recreation paths, farmland preservation, and affordable housing*
- ❖ *Grant support through project identification, scoping, and applications*