

FY25 ANNUAL REPORT – 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 valued! CVRPC is your resource – please contact us at 802-229-0389 or cvrpc@cvregion.com for assistance.

Regional Commissioner
Lee Cattaneo
**Transportation Advisory
Committee**
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Orange Activities Through June 30, 2025 (Fiscal Year 2025)

- Provided assistance to apply for \$476,549 of municipal resilience implementation funding (**Awarded \$402,731.12** for Town Hall, Town Offices and Town Garage Building Envelope and HVAC improvements.)
- Provided assistance and resources on National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) compliance, Substantial Damage and recovery processes.
- Provided Municipal Project Management for Sidewalk Scoping Study in village.
- Completed consultation with the Planning Commission for the 2026 Orange Town Plan update.
- Assisted with the Municipal Planning Grant (MPG) application for the Town Plan update.
- Identified two discretionary municipal water quality restoration projects from the Department of Environmental Conservation Watershed Projects Database supported by goals identified in the municipal plan.
- Updated municipal staff regarding National Flood Insurance Program training opportunity, FEMA maps updates, river corridor planning, and DEC Rivers Program no adverse impact model bylaw.
- Facilitated public meetings on updated Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and town approval of plan; completed review of updated Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and submitted for VEM approval (approved 4/16/25).

Overview of CVRPC Programs and Services

- ❖ *Technical assistance for municipal 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: Developing 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*